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Model code of conduct lifted, says Election Commission

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

The model code of conduct that came into force on March 16 with the announcement of the Lok Sabha election has been lifted.

In a communication to the Union Cabinet Secretary and state chief secretaries, the Election Commission said as results of Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh along with some assembly bypolls have been declared, "model code of conduct has ceased to be in operation with immediate effect".

The poll code was lifted on a day when the Election Commission led by Rajiv Kumar handed over a list of winning candidates to President Droupadi Murmu, putting in motion the process to

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CS reviews progress on JK Samadhan, Kisan Khidmat Ghar, Youth Skill App

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today reviewed the progress achieved in the IT initiatives being taken up by the UT administration in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N) during a meeting held here.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Ecology and

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SANJY-2024: ADGP L&O chairs joint meeting of officers at PCR Kashmir

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 06

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Law & Order J&K, Vijay Kumar chaired a joint meeting with the officers of Police, Army, CAPFs and other agencies at Police Control Room Kashmir.

Threadbare discussions were made regarding overall security arrangements to be adopted for safe, smooth & incident-free conduct of upcoming SANJY-2024,

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LG inaugurates NIFT Srinagar's Youth Fest SPECTRUM-2024

'Our youth power is building prosperous future of J&K'

JI NEWS SERVICE
BUDGAM, JUN 6

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Thursday inaugurated the two-day annual Youth Festival of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) "SPECTRUM-24" at NIFT campus Ompora Budgam.

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the NIFT Srinagar for providing opportunities to the students of educational institutions of Kashmir Valley to explore their hidden talents in performing arts, sports, fashion shows and literary programs.

"Our youth power is building a prosperous future of J&K. Youth are our biggest strength and they are committed to take the UT to greater heights", the Lt Governor said.

He said the two-day festival is also an opportunity for Youth to exchange innovative and creative ideas for promoting our rich cultural and artistic heritage.

On the occasion, the Lt



Governor commended the contribution of NIFT Srinagar in the area of design development and positioning of handlooms and handicrafts and providing new career avenues to the aspiring youth of J&K in Fashion, Design and Management.

Our handloom and handicraft sector has undergone a major revolution in the last 4-5 years. Students of NIFT can play a decisive role in design development and positioning of handloom and handicraft products, he

observed.

He advised the students to get themselves acquainted with the precious handicraft tradition of Jammu Kashmir, so that they can assist the Handicrafts Department in brand positioning and to incubate new ideas in different product categories.

The Lt Governor also talked about the policy reforms introduced by the UT Administration to transform the handicraft and handloom sector.

In June 2023, the admin-

istration notified 32 new crafts and at present the total number of registered crafts has increased to 60. It is also being ensured that every handicraft artist and weaver gets the benefit of GI certification, testing, labelling and training, the Lt Governor said.

He called upon NIFT students and faculty members to support artisans in brand positioning, product design and packaging.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the important role of academic institutions in establishing India as a Knowledge economy.

Higher education sector in J&K is going through reformative changes. Institutions like NIFT should also make the necessary reforms, aligned with NEP 2020, to meet the future needs of the market, he further added.

This year's NIFT Youth Festival has been organised under the theme of "Rangreza" in which more than 600 students will be

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Class 12 Results Out: 74 percent qualify exams



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 06

The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education on Thursday announced results of annual exams of 12th standard with an overall pass percentage of 74 percent.

According to the news agency girl students have yet again outshined boys.

According to BOSE, the total pass percentage includes 72 percent in boys and 77 percent among girl students.

BOSE said that a total of 93,340 candidates were enrolled for the exams in which 69,385 successfully qualified it.

Stating the overall performance of the candidates, BOSE said that a total of 46,500 male and 46,786 female candidates were enrolled for the examination out of which 74 percent qualified it.

In the exams, a total of 25,435 students have registered distinctions, 33,437 secured first divisions, 10,318 bagged second division

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CLASS 12TH RESULTS IN DANSAL ZONE

GHSS Jandrah
Total students appeared: 48
Distinction: 06
1st Division: 17
2nd Division: 12
Re-appear: 13

One student of GHSS Jandrah, namely Sobia Thakur scored 88.8 percent marks and topped the exam in the school.

100 percent result was recorded by the Government Higher Secondary School Kahpota but none of the student from Koushal Public Hr Sec School Kah Pohta secured Distinction in the exam.

As many as 13 students out of total 34 of Lovely Academy HSS Dansal secured Distinction with one of the students, Upachi Sharma topping the exam in the school with 93.2 percent marks.

Eight students (out of the total 40 students appearing in the exam) of Government Higher Secondary School Dansal secured Distinction

Five students of Government Higher Secondary School Jajjar Kotli bagged Distinction.

All Candidates from Ghulam Nabi Azad's Party Forfeit Deposits in J&K LS Polls

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 06

In a decisive electoral mandate, the deposits of nearly 90 percent of candidates contesting for the five Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir were confiscated. According to Election Commission data, 89 out of 100 candidates failed to secure one-sixth of the votes polled in their respective constituencies, leading to the forfeiture of their deposits.

The voters in the Union Territory, as per news agency, delivered a clear verdict in favor of the winners in all but one constituency. Notably, Sheikh Abdul Rashid, an independent candidate who emerged victorious in the Baramulla seat, defeated high-profile politicians such as former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and People's Conference President Sajjad Ghani Lone. Rashid secured 45.70 percent of the votes, making

Baramulla the only constituency where the winning candidate received less than 50 percent of the total votes.

Baramulla was also the third-placed candidate, Sajjad Ghani Lone, managed to save his deposit by securing 16.76 percent of the votes, just above the 16.34 percent threshold required.

In other constituencies, National Conference leader Agah Ruhullah Mehdi achieved the highest vote share with 52.85 percent. BJP's Jugal Kishore, who won the Jammu seat for the third consecutive time, received 52.80 percent of the votes. Union Minister and BJP leader Jitendra Singh, who also secured a third consecutive victory in Udhampur, garnered 51.28 percent of the votes. Meanwhile, NC's Mian Altaf Ahmed defeated former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti in the

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Eye on Assembly polls, BJP thanks people for support in LS elections

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUN 06

Jammu and Kashmir Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday thanked people of Union Territory for their support in Lok Sabha Elections and hope that this support will continue in ensuing Assembly Polls stating that honest and nationalistic leadership will emerge victorious.

Addressing a press conference, Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, as per news agency, said "BJP is highly grateful to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their support in Lok Sabha Elections.

He added the party has secured a satisfying win in the just concluded Parliamentary elections, wherein Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma secured consecutive third win in their

respective constituencies. He said the party received the overwhelming support of the voters of both Parliamentary constituencies which translated into this victory. He also expressed gratitude to the senior citizens, first time voters, women and all the sections of voters for this support.

The BJP President also expressed gratitude to the residents of Anantnag, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla, Kulgam and all other areas, where the party got the support of the people, especially the local youth. Raina added that the BJP has gained a massive support from the Kashmir region and marched towards a stronger base and expressed hope that the day is not far when the BJP will win Parliament and Assembly seats in the Kashmir region.

Raina also said that the way people participated in

the election clearly shows the confidence among people. Raina said that in the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, an honest and nationalistic leadership will emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people, he said.

"In the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, we hope for an honest and nationalistic leadership to emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people," Raina said.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina also said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard for the prosperity of the Union territory.

Raina's remarks came

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Muslim faces of BJP from Chenab valley helped saffron party to get votes in 'bulk'

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUN 06

While the opposition was dreaming of consolidating the Muslim votes of Chenab valley entirely, Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) Muslim faces of Chenab valley ensured that they provide the saffron the space among the community.

This was seen during the recently concluded general elections when BJP managed to get a handful Muslim votes in the region, and especially in Kishtwar district.

According to the news agency, BJP's Dr. Jitendra Singh defeated Congress party's Choudhary Lal Singh from Udhampur parliamentary constituency by a margin of over 1.24 lakh votes thus making his entry into the Lok Sabha for the third consecutive term.

BJP was able to retain all the 10 Assembly segments of Kathua and Udhampur districts whereas

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GMC Jammu becomes J&K's first medical college to offer MD in Biochemistry

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 06

Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu has become the first medical college in Jammu and Kashmir to offer an MD in Biochemistry. This new course, starting in the current session of 2024, marks a major advancement in the region's medical education.

According to details obtained by the news agency, GMC Jammu has also been granted permission to enhance MD seats in Pediatrics and Medicine.

An official from GMC

Jammu told KNO that the National Medical Commission (NMC) has allotted four MD seats in Biochemistry to the college. He said this is the first time an MD course in Biochemistry is being offered by any government institution in J&K.

Dr Rachna Sabharwal, Professor and Head of Biochemistry, led the efforts to start the MD Biochemistry course since she took over as HOD in August 2023, the official said, adding that she had identified this as the primary goal for the Biochemistry department on her first day as HOD and has



successfully achieved it.

According to the official, GMC Jammu had applied to the NMC to start the MD

Biochemistry course and to enhance MD seats in the Medicine and Pediatrics departments. The Medical

Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) of NMC reviewed the applications and found them satisfactory. Consequently, a total of 16 additional MD seats have been allotted to GMC Jammu, as per the NMC notification dated June 03, 2024.

With this addition, the total number of Post-Graduate MD/MS seats at GMC Jammu has increased from 198 to 214.

The NMC has approved six more MD seats in the Department of Pediatrics. The feat has been credited to Dr Ghan-sham Saini, Professor and Head of the Department

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Won't allow anyone to hurt religious sentiments in Kashmir: IGP V K Birdi

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUN 06

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir V K Birdi Thursday said that police have taken strong note of the posting of sensitive content against religious sentiments at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar and strict action will be taken against those found involved in hurting the religious sentiments of any community.

Talking to news agency, exclusively, at PCR Srinagar, IGP Kashmir said that J&K police respects all religions and people belong to various



sects and faiths. "We have taken strong note of the incident (at GMC Srinagar). The case has been registered and investigations are going on," he said.

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DDC Chairperson G'bl reviews arrangements for Urs of Shah Sadiq Qalander & Mela Kheerbhawani

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 06

Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Ganderbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq on Thursday visited Lar and Tullamulla Ganderbal to take stock of arrangements for the ensuing annual Urs of the Sufi saint Hazrat Shah Sadiq Qalander (RA) and Mela Kheerbhawani being celebrated on 7th and 14th June respectively.

The DDC Chairperson sought details of arrangements that different departments have made for the Urs and the mela. She also interacted with the office bearers of the Dharmarth Trust and Waqf Board management and verified details of arrangements made at the Kheerbhawani and Shah Sadiq Qalander shrines for the annual occasions.

Nuzhat Ishfaq directed the departments concerned for making nec-



essary arrangements for uninterrupted power and drinking water supplies, transport, security, fire tenders, ration, accommodation, medical facilities, macadamization of roads and other related arrangements at the temple and Ziyarat Hazrat Shah Sadiq Qalander (RAH).

At Tullamulla the DDC Chairperson visited around the temple and took stock of arrange-

ments put in place. She directed the officers con-

cerned and representatives of Dharmarth Trust to ensure that the devotees coming to pay obeisance are provided with requisite facilities and foolproof mechanism is put in place to ensure smooth conduct of this Mela.

While interacting with the officers, the DDC Chairperson said, "These spiritual shrines are our treasures and the path of love, humanity and spiritual excellence shown by our great Sufis can lead

us to the light of peace, contentment and social harmony which in turn will make our lives filled with all good. We need to propagate the teachings of our Sufi saints to our new generation."

The Chairperson was accompanied by Tehsildars of Tullamulla and Lar, senior officers from PDD, Rural Development, PHE, Health and Police, besides members of the Wakf Board and Dharmarth Trust.

DC Doda reviews works under RDD Sector, discusses MGNREGA Convergence Plan

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 6

The District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, chaired a comprehensive meeting to discuss the preparation of the convergence plan for MGNREGA at DC office complex.

The meeting aimed to review current progress and devise strategies for the effective implementation of the MGNREGA scheme.

The DDC emphasized the importance of integrating various rural development schemes, ensuring effective coordination among different departments, and identifying potential areas for new projects.

The Assistant Commissioner Development outlined the features, modes, and permissible activities for MGNREGA convergence and discussed spec-



ifications and focal areas for the district's plan.

The DDC instructed the ACD to prepare a comprehensive convergence plan in consultation with departments like Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, and ICDS, stressing the exchange of technical expertise to adopt best practices.

He highlighted works such as construction of kitchen sheds, plantation, desilting of khuls, and fish ponds under the convergence mode, direct-

ing departments to collaborate for an economic development-oriented plan. Furthermore, the DDC urged the construction of ponds and trenches to store natural water sources and renovate the damaged khuls in villages, ensuring all 22 khuls are renovated within the stipulated time.

In conclusion, the DDC called on all departments to effectively implement the convergence plan to achieve sustainable development in the district.

DC Doda inaugurates Radiance 2024 Indoor Games at GMC Ghat

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 6

Today marked a significant milestone for the students of Government Medical College Doda, as they witnessed the inauguration of Radiance 2024 Indoor Games at GMC Ghat. The event, graced by the presence of esteemed guests including DC Doda Harvinder Singh, Incharge Principal GMC Ghat Dr. Babar Rashid Zargar, and Tehsildar Doda Dr. Subuh Ahmed, showcased the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the youth.

The inauguration ceremony was marked by an interactive session between DC Doda and students, fostering a platform for exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Antaragini, the cultural society of GMC Doda, added a vibrant touch to the occasion with artistic performances and mesmerizing displays of talent.

Radiance 2024 also witnessed the unveiling of Med-O-Mania, a quiz competition aimed at testing the intellectual prowess of GMC students. This engaging competition promises to be a platform for knowledge exchange and academic excellence.

As the chief guest, DC Doda, Harvinder Singh emphasized the importance of such events in nurturing holistic development among students. He commended the organizers for their efforts in creating an inclusive and dynamic environment for the youth to thrive.

DDC Rajouri reviews implementation of Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Catch the Rain initiatives

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JUNE 06

District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today chaired a pivotal meeting aimed at scrutinizing the strides made in implementing the Jal Shakti Abhiyan; Catch the Rain initiative within the district.

During the meeting, the DDC conducted a thorough review of the progress under the programme- JSA: CTR 2023 and directed the officers to submit plan for current financial year promptly.

ADDC, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa, who is the District Nodal Officer for JSA: CTR gave a brief background of the programme and focus areas identified by Jal Jeevan Mission where the departments are required to work to achieve the objective.

The DDC underscored



the urgency of intensifying efforts towards water conservation and rainwater harvesting across the district. He stressed for a proactive approach in implementing the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, stressing the importance of meticulous planning to harness rainwater effectively and to institute robust water management practices under "Catch the Rain" initiatives.

DDC issued the directions to the officers of Jal Shakti department for rejuvenation of spring sources, geotagging of all assets, identification planning and execution of direct recharge structures under JJM.

The role of RDD & PR, Forest, Agriculture, Irrigation and Flood Control, Social Welfare, Housing & Urban Development, Education department was also discussed in detail to make the Jal Shakti Abhiyan successful in the district.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of community engagement in enhancing the success of the campaign in the district, the DDC underscored the necessity of fostering awareness and actively involving the general public to increase the momentum of the initiative.

In a bid to consolidate efforts across various departments associated to

make the initiative properly implemented, the DDC instructed the stakeholders to collaborate seamlessly, channeling dedicated endeavors towards conserving and safeguarding water resources.

The DC directed all the Officers present in the meeting to submit action taken during the last FY and plan for CFY expeditiously so that a Comprehensive plan of the District is sent to higher authorities.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC, Dr. Raj Kumar Thapa; DFO Nowshera; SE Hydraulics, Bhram Jyoti Sharma; ACR, Mohd Jahangir Khan; ACP, Sheraz Chowhan; CAO, Sohan Singh; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; CEO Education, Mohd Mushtaq; EXEN Jal Shakti Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Bipin Kumar and other concerned officers.

District Administration Kishtwar, Ayush Department celebrate Yoga Mahotsava at Paddar, DH Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 6

District Administration Kishtwar in collaboration with Ayush Department Kishtwar celebrated 2 mega event of Yoga Mahotsava as a prelude to the International Yoga Day, based on the theme 'Yoga for Women Empowerment' in District Kishtwar.

2 yoga Camps were organised under the guidance of the Director Ayush J&K Dr. Mohan Singh and Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav.

One Yoga Camp was conducted at Helipad Paddar in coordination with ICDS Department Kishtwar and School

Education Department Kishtwar under the supervision of District Nodal Officer Ayush Kishtwar Dr. Vikram Singh Jamwal.

The event was started with a lecture on the importance of Yoga for Women Empowerment and well being by Dr. Monika Sharma. During the event Yoga demonstrators were demonstrated various Yoga Asanas and Pranayamas related to the health and hygiene of women.

DDC member, Hari Krishan was present in the event as chief guest.

The program was specially organised for Aanganwadi workers, school students and local females of the Paddar

area. About 175 participants were present in the event.

Another mega Yoga Camp was conducted under the supervision of Dr Taraq Hussain at District Hospital Kishtwar where students of ANM school and patients of Drug de addiction Centre participated in various Yoga Asanas and they were taught different methods of meditation and their benefits.

The whole event was coordinated by Medical Superintendent District Hospital Kishtwar-Yudhvir Singh, teaching faculty of ANM college and Staff of DH Kishtwar. About 65 participants participated in the camp.

DC Ramban conducts extensive visit to market, inspects various development projects

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, JUNE 6

Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary today conducted an extensive tour to Ramban Market and inspected various key developmental Projects during his field visit under the public outreach programme besides interacting with the locals.

The DC was accompanied by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACR, S Harpal Singh, Dy. SP, OM Parkash, Executive Engineer, PWD Abhishek Gupta, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Rajiv Ghai, and CEO MC Ramban, Sudarshan Kumar and various prominent citizens.

While listening to grievances and demands of the locals, the Deputy Commissioner directed CEO MC to ensure proper cleanliness and sanitation in Ramban market, especially surrounding District Hospital Ramban, Court Complex and other important locations. He also directed to remove garbage and scrap from the park site.

The Deputy Commissioner also inspected under construction Multistory Bus Stand Ramban being executed by the PWD with an estimated cost of rupees 22.90 crore, and Office Building cum



Car parking of Municipal Council Ramban being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agency to speed up the construction work and complete the key projects of public interest as early as possible.

Earlier, the Deputy Commissioner visited District Hospital Ramban to take stock of healthcare facilities being provided to patients besides inspecting the functioning of its various units.

The Deputy Commissioner went around the wards and interacted with the patients and checked the daily record of patients and duty roster of doctors and other paramedical staff on call duty. He

directed officers to ensure the cleanliness and sanitation of District Hospital Ramban besides ensuring that all medical facilities are extended to OPD & IPD patients in a hassle-free manner.

Inspecting all blocks and other infrastructure of DH Ramban, the Deputy Commissioner directed the executing agency and MS DH Ramban, Dr. Varinder Trisal to complete repair/ renovation work and make the best possible use of all available accommodation/ infrastructure in the hospital. He also directed to complete ongoing work in wards and issue notice to the executing agency for immediately making functional all additional critical facilities.

DC Doda Harvinder Singh conducts surprise visit

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 6

The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, undertook a surprise inspection visit to the GMC Doda here today.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the operational efficiency of the hospital and ensure the quality of healthcare services being provided to the community. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected various departments, engaged with doctors and staff, and conducted a thorough examination of attendance records. This proactive approach demonstrates his commitment to upholding the standards of healthcare delivery in the region. The DC emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards of medical care and encouraged all staff members to prioritize patient well-being above all else. He also assured the hospital management of continued support from the local administration in addressing any challenges they may face.

World Environment Day: 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' held to champion environmental conversation



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, JUNE 06

On the eve of World Environment Day, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa inaugurated the 'Gulmarg Green Conclave', a day-long event at the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering (IISM) in Gulmarg.

The event, organized by the Gulmarg Development Authority in collaboration with the Indian Army, local hoteliers, and service providers, highlighted the importance of environmental conservation in the picturesque tourist destination of Gulmarg.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various stakeholders, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gulmarg

Development Authority, Waseem Raja, other dignitaries, and students from local schools.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' is aimed to foster a collective responsibility towards preserving the natural beauty and ecological balance of Gulmarg, renowned for its pristine landscapes and vibrant biodiversity.

In his speech, the DC emphasized the urgent need for environmental conservation in the face of escalating climate change and environmental degradation. He further urged everyone present to commit towards protecting and preserving our natural heritage with a collective effort to maintain the beauty and sustainability of our hill resorts for future generations.

The 'Gulmarg Green Conclave' also serves as a platform for stu-

dents and young participants to engage with environmental experts and learn about sustainable practices.

The dignitaries present delivered insightful speeches and held interactive sessions, providing valuable insights into waste management, conservation strategies, and the importance of maintaining ecological balance.

The event featured a series of activities designed to engage the community and raise awareness about environmental issues.

A painting competition showcasing young students' visions of a greener world, a cycling event highlighting sustainable transportation and a women's cricket match promoting women's role in environmental advocacy and sports.

Garlic an ODOP product sustains farmers livelihoods, boosts economy of Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, JUNE 06

Garlic, an ODOP product of District Kulgam famous for its golden brown husk, bulbous form and low acidity factor has played a key role in sustaining the livelihood of native farmers, besides significantly boosting the district's economy.

The area's unique cold and high-altitude climate has proven ideal for producing high-quality garlic, fostering economic growth and sustainability for the community.

Under the Government of India's One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, Kulgam's garlic has been spotlighted for its exceptional quality.

The initiative aims to promote balanced regional development by selecting, branding and promoting a unique product from each district. For Kulgam, the product under ODOP is garlic, renowned for its golden brown husk, bulbous form, and low acidity compared to other varieties.



Local farmers, with continuous support from the Agricultural Department, attest to the superior quality of Kulgam garlic.

Experts from the Agriculture department highlighted that Kulgam cultivates one of the finest garlic varieties in the country, with 166 hectares dedicated to garlic farming yielding 1826 metric tons of dry garlic annually. This production generates substantial revenue of 7.30 crore rupees for the district.

The experts added that versatility of Kulgam garlic

is a key factor in its selection for the ODOP initiative.

They added that Kulgam garlic can be used in various forms, including fresh, dry, garlic paste and pickles, and natural chemicals in Kulgam garlic are of such high quality that they are unmatched.

The focus of District Administration under the ODOP initiative is propelling the 'garlic revolution,' ensuring that the district continues to thrive and achieve new heights in agricultural excellence.

AYUSH department Ramban organizes Yoga Camp at GHSS Sanasar

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, JUNE 6

The Department of AYUSH, in collaboration with the Education Department Ramban, organized a Yoga Camp at Government Higher School Sanasar today, as a prelude to the 10th International Day of Yoga 2024. The Mega Yoga Camp, themed "Yoga for Women Empowerment," was a significant step towards promoting health and well-being among women.

The event was led by a dedicated team from AYUSH Ramban, headed by District Yoga Coordinator, Dr. Masood Iqbal, and included Medical Officer, Dr. Showket Mir, Senior Pharmacist, Shashi Kant Sharma and Sajid Hussain, Yoga Expert.

The Yoga camp was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Director Jammu, Suresh Kumar, and the Director of AYUSH J&K, Dr. Mohan Singh.

The camp commenced with a lecture on the importance of yoga for women's well-being delivered by Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger followed by insightful talks from Lecturer Anil Sharma and Principal Rajesh Sharma.



The theme-based Yoga Asanas were then demonstrated by Dr. Masood Iqbal, engaging about 430 students from Government Higher Secondary School Sanasar in various sessions of Yoga Asanas and a lecture/symposium session.

In addition to the yoga sessions, the AYUSH Department distributed immunity-boosting medicines. Principal GHSS Sanasar also organized a

symposium competition on Yoga, featuring participants from both boys' and girls' sections, enhancing the interactive and educational experience of the camp.

The Principal also expressed his gratitude to Dr. Masood Iqbal Zarger and his team from AYUSH, as well as the school staff and participating students, for their efforts in making this program a grand success.

DDC G'bal convenes 26th BOCA meet of SDA



JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 06

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the 26th Building Operation and Controlling Authority (BOCA) meeting of the Sonamarg Development Authority (SDA) in the VC Room of the DC Office, here.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion was held on applications received seeking permission for construction and repair cases, including those for Army establishments in the Sonamarg area, as per the order issued by the Hon'ble High Court.

Various agenda points

were deliberated, and decisions were made based on the merits of each case.

The committee, while reviewing the Army's application for permission to construct establishments at Sonamarg, Nilgar, and Baltal, emphasized that construction should be confined to strategic areas. The Army was also directed to comply with current environmental and ecological regulations.

The committee also discussed the revision of the Master Plan for Sonamarg, with the current plan set to expire in 2025.

The CEO of SDA was instructed to address this matter with the appropriate

authority to ensure timely revisions.

Members of the meeting shared their suggestions and observations while reviewing various applications for the grant of NOCs.

The DDC emphasized that all permissions would be issued only after completing all necessary formalities and in compliance with the BOCA Act and court directives.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Town Planner Kashmir, Chief Executive Officer (Member Secretary) SDA, Regional Director Ecology and Environment Srinagar, SE R&B, DFO Sindh Forest Division, and other concerned officers.

Awareness campaign organized across districts to combat Fall Armyworm threat

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

An extensive awareness campaign was conducted since three to four days across various panchayats especially in Udhampur District to educate farmers on the management and control of Fall Armyworm (FAW), a significant agricultural pest. The campaign targeted key areas including Nalla Malian, Gordhi Jagir, Gordhi Khas, Kaghote, Amroh and Satyalta of Sub Division Ramnagar, District Udhampur.

Under the esteemed guidance of Director Agriculture Jammu, Arvinder Singh Reen, and the diligent efforts of District and Sub Divisional Agriculture officers of Udhampur District, these awareness



camp was meticulously organized.

The farmers actively participated and learnt about the management and control strategies against Fall Armyworm.

Technical Advisory has also been issued to all the Maize growing districts of Jammu Division from the Directorate of Agriculture Jammu for the remedial measures to control the insect-pest.

The combined expert team of Agriculture Department and SKUAST-

J has been constituted to visit the infested areas of Udhampur and Reasi Districts to provide suggestions for corrective measures in these affected areas, thereby bolstering the fight against Fall Armyworm.

During the campaign, crucial resources such as PP chemicals and informative pamphlets were distributed among the farmers to aid them in implementing effective management practices against Fall Armyworm.

School Education, Samagra Shiksha organise various activities under summer camp in schools of Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUNE 6

The Directorate of School Education Jammu, in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha proudly announced the commencement of summer camps in schools across District Doda scheduled from June 5 to June 12, 2024, under the supervision of Chief Education Officer Doda Parkash Lal Thapa.

The initiative aims to promote sustainable development and encourage healthy lifestyles among students through a series of educational and engaging activities.

On the 2nd day of the schedule notable highlights of the summer camps organized by various schools such as kitchen garden maintaining by staff and students, use of Plastic bottles, Pots, Composite Pits



Students were educated about the importance of composting and its positive impact on soil health and plant.

Students were also educated adopt sustainable food system for healthy lifestyle.

These activities are meticulously designed to enhance students' understanding of environmental conservation and underscore the importance of sustainability with the help of ZICC's of the educational zones of Doda.

Additionally, Various Schools of the District Doda will host interactive sessions led by school teachers

focused on educating students about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

These sessions will provide valuable insights into nutrition, exercise, and overall well-being, ensuring that students prioritize not only their academic growth but also their physical and mental health.

DC Doda inaugurates Radiance 2024 Indoor Games at GMC Ghat

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Today marked a significant milestone for the students of Government Medical College Doda, as they witnessed the inauguration of Radiance 2024 Indoor Games at GMC Ghat. The event, graced by the presence of esteemed guests including DC Doda Harvinder Singh, Incharge Principal GMC Ghat Dr. Babar Rashid Zargar, and Tehsildar Doda Dr. Subuh Ahmed, showcased the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the youth.

The inauguration ceremony was marked by an interactive session between DC Doda and students, fostering a platform for exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Antaragini, the cultural society of GMC Doda, added a vibrant touch to the occasion with artistic performances and mesmerizing displays of talent.

Radiance 2024 also witnessed the unveiling of Med-O-Mania, a quiz competition aimed at testing the intellectual prowess of GMC students. This engaging competition promises to be a platform for knowledge exchange and academic excellence.

As the chief guest, DC Doda, Harvinder Singh emphasized the importance of such events in nurturing holistic development among students. He commended the organizers for their efforts in creating an inclusive and dynamic environment for the youth to thrive.

JKEDI Pulwama holds EAP for students of GDC Tral



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SRINAGAR, JUNE 06

Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), District Centre Pulwama in collaboration with Government Degree College, Tral organised an Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) within the college campus.

The awareness program was held at Government Degree College, Tral, as part of the institute's mandate to foster entrepreneurial spirit among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir and make them aware about different government initiatives for entrepreneurship development like the J&K Startup Policy.

The program witnessed participation of aspiring entrepreneurs and enthusiastic students, all eager to explore the realms of entrepreneurship. JKEDI,

with its commitment to nurture entrepreneurship in the region, orchestrated the awareness program as a step towards instilling a culture of innovation and enterprise among the educated youth of the district Pulwama.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Malik, Principal Government Degree College, Tral was the chief guest on occasion.

Dr. Suhail Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Veterinary Technology, spearheaded the initiative emphasizing the significance of entrepreneurship in today's dynamic business landscape. The participants were briefed about the J&K Startup Policy, 2024-27.

Rayees Manzoor, District Nodal Officer, JKEDI Pulwama along with Waseem Afzal Naik, Assistant Faculty conducted and coordinated the program.

DC Doda conducts inspection of Food Store Facilities and Doda-Ghat Road

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The Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh conducted inspection of food store facilities at a warehouse in Doda, alongside a thorough assessment of the Doda-Ghat road. The DC Doda was accompanied with the Tehsildar Doda Dr Subuh Ahmad Shad.

During the inspection of the food store at warehouse, the DC meticulously reviewed the storage conditions and adherence to safety protocols to ensure the quality and safety of food items stored. His visit aimed to guarantee that all necessary measures are in place



to maintain the integrity and freshness of essential food supplies for the community.

DC Doda also inspected the Doda-Ghat road, emphasizing the importance of well-maintained infrastructure for seamless transportation and connectivity.

DC Doda reiterated his commitment to upholding high standards of food safety and ensuring the accessibility of safe and reliable transportation infrastructure for the residents of Doda.

Mandeep Kaur inspects Solid Waste Management Plant in Kunzer

JI NEWS SERVICE
TANGMARG, JUNE 6

In a significant step towards enhancing urban sustainability and addressing environmental concerns, Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development, Mandeep Kaur, today inspected Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plant in Kunzer.

The Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Director Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Mathoora Masoom, Executive Officer MC, Tangmarg, Kunzer, Mir Tafveez and other officials from the Housing and Urban Development Department and local municipal representatives.

Mandeep Kaur thor-

oughly evaluated the operational efficiency and environmental impact of SWM Plant.

She asked the concerned officials to ensure that the plant adheres to best practices in waste management and contributes positively towards the community's health and well-being. She directed them for creating green spaces by planting trees and flowering plants at the SWM site to mitigate any potential inconvenience to the local residents.

Mandeep Kaur highlighted that these green areas will act as buffers, enhancing the quality of life for nearby residents and will not only promote ecological balance but also reduce the environ-

mental footprint of these facilities.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary visited various sites within Kunzer and Tangmarg municipalities including a newly created parking space in the Tangmarg area strategically designed to alleviate the persistent issue of escalating traffic congestion in the region.

Mandeep Kaur also visited an old dumping site in Tangmarg which has been successfully reclaimed and would now serve as a garage and accommodation facility for the sanitation staff.

She appreciated the tremendous efforts put forth by all those involved in achieving this remarkable feat.

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

LG inaugurates NIFT...

participating in 24 events like Best out of Waste, Mural Art, Frame within the frame, Battle of Bands, Mental Marathon, Open Mic etc.

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; Dr. Javid Ahmad Wani, Director NIFT Srinagar, faculty members, student of NIFT and other participating institutions were present on the occasion.

Class 12 Results Out...

and 195 candidates registered third division.

BOSE further said that in the examination, 1034 students couldn't qualify the exams while 22,921 have been asked to reappear in the exams.

Pertinently, the annual regular examination of class 12th commenced from April 8 in hard zone areas while the examination in the soft zone areas commenced from March 6.

Following the implementation of Uniform Academic Calendar, JKBOSE has classified regions via soft and hard zone areas keeping in view the different weather conditions.

BOSE had said that the annual regular examinations held by the board for classes 10th, 11th and 12th shall be held in the month of March in both the divisions of Union territory of JK and Union Territory of Ladakh excluding hard zones.

The Board however had said that the annual regular examination of hard zone areas of Union territory of JK and Union territory of Ladakh shall be held in the month of April.

The board had further said that the results of annual regular examination of Kashmir division and Jammu division and Union territory of Ladakh including hard zones shall be declared simultaneously in the month of June.

Eye on Assembly polls...

in response to a post on X by National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah in which he said that Sinha had not only failed Jammu and Kashmir but had also undermined the BJP in his home constituency of Ghazipur.

Raina, while answering a query said that the political remarks are meant for politics, but Omar Abdullah knows it well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has built a new and happy Jammu and Kashmir where everyone, including marginalized sections, has been given their rights. This effort has resulted in record polling (in the Lok Sabha polls). Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard to make J&K a prosperous region, he added.

Abdullah knows well the difficult situation that Jammu and Kashmir faced in the past, the BJP leader said.

"People saw the worst times during strikes and shutdowns when schools, colleges and markets were closed and violence was rampant," the BJP leader said.

In the past, every time a vehicle left for Kashmir from Jammu, the passengers had to get down and undergo checking at 20 places on the way, he said.

"Today, there is peace, progress, happiness, brotherhood and largescale development in both villages and cities," he added.

Raina credited the security forces, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for ensuring incident-free Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We also thank Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for his role in making Jammu and Kashmir peaceful, progressive and prosperous," he said.

He said that Abdullah is well acquainted with the difficult situation that existed in Jammu and Kashmir in the past and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha for the successful return of democracy in Jammu & Kashmir.

He recalled that earlier bandh calendar was issued in the valley, buses from Jammu to Kashmir were checked at multiple places, there was constant fear of bomb blasts, but today, there is visible development, increased tourist footfall due to the efforts of PM Modi, HM Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha.

He also congratulated the other 3 elected MPs from Jammu & Kashmir for their victory in Lok Sabha elections and said that people have slayed many big wigs in this election with the power of their vote. He also thanked the people for voting in the favour of the BJP supported candidate in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliament segment.

He said that while NDA has secured a clear victory for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leading INDI alliance has suffered yet another defeat in this Parliament election. He added that the whole of India is today celebrating the victory of the Modi government for the successive third term. He also expressed hope that the Modi government will lead Bharat to more achievements in this term.

Muslim faces of BJP...

from eight Assembly segments of Chenab valley, the saffron party managed to get a lead in four segments, which included Kishtwar, Padder-Nagseni, Doda West and Ramban.

In Kishtwar district, the mood swing is being attributed to Muslim faces of BJP like Firdous Bhawani and Mansoor Ahmed who have worked tirelessly to provide BJP space in Muslim dominated areas where the party used to be untouchable.

Talking to the KNO, Firdous Bhawani, who is also heading Kishtwar waqf, said that for the last one year they have been reaching out to the people in every nook and corner of the district with the developmental agenda of BJP led government and it has started bearing fruits.

"There were some pockets where BJP was not getting a single vote in the past but this time we have been able to get votes in double digits from these areas. And those areas where BJP in 2019 got some 20 odd votes, this time we have been able to reach the three-figure

mark," Bhawani said.

"Not only that but in the Inderwal Assembly segment, which once used to be the fortress of Ghulam Muhammad Saroori, BJP on its own has got more than 11 thousand votes. Congress got more votes than BJP but these votes belonged to Congress party, National Conference and DDC member from Marwah Sheikh Zafarullah. We have got votes on our own," the BJP leader added.

He hoped that in the upcoming Assembly elections, BJP may be able to win Inderwal alongside Kishtwar and Padder-Nagseni seats.

GMC Jammu becomes...

of Pediatrics. Similarly, six more MD seats have been approved for the Department of Medicine, thanks to the efforts of Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine, Dr Fayaz Wani.

Principal, GMC Jammu, Dr Ashutosh Gupta, expressed pride in the college's accomplishment. "The addition of 16 more MD seats in various streams is a matter of great pride for the institution," he said.

Won't allow anyone...

The IGP requested the people of Kashmir not to fall prey to rumours having potential to trigger law and order situation. "We will not allow vested interests to damage the communal fabric in Kashmir," he said.

Meanwhile, Police said that after the positing of a sensitive content against religious sentiments of a particular community by one student of GMC Srinagar, a criminal case, FIR number 13/24/ under sections 153, 153 A, 295 A., 505, (2) IPC has been registered at police station Karanagar on June 6, 2024.

"Common public is appealed to desist from spreading rumours/false information. They shouldn't fall prey to false propaganda of anti-social elements. Legal action shall be taken against those found involved in provocative act/instigation," the police said.

Model code of conduct...

constitute the 18th Lok Sabha.

While it does not enjoy any statutory backing, the Supreme Court has upheld its sanctity on several occasions. The Election Commission is fully authorised to investigate any violation of the code and pronounce punishment.

The poll code finds its origin during the 1960 assembly elections in Kerala when the administration tried to evolve a code of conduct for the political parties. The code has evolved over the last 60 years to assume its present form.

According to the Election Commission of India, the model code of conduct states that the parties in power at the Centre and in the states should ensure that they do not use their official position for campaigning.

Ministers and other government authorities cannot announce financial grants in any form. No project or scheme that may have the effect of influencing the voter in favour of the party in power can be announced, and ministers cannot use official machinery for campaign purposes when the poll code is in effect. (PTI)

CS reviews progress...

Environment, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Principal Secretary Higher Education, Commissioner Secretary, IT, MD HADP, team members of BISAG-N besides other concerned officers.

The initiatives reviewed in the meeting included JK Samadhan, Kisan Khidmat Ghar App and J&K Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App.

The Chief Secretary had an overview of the progress made in the collaborative initiatives besides taking stock of the functionalities completed by the BISAG, so far.

While reviewing the initiatives, the Chief Secretary implored upon the team to help them in capacity building of the staff. He directed the concerned to ensure completion of training of the master trainers in every department within a week so that they are well versed with the usage of to be launched Apps. He directed the concerned to prepare a user manual of the Apps so as to make government services more meaningful, accessible and user friendly.

He also suggested some changes to be made and told the BISAG team to introduce new features like using the latest technologies like Chatbot integrated, query builder, Artificial Intelligence (AI) for making government more accessible and responsive to public.

The Chief Secretary further directed the officers to work in a coordinated manner so that the Apps should be fully ready for roll out in a timely manner.

On the occasion, BISAG team gave a detailed presentation about the status of different reformative measures taken and the latest technologies introduced in the Apps.

They threw light on the progress achieved in formulation of Grievance redressal mechanism- Samadhan saying that Samadhan is an improvement over JKIGRAMS and CPGRAMS. It was said that the refurbished mechanism is a multi-lingual forum which would be based on AI.

JK Samadhan is enabled with auto forwarding of grievance to the concerned department and DoPG will be able to monitor the grievances. JK Samadhan is expected to be rolled out by the end of this month.

It was also informed that the mechanism would be more responsive with real-time updates, prompt acknowledgement and multilingual voice chatbot integration. The App will have normal and priority based segregation of grievances with multiple type of dashboard and reports.

The Chief Secretary was also given a demonstration on the renewed mechanism of farmer empowerment mechanism by virtue of Kisan Khidmat Ghar (KKG) ecosystem. KKG which will be launched in July is an integrated and customised portal for farmers to facilitate them in utilising multitude of services.

It was apprised in the meeting that KKG is laced with 17 main features, out of which, 12 have been completed while the rest will be completed very soon. The said system would have innate characteristics of farmer registration, sale of agricultural inputs, scheme on boarding mechanism, advisories, skilling, expert

consultation, digital marketing, decision support and developing of smart phone applications.

BISAG also highlighted various features of JK Youth Skill and Entrepreneurship App and detailed discussions were held about the development and creation of Digital DPRs and Skill Management in the UT. The said mechanism is going to take help of AI and others for career counselling, job opportunities in private and public sector, self employment besides imparting skills and incubation to aspiring entrepreneurs. The App will be integrated with job fairs, government notifications, job postings, National carer service, employment schemes.

SANJY-2024: ADGP L&O...

a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

The meeting was attended by ADGP Jammu Zone, IGP Kashmir Zone, IG BSF Ftr. Hqr Srinagar, IG Traffic J&K, DIG SSB Srinagar, DIsG NKR Baramulla/CKR Srinagar/SKR Anantnag, DIsG of CRPF South Srinagar/ Ops Srinagar/North Srinagar, DIG DKR Batote, DIG Udhampur/ Reasi Range, DIG JSK Range Jammu/ DIsG Armed/ IR Kashmir/ ITBP, Col GS (IS 15 Corps), Rep from Kilo Force, SSSP of PCR Kashmir, Srinagar, Kulgam, Anantnag, Awantipora, Pulwama, Budgam, Bandipora, Ganderbal, Traffic Rural Kashmir & Traffic City Srinagar, SP Telecommunication Kashmir and other officers including NDRF & MRT representatives.

At the onset of the meeting the participating officers briefed the chair about the security arrangements to be adopted for the smooth and peaceful conduct of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-2024.

The officers present in the meeting shared their insights, past experiences and recommendations, highlighting the importance of robust communication channels, co-ordination among various forces, and real-time monitoring systems.

Deliberations focused on fortifying the existing security infrastructure, improving surveillance tactics, and bolstering personnel deployment along the pilgrimage route.

The meeting addressed cut-off timing vis-a-vis concerns regarding local and tourist movement during the Yatra to ensure minimal disruption & in-convenience. It was emphasized that Yatri or tourist vehicles would be taken to safe places/ yatra camps enroute if plying beyond designated cut-off timings at various points along the route.

Concerned stakeholders were accordingly briefed on the protocol that prohibits Yatra and tourist vehicle movement beyond the specified timings.

During the meeting, ADGP L&O and IGP Kashmir provided insights into the necessary Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that must be adhered to throughout the Yatra.

They also emphasized the importance of preparedness and proactive measures in mitigating risks and ensuring the safety and security of the yatri/devotees. They underscored the significance of collaboration among stakeholders and the implementation of robust contingency plans to effectively address any unforeseen challenges.

During the meeting, ADGP L&O & IGP Kashmir also stressed upon the officers regarding the identification and assessment of areas prone to vulnerabilities like landslides, snow avalanches, rock falling etc aiming to devise strategies for enhanced vigilance and proactive measures in these regions.

They also directed that the services of specialized forces like National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) & Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE) may be utilized in order to get these vulnerable points mapped so that these can be monitored on regular basis to enhance overall safety measures.

Furthermore, the ADGP L&O directed the officers to enhance/reinforce security measures and mitigate potential risks by deploying Anti-Sabotage teams along the Amarnath Yatra route to identify and neutralize any potential threat threats.

ADGP L&O Vijay Kumar also advised the officers to enhance surveillance and threat detection capabilities through the utilization of advanced drone technology and real-time aerial monitoring over both pilgrimage routes-Pahalgam axis as well as Baltal axis.

As the pilgrimage approaches, ADGP assured the public that every possible measure would be taken to provide a secure and hassle-free experience for the devotees.

He also urged the general public to cooperate with the security forces and follow the prescribed guidelines for their own convenience & safety. Overall, the meeting facilitated comprehensive discussions on key logistical and security aspects pivotal for the successful and secure conduct of the Yatra.

All Candidates from...

Anantnag-Rajouri seat with 50.85 percent of the votes.

The elections were particularly disappointing for Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Progressive Party (DPAP), whose three candidates all forfeited their deposits. None of the DPAP candidates managed to secure even four percent of the votes. Ghulam Mohammad Saroori, contesting from Udhampur, received 3.56 percent, Mohammad Salim Parre from Anantnag-Rajouri got 2.49 percent, and Aamir Bhat from Srinagar secured 2.24 percent.

Among the seven women candidates in the fray, only PDP President Mehbooba Mufti succeeded in saving her deposit.

Jindrah Club collects essential items for flood-affected people in Brazil



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 7

A unit of the Roller Athlete Skating Club, Jindrah, under the leadership of Luli Cabrera (Argentinian Roller hockey player) in (Salavdor) Brazil collected winter clothes, shoes, bed sheets, blankets, and dry groceries for the flood affected people in Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil).

Over 2.3 million people from 469 municipalities have been affected by the floods. Luli, leader of the unit believes in reach and assist communities in need. Regardless of gender, race and religion.

Arya Vir Singh Jamwal said that there were no boundaries when it came to humanity. It is pertinent to mention here that the Jindrah club has been engaged in social activities for more than 22 years and club members always played their role whenever there was a crisis.

People who volunteer were Murilo Jacques, Thabata requiao ribeiro, Valeria Penfold muniz, Ingrid Pereira.

Expressing gratitude, the members of the RASC (India) express it's thankfulness to the Brazil unit for extending a helping hand in this crisis period.

"Deeiyon hondi hain parayi", Album released at Baba Accho Dev Sthaan, Kaleeth



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KHOUR, JUNE 6

Deepak Singh Bhau's much-anticipated album, "Deeiyon hondi hain parayi," was unveiled amidst great fervor at the sacred premises of Baba Accho Dev Sthaan in Kaleeth, Khaut. The auspicious event was graced by the esteemed presence of All India Bhau Rajput Sabha President Narinder Singh Bhau and his dedicated team, along with a host of renowned dignitaries.

Among the notable attendees were Sonali Dogra, Sub Inspector Danish, Captain Raj Singh Bhau, Captain Ranjeet Singh Bhau (Ex-Service-man members), Acharya Suraj Shastri and Ex-Corporator Deepak Singh Bhau, among others. Their collective presence underscored the significance of promoting and nurturing budding talent within the cultural realm.

Deepak Singh Bhau,

both a singer and composer, had previously captivated audiences with his hit regional song dedicated to Baba Accho Dev Ji. His latest album promises to further enthrall listeners with its soulful melodies and poignant lyrics.

Addressing the gathering, President of AIRBS, Narinder Singh Bhau, expressed his commitment to fostering artistic endeavors within society. He emphasized the Sabha's enduring dedication to promoting art, culture, and tradition, underscoring their pivotal role in preserving the rich heritage of the region.

"Deeiyon hondi hain parayi" stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts of Deepak Singh Bhau and the supportive community rallied behind him. As the album resonates with audiences far and wide, it reflects the enduring spirit of cultural celebration and artistic expression championed by the AIRBS.

Police registers case on alleged blasphemous social media post by non-local student

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday took cognizance of the alleged blasphemous post by a non-local student of Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar and registered a criminal case in Karan Nagar police station.

The police action comes on a day when GMC Srinagar suspended classes for undergraduate courses for three days amid tensions over an alleged blasphemous post.

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar also suspended classwork for today.

A controversy erupted on Wednesday after a non-local undergraduate medical student posted an alleged blasphemous post on social media, triggering protests in the GMC campus.

"It is hereby ordered that undergraduate classes shall remain suspended from 6th to 8th June 2024," an order issued on Thursday by the Registrar Academics GMC, Srinagar read.

CSIR IIIM distributes Quality Seed Material to farmers at Doda

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DODA, JUNE 6

CSIR - Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Jammu organized a seed distribution cum skill development programme for the farmers of district Doda as a part of the area expansion vertical under CSIR-Floriculture Mission in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, here today at community hall Doda. The event was organized under the patronage of Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR IIIM Jammu. During the programme, 160 farmers from Gajoth, Marmath, Malothi, Duga and Pranoo participated where in they were imparted training and skill for scientific crop production and management of floricultural crops. The participating farmers were also provided with the quality seed material of marigold.

During the technical session of the programme,



a presentation on the scientific cultivation of Marigold was delivered by Dr Iqra Farooq Senior Project Associate, CSIR IIIM. She gave a detailed overview on the various verticals being implemented across the UT of J&K under CSIR Floriculture Mission highlighting their role in bringing about the transformational change in the commercial floriculture sector of the region. The

farmers were also provided information on the advanced crop production techniques for optimal utilization of the resources and production of the quality floricultural produce throughout the crop growing. Complimenting the efforts of the Mission team, J&K Kisan Advisory Board member Sh. Hind Bhushan informed that the well planned outreach under the CSIR Floricul-

ture for area expansion under different floricultural crops has positively impacted the income of farmer families and opportunities in gainful livelihood generation through commercial floriculture farming in the district besides successful production of sustainable and quality produce of floricultural crops. Earlier in his welcome address Nirmal Prakash Sharma, Assistant

Soil Chemist, Doda appreciated the efforts of the Mission team for successfully conducting the seed distribution programme and imparting crop specific training to the farmers who had converged from various areas of the district. He informed that availability of the quality seed material and enhancing the technical skill for crop production and management under the CSIR Floriculture Mission will be addressing the gaps in development of floriculture sector in the region. The participating farmers expressed their gratitude to the Institute for offering guidance and quality planting material, enabling profitable use of their farmland through various Mission verticals. Others present at the event were Dr Dawood Yousuf, Syed Irahm, Sandeep Gupta, Sajad Mir. The proceedings of the event ended with the vote of thanks by Ee Aafreen Naseer.

Union Ministry of MSME approves Exhibition in J&K under PMS Scheme

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JAMMU, JUNE 6

MSME DFO Jammu, Field office of Union Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and activities for the benefit of MSMEs of Jammu & Kashmir. Procurement & Marketing Support Scheme is one of them. As per the scheme guidelines the MSMEs are eligible to claim reimbursement of 80-100 % Stall charges, Publicity expenditure, Freight and travelling expenditure for participating in the approved exhibitions.

Exhibitions are being approved by the union Ministry as per the proposals submitted by the exhibition organizers throughout the year. Last year 05 proposals in Jammu & Kashmir have been approved under the PMS Scheme. FICCI Flo J&K and Ladakh chapter and M/s.Luxury of Kashmir jointly organizing an Exhibi-

tion at KC Regalia from 03.08.2024 to 04.08.2024 in Jammu which has been approved by Union Ministry of MSME under PMS Scheme. The exhibition is being organized to showcase the potential of Jammu & Kashmir units under the product category of arts, crafts and textiles which may result in developing Business Linkages.

The approval of the fair makes the units participating in the fair eligible for reimbursement in stall charges to the tune of 100% for Woman, SC/ST/ Aspirational District units and 80% for other units, the participating units are also eligible for travel, Publicity and Freight charges reimbursement. To avail benefits under the scheme MSMEs may register in the online portal at my.msme.gov.in/MyMsme/Reg/COM_ViewEvent.aspx All the applications are received online only with-

out any manual intervention and processed online. It is pertinent to mention here that maximum 60 units can participate and avail the benefits of the scheme. The approval has been made possible with the efforts of G.Velladurai Joint Director. The MSMEs can also participate in any of the other approved fairs being organized in different parts of India as available from the approved list in the portal.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 06 vehicles seized

J NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

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.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu. Police Post Manwal detained one dumper bearing registration No. JK21F-8064 loaded with sand without Form A. Police Station Akhnoor detained two vehicles, one Tractor trolley without Registration No. and one Dumper bearing registration No. JK02CS-9810, both loaded with sand without any legal permission.

Police Station Nagrota detained two Vehicles, one Tipper bearing registration No. JK02AN/7465 and one Dumper bearing registration No. JK20B/9631, both found involved in illegal mining loaded with sand, without Form-A.

Police Post Sandwan detained one tractor trolley without any Reg. No. involved in illegal mining.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Focus on upcoming assembly polls: Kavinder to Party Cadre

J NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Thursday called upon the party cadre to intensify efforts and concentrate on the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a gathering after felicitating newly elected MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, who won Jammu seat with impressive margin, the BJP stalwart leader said that after phenomenal performance in the Lok Sabha polls, the time has come to focus on upcoming Assembly polls as the announcement of its schedule is on cards and the election commission can declare the dates anytime.

Kavinder called upon the party workers to engage with the public,



understand their concerns, and communicate the party's vision and achievements. He said that BJP cadre should set the target of making the government on its own and for that hard work and dedication of the workers are prerequisites. "We have a significant opportunity to bring about meaningful change and

development in Jammu and Kashmir, and this can only be achieved through a concerted and focused effort," he said, highlighting the party's commitment to the welfare and progress of the people. "BJP has always stood for the upliftment and empowerment of the people. From infrastructural development to

ensuring security and enhancing tourism, the party has taken numerous steps to improve the lives of people in the UT", he said, adding that it is crucial that party cadre reach out to every citizen, listen to his or her issues, and assure about party's commitment to resolving them all.

The former deputy Chief Minister said that Saffron party's grassroots presence and connection with the people will be the key to its success in the upcoming elections. He said that time has come to channelize energy, enthusiasm, and dedication towards ensuring a decisive victory in the Assembly polls. He said that it is the time to mobilize resources and form strategies for the upcoming elections, aiming at a strong mandate from the people of the UT.

Three Inter District Drug Peddlers arrested along with Contraband



J NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

In continuation to Operation Sanjeevani, on 05.06.2024, JKP at PS Gangyal, while performing Vehicle Checking duty at naka Purmandal, came across one Eco Sports Car bearing registration No. DL 10 CF/5126 Which was coming from Bari Brahmana towards Kunjwani was stopped for checking. During checking three persons were

found boarded in a car. On enquiry they disclosed their name as:

Tajamul Farooq S/O Farooq Ahmed R/O Kralpora Mehtab Srinagar.

Sarwar Iqbal Rather S/O Mohd Iqbal Rather R/O Dharam Bugh Kralpora Srinagar

Sameer Hussain Dar S/O Lt. Ghulam Mohd Dar R/O Chattar Gam Budgam

On checking Heroine like contraband substances were recovered from all the possession

of all three Persons. The drug peddlers alongwith contraband substance and Car was taken into custody. The arrest, seizure and recovery made by a police party headed by SHO Inspector Satvir Singh.

In this regard Case FIR No.52/2024 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS has been registered at Police Station Gangyal and investigation taken up.

Further investigation of the case is going on.

BJP is highly grateful to people of J&K for their support in LS polls: Raina

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BJP is highly grateful to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their support in Lok Sabha Elections, said Ravinder Raina, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir, who was also accompanied by former Dy Chief Ministers Dr. Nirmal Singh & Kavinder Gupta, General Secretaries Adv. Vibodh Gupta & Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal and Chief Spokesperson Adv. Sunil Sethi, while addressing the media persons at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ravinder Raina said that the BJP secured a resounding victory in this Parliamentary election in Jammu & Kashmir. He said that with the blessings of people of Jammu region Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma secured consecutive third time victory. He said that the BJP expresses gratitude to the people of Jammu & Kashmir for the unconditional love and support which resulted in this victory.

Raina said that the BJP received the overwhelming support of the voters of both Parliamentary constituencies which translated into this victory. He also



expressed gratitude to the senior citizens, first time voters, women and all the sections of voters for this support.

The BJP President also expressed gratitude to the residents of Anantnag, Rajouri, Poonch, Baramulla, Kiulgam and all other areas, where the party got the support of the people, especially the local youth.

Raina added that the BJP has gained a massive support from the Kashmir region and marched towards a stronger base and expressed hope that the day is not far when the BJP will win Parliamentary and Assembly seats in the Kashmir region.

Ravinder Raina, once again thanked the people of Jammu & Kashmir for supporting the party in the entire Union Territory. He said that the BJP has worked with the prin-

ciple of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" and attributed this principle of service to the increased voting in the Parliament election in Jammu & Kashmir. The people from the Kashmir region also participated in this democratic process with full enthusiasm.

He expressed thanks to the officials of Election Commission, and the security forces who dedicated themselves to ensure the successful and peaceful culmination of the electoral process.

Raina, while answering a query said that the political remarks are meant for politics, but Omar Abdullah knows it well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has built a new and happy Jammu and Kashmir where everyone, including marginalized sections, has been given their rights.

This effort has resulted in record polling in this Parliamentary election. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has worked hard to make J&K a prosperous region, he added.

He said that Abdullah is well acquainted with the difficult situation that existed in Jammu and Kashmir in the past and thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and LG Manoj Sinha for the successful return of democracy in Jammu & Kashmir.

He recalled that earlier bandh calendar was issued in the valley, buses from Jammu to Kashmir were checked at multiple places, there was constant fear of bomb blasts, but today, there is visible development, increased tourist footfall due to the efforts of PM Modi, HM Amit Shah and LG Manoj

Sinha.

He also congratulated the other 3 elected MPs from Jammu & Kashmir for their victory in Lok Sabha elections and said that people have slayed many big wigs in this election with the power of their vote. He also thanked the people for voting in the favour of BJP supported candidate in the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary segment.

Raina said that in the upcoming assembly elections, panchayat, and urban local body polls, an honest and nationalistic leadership will emerge victorious. Those who propagate politics of venom and division have been shown the mirror by the people, he said. He said that while NDA has secured a clear victory for the third time under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress leading INDI alliance has suffered yet another defeat in this Parliamentary election. He added that the whole of India is today celebrating the victory of the Modi government for the successive third term.

He also expressed hope that the Modi government will lead Bharat to more achievements in this term.

Yudhvir listens to public grievances at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan

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Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President BJP J&K on Thursday asserted that BJP is committed to provide basic amenities to people's doorsteps whether they are living in urban or far-off rural hamlets.

He said this while listening to the grievances of people hailing from Sandhi, Ragoora, Jagti, Old City, New Plot and other areas of East Constituency during a public grievances camp held here at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan Kacchi Chawni.

Suresh Sargotta Vice President, BJP OBC, J&K, Raman Sharma, President Amphalla Mandal, Abdul Mehmood Vice President West, Khalid Malik, Raja Ji and Ajay Singh accompanied Yudhvir Sethi during the camp.

Several issues related to water, power, non-availability of Govt ration, verification of land titles, transformer issues, electric poles, street lights, repair of lanes/roads, job and pension issues, etc. were raised by the people of aforesaid areas.

While giving a patient hearing to the issues put forth by general public, Yudhvir assured that BJP's sole aim is to serve the people as this party



the authorities concerned. He said that people of Jammu region have always supported the party and looking after their concerns and issues is the foremost priority of the party.

The senior BJP leader has assured that all the issues will be taken up on priority and those raised during the camp will be mitigated sooner than later. He said that BJP is the true representative of people of Jammu region and the Party is committed to end their miseries related to basic amenities.

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1ST CLASS TEHSILDAR JAMMU

Mohinder Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Jagdish Raj R/o Sigdee Kishwar (Applicant)

V/S
UT of J&K through Registration of Birth and Death through Municipal Corporation Jammu (Non Applicant)

In the matter of applicant for register of death Certificate
NOTICE FOR PUBLIC AT LARGE

S. No	Deceased Name	Gender	Date of Death	Father Name	Place of Death	Residence
1	Jagdish Raj	Male	21-02-2023	Karam Chand	Govt Medical college Hospital Jammu	SIGDI SIGDEE Kishwar

Proclamation

Whereas through this publication to public in general is hereby informed that if any person have any objection shall be objection personally or through any authorised agent in this court within 7 days falling which the matter shall be death in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seat of this court today.

No: EMIC/J/B.D/2024-25/20
Date: 06-06-2024

Sd/-
Executive Magistrate Ist Class
Tehsildar, Jammu

EDITORIAL

A remarkable political resurgence

In a stunning reversal of political fortune, N Chandrababu Naidu, once perceived as a figure receding into political obscurity, has re-emerged as a pivotal player in the aftermath of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This turn of events, positioning him alongside Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav as key power brokers, underscores the ever-changing dynamics of the country's democracy and the enduring appeal of seasoned political acumen. The Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) impressive performance in Andhra Pradesh, securing 16 Lok Sabha seats, has played a crucial role in Naidu's resurgence. This electoral success is not just a testament to the TDP's strategy but also highlights the electorate's renewed faith in Naidu's leadership. The BJP's failure to secure an outright majority has further elevated Naidu's significance, positioning him as a kingmaker in the national political arena. Naidu's alliance with the BJP and Janasena has been particularly noteworthy. It signifies a strategic masterstroke, revitalizing his political career and reinforcing his influence. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) achieved a resounding victory in the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, capturing 21 parliamentary and 164 Assembly seats. This triumph not only solidifies Naidu's stature within the state but also cements his role as a crucial ally in the NDA coalition. Reflecting on Naidu's political journey, his tenure as Chief Minister from 1995 to 2004 was marked by significant economic reforms and a visionary, tech-driven approach. His efforts earned him the moniker 'CEO of Andhra Pradesh,' highlighting his reputation as a forward-thinking leader. However, after a decade in the Opposition, Naidu's political comeback in 2014 was met with formidable challenges. His brief alliance with the BJP ended in a crushing defeat in the 2019 elections, followed by a 52-day incarceration in a skill development scam, which many believed marked the end of his political career. Yet, Naidu's recent resurgence demonstrates his resilience and strategic prowess. The BJP's inability to secure a majority at the Centre has led to frenetic negotiations, with even leaders from the INDIA bloc reportedly courting Naidu. Despite this, Naidu has reaffirmed his allegiance to the NDA, showcasing his unwavering commitment to his alliances – at least for now. As India watches closely, Naidu's moves as a power-broker will be instrumental in shaping the country's political trajectory. The newly elected MPs of the BJP-led NDA are set to meet to elect Narendra Modi as their leader, paving the way for his third term as Prime Minister. Naidu, along with other senior NDA members like Nitish Kumar, will accompany Modi in presenting the list of supporting parliamentarians to President Droupadi Murmu, solidifying the coalition's dominance with 293 MPs in the 543-member Lok Sabha. The political landscape remains fluid, and Naidu's strategic choices will undoubtedly influence the NDA's policy directions and stability. Modi's openness to suggestions from allies, as evidenced in the recent NDA meeting, indicates a collaborative approach that could strengthen the coalition's unity and governance.

Way ahead for oppositional politics after 2024 Elections

RAVI KUMAR

The 2024 general elections to form a new government has been the first of its kind in many ways. It was a contest of ideas, strategies, and visions of national development.

Politically, it was also a question of survival for many regional political parties as two chief ministers continue to be in prison, many former CMs and ministers have been making trips to prisons, and the Enforcement Directorate and other central agencies have been regularly visiting Opposition leaders. N Chandrababu Naidu, the leader of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) which swept through the assembly and Lok Sabha polls in Andhra Pradesh, was arrested in September. Reports showed that central agencies have been used to pressurise opposition parties.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was also seeking popular approval for its actions

and ideas. The elections were also a test of survival for the regional formations in states like Maharashtra where they were split.

A national alliance would have fared better

The Opposition's Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A.) did not work as a truly national alliance because alliance partners had their regional interests to safeguard or perhaps calculations of a possible revival. Nationally, the BJP won 240 seats and the I.N.D.I.A. bloc won 234 seats. The I.N.D.I.A. bloc's seats would have gone up if the understanding over seat sharing was driven by a larger ideological necessity.

There is no doubt that an ideological plank led the bloc to such large numbers and it limited the BJP's numbers; however, the Opposition could have done better if there was an understanding in West Bengal, Kerala, or

even Bihar.

In West Bengal, it could have added six more seats by avoiding a triangular contest between the Congress/Left, the Trinamool Congress, and the BJP in Tamluk, Malda Uttar, Balurghat, Raiganj, Purulia, and Bishnupur. In Kerala, the BJP would not have won the Thrissur seat if the Congress and the CPI(M) had a pre-poll understanding. In Bihar, the Purnia seat was won by Pappu Yadav, who joined the Congress, but contested as an independent. Yadav won from Purnia. By this calculation, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc could have won more seats than the BJP.

I.N.D.I.A. should have done better in Bihar

In Bihar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra did not produce the kind of enthusiasm it did in other places. Election rallies by Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Akhilesh Yadav and Congress' Gandhi in UP drew

larger numbers than the Congress leader's rallies in Bihar. The impulse to galvanisation of popular support provided by SP in UP was not provided by RJD in Bihar.

The election pitch that worked in UP and Maharashtra did not work in Bihar. It appeared as a campaign by Tejashwi Yadav and Mukesh Sahni, the leader of Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP). Along with this, the RJD's insistence on the Purnia seat (which forced Pappu Yadav to contest as an independent) demonstrated the regional party's insecurity. A similar insecurity was seen in 2019, when the RJD refused to ally with the CPI when the latter fielded Kanhaiya Kumar as its candidate from Begusarai.

The agenda of social justice projected by Rahul Gandhi could have drawn the support of the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) from the JD(U) towards the I.N.D.I.A. bloc. In Uttar Pradesh, the SP remains the sole repre-

sentative of the OBCs. Bihar has two OBC leaders, and Nitish Kumar has more support among the EBCs and the Dalits than Tejashwi Yadav. A more mature campaigning strategy, as well as seat allocation, could have yielded better results for I.N.D.I.A. in Bihar.

Organisational strength versus campaign-based electoral fight

UP has thrown up some remarkable electoral results. Chandrashekhar Azad Ravan won with over 150,000 votes from Nagina. His party contested only one seat, and this victory not only defeated the BJP, but also the SP and the Bahujan Samaj Party. His victory is ideological, demonstrates an organisational work which is rarely found, and provides some lessons for many young contestants. It negates the idea that a large national party can be defeated only by competing on their plank of money power and

some supra-organisational work effected by media blitzkrieg. How far this victory will go is a separate question, but he has demonstrated that there can be victories outside the prevalent methods of electoral politics.

Finally, it needs to be acknowledged that the BJP has an ideological reach among the masses as well as a strong organisational network. Unless the Opposition's politics bases itself on a long-term ideological alliance, its existence might be short-lived. Masses have voted for better employment opportunities, to end caste-based discrimination, for affirmative action, for redistributive justice, for a life without hatred, and for better facilities. Whether these demands will be met or not remains to be seen.

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Fight to preserve our fragile ecosystems

RAJDEEP PATHAK

The planet is grappling with unprecedented environmental challenges. According to media reports on May 29, 2024, Delhi recorded the highest temperature of over 50 degrees Celsius, a record-breaking event in 80 years. Then, there is the impending water crises, looming large in the Capital City - between politics and their blame game. Meanwhile, forest fires ravage the hills amidst the political fire ignited by the biggest dance of democracy, the Lok Sabha Elections which has finally ended and a new government will soon join the league of service within this 'democratic' panorama.

Not only this, according to media reports, a massive fire broke out in Kashmir's Rannagar forest division early Sunday, June 2, 2024, causing immense damage and an estimated loss of crores of rupees in timber and other natural resources. Another major fire has been raging for three days in Daya Dhar of Ghordi Block, Udhampur District, intensifying, despite continuous firefighting efforts. The Daya Dhar forest, home to a significant population of peacocks, has suffered extensive harm, impacting these birds and other wildlife. The forest fires in Udhampur pose severe threats to the environment, wildlife, and local communities, with the destruction of vegetation and the release of harmful

pollutants having far-reaching consequences.

Not just this, the social media 'Instagram' is upbeat with a heart-wrenching visual display of hundreds of people of all age groups raising their solidarity in preventing the authorities from felling over 2000 trees of the Khalanga forest, prominently the Sal trees in the hill state of Dehradun. The reason for felling the trees - to address the water crises faced by the City.

This proposal has sparked significant opposition from local activists and citizens, who are protesting, pleading, and urging officials, including authorities - from the Chief Minister to the bureaucrats - to reconsider this move. They highlight that the Khalanga Forest, a vital green lung for the city, contains century-old trees and diverse species, crucial for maintaining ecological balance. Activists suggest constructing the reservoir in Dwara village, which has barren land and suffers from water scarcity, as a more sustainable alternative.

According to a report, dated May 9, 2024, published at <https://groundreport.in/latest/dehradun-2000-trees-will-be-cut-in-khalanga-forest-to-make-a-reservoir-4550484>, activists are voicing strong opposition, citing the ongoing climate challenges like wildfires, etc. Citizens believe that the plan to cut 2,000 trees from the reserve forest requires serious rethinking.

Further, residents of Doon, led by Colonel Vikram Thapa (ret'd), president of Bal Bhadra Khalanga Vikas Samiti, suggest using barren land instead of encroaching on lush green forests. Initially proposed for the Kulhan Mansingh area, the site was shifted to Khalanga. Demonstrators, including 'Nature Buddies', 'Citizens for Green Doon', 'Balbhadra Vikas Samiti', 'Toy Foundation', 'Proud Pahadi', and 'Pahadi Peddlers', symbolically tied "Rakshasutra" (see Instagram video) on marked trees.

Not only this, in another such incident, the Delhi Dehradun Expressway construction, aimed at improving connectivity, resulted in the felling of over 7,500 trees, along a 16-km section. Approximately 4,983 trees were in Uttarakhand, while 2,592 were in Uttar Pradesh. To compensate, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) proposes to plant 1.76 lakh trees.

Welcome to the celebrations that marked the 2024 World Environment Day on June 5. Amidst these glaring adversities and threats to the environment, the World Environment Day 2024 celebrations - whose underlying theme this year is "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration," calls for global action for protecting the environment and rethinking the decisions, that could be detrimental to Mother Nature and her inhabitants. No doubt, this year's World

Environment Day (WED) campaign, focused on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia hosted the 2024 World Environment Day global celebrations.

Despite commitments to Sustainable Development Goal 13 by 2030, climate change persists with escalating devastation. Global temperatures are rising, fuelling catastrophic events like Europe's 2019 heatwave and Australia's 2019-2020 bushfire season. Melting ice caps imperil coastal regions and islands like the Maldives, Miami, and Venice. Extreme weather events, including record-breaking hurricanes and deadly typhoons, wreak havoc, exacerbating water scarcity through prolonged droughts and shifting precipitation patterns.

Addressing climate change requires a comprehensive approach: reducing greenhouse gas emissions, adapting to changing conditions, and promoting sustainable development. Transitioning to renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and geothermal is crucial, with countries like Germany and Denmark leading in adoption. Enhancing energy efficiency in buildings, transportation, and industries can further reduce emissions.

Sustainable agricultural practices, like agroforestry and organic farming, help lower emissions and enhance food security, while urban farming and

vertical agriculture offer innovative solutions. Protecting and restoring natural ecosystems, which act as carbon sinks, is vital. Efforts like the Bonn Challenge and Costa Rica's reforestation initiatives demonstrate the benefits of increasing forest cover and biodiversity.

Promoting a circular economy can reduce resource consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by minimizing waste and reusing materials.

The European Union's Circular Economy Action Plan exemplifies this approach, aiming to transition from a linear "take-make-dispose" model. Sustainable urban development, focused on creating resilient, low-carbon cities, emphasizes public transportation, green building practices, and smart city technologies.

Education and awareness are also critical, as schools, universities, and community organizations play essential roles in fostering environmental stewardship. Through environmental education programmes and campaigns, individuals can be empowered to make informed decisions and take action to protect the environment.

In this context, Mahatma Gandhi's poignant reflection on our connection to the Earth resonates profoundly in these times: "If Earth is not we are not. I feel nearer to God by feeling Him through the Earth. In bowing to the Earth, I at

once realise my indebtedness to Him, and, if I am a worthy child of that Mother, I shall at once reduce myself to dust and rejoice in establishing kinship with not only the lowliest of human beings, but also with the lowest forms of creation whose fate-reduction to dust I have to share with them." This profound statement encapsulates the essence of environmental stewardship and the need for sustainable development.

James Lovelock, a British scientist, proposed the Gaia hypothesis, which views the Earth as a self-regulating system. This idea aligns with Mahatma Gandhi's view of the Earth as a living entity with which we share a deep connection. Lovelock's work emphasizes the interdependence of all living and non-living components of the Earth, suggesting that harming one part affects the whole system.

As we face the pressing issue of climate change, it is imperative to adopt sustainable practices to protect our environment and secure the future for coming generations. Individual actions, combined with collective efforts, can pave the way for a sustainable world, ensuring that future generations inherit a healthy and thriving planet. It is now or never.

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Minimise e-waste for a sustainable future

SHAINY SHARMA

Living in the so-called globalised world, the term electronic waste/E-waste is a time bomb for it comprises electronic devices that are unwanted, not working or have reached the end of their "useful life". However, it is not just a technology-based problem but everyone's problem. Around 80 to 85 per cent of electronic products are discarded in landfills. While it's good to recycle, at the same time it is crucial to prioritise safety and proper practices when handling such waste. No doubt that recycling does aim to reduce pollution, but it should not contribute to environmental harm just because of human irresponsible practices.

However, the serious environmental risks associated with e-waste are significant and multifaceted, affecting ecosystems,

wildlife as well as human health.

As per several research studies, the fastest increase in e-waste output is people's insatiable need to own technological devices. With the growing age and generation, the rapid technological innovation has led to frequent releases of new models of electronic devices. Moreover, human greed too has encouraged consumers to upgrade to the latest versions, resulting in the disposal of older but still functional devices. Frequent disposal of small equipment such as micro-waves, toasters, mobiles, laptops, computers, printers, and televisions followed by large equipment such as washing machines, dishwashers, refrigerators and many more just to maintain the status quo makes Asia generate the most e-waste by the America, Europe, Africa and Oceania with a



recycling rate of just 17.4%. Not only this, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), several adverse health effects are also caused by exposure to e-waste like negative birth outcomes such as premature birth, changes in lung functions and respiratory issues. And not to be surprised, these challenges are emerging

day by day.

With recycling and dumping issues emerging, today many electronic products are often designed with shorter lifecycles due to planned obsolescence, where manufacturers intentionally limit the lifespan of a product to encourage repeat purchases, but improper e-waste disposal leads to

habitat destruction. For example, when e-waste is dumped in natural areas, it can disrupt local wildlife habitats, leading to a loss of biodiversity. In some countries, regulations governing e-waste management are either lacking or not effectively enforced, leading to improper disposal and recycling practices. In regions without Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies, manufacturers are not held accountable for the end-of-life management of their products, contributing to the accumulation of e-waste.

By addressing these underlying factors through comprehensive policies, public awareness campaigns and improvements in recycling infrastructure, it is possible to mitigate the growing e-waste problem and promote more sustainable practices in electronic consumption and disposal. Also, by

addressing the environmental risks of e-waste, one can work towards more sustainable and safer management practices that protect both the environment and public health. While recycling e-waste is generally better for the environment than disposing of it in landfills, some recycling processes are energy-intensive and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. Improving the efficiency of recycling technologies and processes can help mitigate this impact.

It is time to embrace the power of circular thinking as one transforms waste into opportunity, by taking one step at a time. It's time to break free from the linear mindset and forge a path towards a greener future, where resources are maximised and waste is minimized.

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India narrowed inequities in severe child food poverty in last decade: UNICEF

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India has successfully narrowed the inequities in severe child food poverty between poorer and wealthier households in the last decade by at least 5 percentage points, according to a global report by UNICEF on Thursday.

The report 'Child Food Poverty: Nutrition Deprivation in Early Childhood' showed that India is among 20 countries that account for 65 per cent of the total number of children living in severe child food poverty between 2018-2022.

The other countries with severe food poverty among children include neighbouring Afghanistan (49 per cent), Bangladesh (20 per cent), China (10 per cent), and Pakistan (38 per cent).

Globally, about 181 million children -- or 1 in 4 -- under 5 years of age are experiencing severe child food poverty, according to the UN report based on data from nearly 100 coun-



tries. Of these, around 64 million affected children are in South Asia, and 59 million are in Sub-Saharan Africa.

However, the report showed that India is among 11 countries to make progress. Besides India, Armenia made progress in Asia. The other nine

include Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Senegal, and Sierra Leone -- in Africa.

"Children living in severe food poverty are children living on the brink.

Right now, that is the reality for millions of young children, and this can have an irreversible negative impact on their survival, growth, and brain development," said UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell.

"Children who consume just two food groups per day, for example, rice and some milk, are up to 50 per cent more likely to experience severe forms of malnutrition."

UNICEF defines child food poverty as children's inability to access and consume a nutritious and diverse diet in early childhood.

The UN agency recommends eating five of eight main food groups daily -- breastmilk; dairy products; eggs; meat, poultry, and fish; pulses nuts, and seeds; vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables; grains, roots, tubers, and plantains; and other fruits and vegetables.

The report defined children as living in severe child food poverty if they consume foods from two

or fewer food groups out of these eight groups;

Importantly, the lack of a nutritious and diverse diet is restricting children's optimal growth and development in early childhood and beyond.

The report showed that extreme food poverty is making children 50 per cent more likely to experience wasting -- a life-threatening form of malnutrition.

Besides the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, growing inequities, conflicts, and the climate crisis have pushed food prices and the cost of living to record high levels surging the levels of food poverty worldwide.

Child food poverty crises are fuelled by factors including food systems that fail to provide children with nutritious, safe, and accessible options, families' inability to afford nutritious foods, and parents' inability to adopt and sustain positive child-feeding practices, the report said.

1.6 mn people worldwide fall ill daily due to eating contaminated food: WHO

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A 1.6 million people, including 40 per cent of children under 5, worldwide fall ill due to the consumption of unsafe food, said Saima Wazed, WHO Regional Director on Thursday, ahead of World Food Safety Day.

World Food Safety Day, marked annually on June 7, was established by the UN General Assembly in 2018 to draw attention and inspire action to help prevent, detect, and respond to public health threats associated with unsafe food. The theme this year is 'Prepare for the unexpected.'

"Every day, approximately 1.6 million people worldwide fall ill due to the consumption of unsafe food," said Saima, WHO Regional Director for South East Asia.

Of these 40 per cent are children under 5, already at a higher risk of malnutrition and mortality due to unsafe food, she added.

Saima said that unsafe food leads to reduced productivity and raises medi-



cal costs resulting from foodborne illnesses that amount to "an estimated annual loss of \$110 billion, in low-and middle-income countries."

The Regional Director noted that the South-East Asia Region bears the second-highest health burden, after Africa, due to the consumption of contaminated food. The region experiences an estimated 150 million illnesses and 175,000 every year.

Tropical climate, which promotes the spread of pests and advances the formation of naturally occurring toxins, coupled with the impacts of climate change are the reasons behind food contamination.

"Food safety is a collective responsibility, and governments, producers, and consumers need to play their role in ensuring food safety," Saima said.

She called on governments to develop and regularly test the effectiveness of national food safety emergency response plans.

The Regional Director said that producers or food business operators are responsible for implementing and updating food safety management plans.

She also called on consumers to empower themselves by practising safe food handling at home and reporting a food safety incident.

Odisha CS allays concerns over universal health coverage scheme BSKY

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Following concerns over the continuity of the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), the flagship universal health coverage scheme launched by the Biju Janata Dal, Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena on Thursday assured the beneficiaries that the BSKY cardholders will continue to get free treatment under the scheme at the empanelled hospitals across the state.

Jena in a video message also warned stringent action against the hospitals if they are found refusing to accept the BSKY card or discharging patients before they get fully recuperated.

"On behalf of the government, I want to inform



the families holding BSKY cards that the scheme is a government programme which is still in force. Treatment of patients at empanelled hospitals under the scheme will continue and the empanelled hospitals can't deny offering treatment or discharge the patients before the end of the treatment period. BSKY scheme is active and will continue till the new government takes any decision in this

regard," Jena said. He urged the patients to contact the Health Department on the health helpline number (104) if they are denied treatment by the hospitals. "The state government will take stringent action against the particular hospitals for defying the instructions," he said. Earlier, the Health and Family Welfare Department said that the BSKY scheme with approved

budgetary support remains active in the state. The department also allayed the concerns of private hospitals issuing the clarification that the claims raised by hospitals will be paid by the State Health Assurance Society (SHAS) as before.

"This is to clarify that all #BSKY beneficiaries will continue to avail cashless healthcare services. Hospitals have been sensitised to continue treatment to beneficiaries without any disruption. All claims raised by hospitals will be paid by SHAS as before, the H&FW dept posted in the official 'X' handle on Thursday.

The Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana was launched by former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on August 15, 2018.

Energy drinks may raise deadly irregular heartbeat condition: Study

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Consuming energy drinks may raise the risk of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias -- an irregular heartbeat condition, especially among patients with genetic heart diseases, finds a study on Thursday.

Increased caffeine content and additional unregulated ingredients in these beverages known to alter heart rate, blood pressure, and cardiac contractility may be the reason, said researchers from the Mayo Clinic in the US.

They explained that energy drinks contain caf-



feine ranging from 80 mg to 300 mg per serving, compared with 100 mg in an 8-ounce cup of brewed coffee.

However, most of these energy drinks contain other stimulating ingre-

dients in addition to caffeine that are unregulated by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), such as taurine and guarana.

The study published in the journal Heart Rhythm

examined a cohort of 144 sudden cardiac arrest survivors at Mayo Clinic, of which seven patients (5 per cent) had consumed one or more energy drinks near their cardiac event.

"Unusual consumption of energy drinks most likely combined with other variables to create a 'perfect storm' of risk factors, leading to sudden cardiac arrest in these patients," said Michael J. Ackerman, Genetic Cardiologist at the Clinic.

"While the study did not prove direct causation, caution is advised, and doctors recommend that patients consume energy drinks in moderation," the researchers said.

New test to predict dementia 9 years before diagnosis

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

In a significant finding, UK researchers have developed a new test that can predict dementia -- affecting over 55 million people worldwide -- nine years before a diagnosis.

The new test is 80 per cent more accurate than the commonly used methods like memory tests or measurements of brain shrinkage, said researchers at the Queen Mary University of London.

The test is based on analyses of functional MRI (fMRI) scans and detects changes in the brain's 'default mode network' (DMN) -- which connects regions of the brain to perform specific cognitive functions.

DMN is the first neural network to be affected by Alzheimer's Disease.

Charles Marshall from Queen Mary's Wolfson Institute of Population Health called the predictive test "vital for developing treatments that can prevent the irreversible loss of brain cells that causes the symptoms of dementia."

To estimate the effective connectivity between ten regions of the brain that constitute the default mode



network, the team used fMRI scans from over 1,100 volunteers.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Mental Health, showed that the model had accurately predicted the onset of dementia up to nine years before an official diagnosis was made and with greater than 80 per cent accuracy.

In the cases where the volunteers had gone on to develop dementia, it was also found that the model could predict within a two-year margin of error exactly how long it would take that diagnosis to be made.

Further, the researchers found that genetic risk for Alzheimer's was strongly associated with connectivity changes in the DMN.

They also found social isolation can affect connectivity in the DMN and raise the risk of dementia.

Health risk: City residents consuming rice contaminated with carcinogens

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HYDERABAD, JUNE 5:

Rice contaminated with Aflatoxin (AF) poses a significant cancer risk to city residents, a recent study has revealed. Analysis of rice samples collected from local markets in the city revealed that the samples exceeded the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) total aflatoxin acceptable limit.

The average liver cancer risk associated with rice consumption in Hyderabad was found to be 0.27, 0.28 and 0.40 Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) cases/year/1,00,000 individuals in adults, adolescence and children, respectively.

Based on the aflatoxin contamination levels and dietary intake of rice, the health risk was assessed by the margin of exposure (MOE) and liver cancer risk in adults, adolescence and children.

Rice The study, conducted by the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, showed a significant carcinogenic adverse health risk to adults, adolescents and children from AF exposure through rice consumption.

Aflatoxins (AFs) are among the most potent



carcinogens, and as naturally occurring fungal toxic metabolites, pose immediate health hazards and have acute toxicological effects in humans and animals. Consuming aflatoxins through contaminated rice can have serious health effects.

They are highly toxic compounds produced by certain moulds, primarily Aspergillus species, which can grow on crops such as rice, maize, peanuts, and tree nuts under certain conditions.

Aflatoxin exposure can cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and convulsions acutely, and its chronic exposure can also

lead to complications like hepatotoxicity, immunotoxicity, and teratogenicity. It is one of the major causes of HCC in developing countries.

"It's important to note that the severity of health effects depends on various factors, including the level and duration of aflatoxin exposure, individual susceptibility, and nutritional status. Preventing aflatoxin contamination in food, including rice, is crucial for safeguarding public health and reducing the risk of aflatoxin-related diseases," one of the researchers and NIN Food Safety Division head Dr SN Sinha told TOI.

1st fatal human case of bird flu subtype confirmed in Mexico: WHO

AGENCIES
MEXICO, JUNE 6

The World Health Organization confirmed on Wednesday the first-ever fatal case of a subtype of bird flu in Mexico.

It is the first laboratory-confirmed human case of the H5N2 strain of bird flu, or avian influenza, reported globally and the first-ever reported case in Mexico.

This strain is different than the bird flu strain that is currently circulating in livestock in the United States and has infected three dairy workers in the U.S.

The Mexico patient was a 59-year-old resident with no history of exposure to poultry or other animals, according to the WHO.

On April 17, the patient developed fever, nausea, diarrhea, shortness of breath and general malaise. They were hospitalized on April 24 at the National Institute of Respiratory Diseases in Mexico City and died the same day.

The patient's relatives said the person had underlying conditions and they had been bedridden for three weeks for other reasons prior to contracting bird flu, the WHO said. On Wednesday night, Mexico's Health Ministry said the patient had "a his-

tory of chronic kidney disease, type 2 diabetes [and] long-term systemic arterial hypertension."

Test results eventually revealed the patient was infected with bird flu subtype H5N2, which has never been documented in humans before.

No further cases have been documented during health officials' investigation, according to the WHO. Of the 17 people the patient came into contact with at the hospital, one person reported a runny nose in late April. Samples taken from the contacts tested negative for flu and COVID-19. Twelve additional people the patient came into contact with -- seven with symptoms and five without -- were identified near the patient's residence. Nasal samples, throat samples and blood samples were taken from the contacts. The nose and throat samples tested negative for COVID-19 and results from the blood samples are ongoing.

Mexico's Ministry of Health said in a statement Wednesday that "all samples from identified contacts have been negative" for H5N2.

The WHO said while a human infection with bird flu "has the potential for high public health impact," the global health agency

said the current risk to the general population is low. Mexico's Ministry of Health echoed the WHO in its statement.

"The Ministry of Health informs that there is no risk of contagion for the population with the detection of the first human case of low pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N2) in Mexico, since there is no identified source of infection," the statement read.

In the U.S., an outbreak of the H5N1 strain has been found to sicken millions of birds as well as older dairy cows. So far, three farmworkers have been sickened in the U.S., one in Texas and two in Michigan.

All three had mild symptoms and have recovered or are recovering. There is no evidence of human-to-human transmission and the risk to the general public is low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"While both H5N2 and H5N1 belong to the same family of influenza A viruses, H5N1 has been known to infect humans for years, whereas this is the first-ever reported case of H5N2 in humans," said Dr. John Brownstein, an epidemiologist and chief innovation office at Boston Children's Hospital and an ABC News contributor.

Dr Pawan Kotwal convenes 10th governing body meeting of LLARMA to Review DILRMP Project Progress

J1 NEWS SERVICE
LEH, JUNE 6

The Advisor to the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, UT Ladakh, Financial Commissioner Revenue, Ladakh, and CEO of the Ladakh Land Records Modernization Agency (LLARMA), Dr Pawan Kotwal, presided over the 10th Governing Body meeting of LLARMA on reviewing the progress of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) within the Union Territory, at the Civil Secretariat in Leh.

Comprehensive Power-Point presentations were made by the Assistant Commissioner of Revenue, Leh, and Kargil on the various aspects of the DILRMP, highlighting the milestones achieved and identifying areas needing further attention. Detailed deliberations and dis-



ussions held on issues included the digitization of villages surveyed, villages under demarcation, and the establishment of a comprehensive management information system (MIS) for land records.

The Advisor Dr Pawan Kotwal emphasized the importance of the project in ensuring accurate and accessible land records, which are crucial for transparency, reducing

land disputes, and facilitating development in the region. He also reviewed the status of ensuring effective implementation and maintenance of the modernized land record systems.

Dr Pawan Kotwal urged the District Magistrates and concerned officers involved to expedite efforts to meet the project's objectives with active consultants and involvement of villages where the survey is being conducted. He highlighted the importance of modernizing the storage facilities for land records. He urged the concerned officers to enhance the storage infrastructure. The Advisor recommended the implementation of the best storage solutions, to ensure the preservation and easy accessibility of the digitized records. He called for regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the benefits of

the DILRMP reach every citizen of Ladakh.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary of the Housing & Urban Development Department, Ladakh; the Administrative Secretary of the Law Department, Ladakh; the Chief Engineer, CPWD; the Additional Secretary of the Finance, Ladakh; State Informatics Officer, NIC, Ladakh/Representative; the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Leh; the Chief Accounts Officer, Revenue Department, Ladakh; Technical Director, NIC, Ladakh; the Deputy Director Planning (K), Revenue Department, Ladakh; IT Consultant; Project Manager Ramtech Software; Consultant; and concerned officers, while the District Magistrate, Kargil; the Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Kargil; Project Director; and concerned officers joined the meeting virtually.

Charkha Devp Com Network organizes World Environment Day at MS Arai Haveli

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, JUNE 6

World Environment Day Program was Organized at Middle School Arai Haveli by Charkha Development Communication Network.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, an important program was organized under the auspices of the Charkha Development Communication Network at Middle School Arai Haveli.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Incharge, Department of Sericulture, Poonch Campus, attended the event as the chief guest, while the program was presided over by the school's senior teacher, Syed Liaqat Hussain.

During the program, essays and speeches were presented on environmental changes and the responsibilities at both global and national levels to address them. The school's administration and guests were welcomed and hosted by Muhammad Riaz Malik. Guests were greeted with shawls as a token of welcome. Charkha volunteer trainer Khawaja Yusuf Jameel



introduced the Charkha Development Communication Network and provided information about its significant activities, including the programs organized on World Environment Day.

He expressed gratitude to the guests and school administration while highlighting Charkha's objectives. The school's students shed light on environmental pollution, forest conservation, and measures to prevent pollution in the current environment.

On this occasion, the chief guest, Dr. Rubia Bukhari, articulated the fundamental objectives of World Environment Day and offered valuable

advice on key measures to maintain a clean and transparent environment. She appreciated the fundamental principles and regulations of the Charkha organization and its team, and congratulated the school administration for presenting an excellent program.

Charkha volunteer trainer Poonch Rehana Reshi extended her gratitude and discussed her journey with Charkha, highlighting important issues related to its activities. Subsequently, the participating children were awarded prizes and honors. Senior teacher Master Syed Liaqat Hussain, who was presiding over the program, deliv-

ered a speech and praised the Charkha Development Communication Network for highlighting public issues through writing. He thanked the entire Charkha team, especially program organizer Muhammad Riaz Malik, for selecting the school for the Environment Day program. The program coordinator extended thanks and congratulations to the Charkha team, the school administration, particularly Master Maqsood Ahmed, Madam Tahira Jabeen, Master Shabbir Ahmed, Master Muhammad Yunus, and Madam Naseem Akhtar, for making the program a success.

HPCL Depot Jammu celebrates World Environment Day



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

Following instructions from the Union government to organize week-long programs from 05 June 2024 to 12 June 2024 to commemorate World Environment Day, the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) depot in Jammu organized a program at Narwal, Jammu.

In addition to senior officers of the Depot, other stakeholders including office bearers of the Transport Union, drivers, cleaners, and subordinate staff members of the depot also attended the event.

HPCL Depot In-charge Ashish Samalia, accompanied by another senior officer, Abhishek, and S. Ranjit Singh Raina, President of the Jammu and

Kashmir Oil & LPG Tank Truck Drivers and Cleaners Union, distributed plant saplings to the drivers and cleaners. They urged the recipients to not only plant them in suitable locations but also to take care of them.

While addressing the gathering, Ashish requested the participants to respect nature and contribute to maintaining a clean environment as much as possible.

S. Harasis Singh, spokesperson for the union president, thanked the HPCL authorities for organizing the event and giving away free saplings of different kinds of plants to the drivers and cleaners. He also highlighted other social initiatives supported by HPCL under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs.

Rakesh Singh Bhau appointed Youth President of All India Bhau Rajput Sabha



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KHOUR, JUNE 6

In a momentous occasion witnessed by around 1.5 lakh devotees at the revered Baba Accho Dev Shaaan, Taryodashi Rakesh Singh Bhau was officially appointed as the Youth President of the All India Bhau Rajput Sabha. The appointment was made by the esteemed President of the All India Bhau Rajput Sabha, Narinder Singh Bhau, and core members during the bi-annual con- gregation.

Rakesh Singh Bhau

expressed his gratitude towards Narinder Singh Bhau and the entire team for entrusting him with this esteemed position. He pledged to uphold the values of dedication and hard work towards the Sabha and the Biradri, promising to make them proud.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of heads of various Rajput organizations and senior members, further emphasizing the significance of this appointment within the Rajput community.

DPAP leaders greet Eng Rashid's family after historic win



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) leaders including Treasurer Taj Mohiuddin, District President Baramulla Shoaib Lone, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, District President Kupwara Munner Mir, Irshad Tantray, Agha Rizvi, and others, today visited the family of recently elected Member of Parliament Eng Rasheed in Langate, who won by over 2 lakh votes. They extended their wishes and pledged to continue fighting for the release of Eng Rasheed, who is still in jail. Taj Mohiuddin stated, "We had officially extended our sup-

port to Eng Rasheed, and Ghulam Nabi Azad, our chairman, had also asked our workers and leaders to support him to ensure his victory. We are grateful that the people supported him and he won. Now, we must fight for his release so that he can serve the people and raise their voices in parliament." Party's District President Shoaib Lone, who was campaigning for Eng Rasheed, said, "We started the campaign from Uri along with Eng Rasheed's two sons, Abrar Rashid and Asrar. We were not expecting such a response as we had no financial backup. But the people have proved that humanity is still alive by voting in large numbers

and defeating a former CM. We will now continue our fight to get him out of jail." Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami praised Eng Rasheed's sons for their patience and successful campaign. He criticised Omar Abdullah, calling him arrogant for accusing Eng Rasheed's sons of being separatists. Nizami stated, "Omar is frustrated because he lost by more than 2 lakh votes. People have rejected him because he is a liar and has made no sacrifices for the Kashmir cause. Boycotts used to help NC, so now they are frustrated that people came out in large numbers and voted for Eng Rasheed. Kashmiris believe in humanity, and they have proved it."

PDP at its lowest ebb as party manages lead in only 5 out of 54 assembly segments

AGENCIES
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Once a dominant political force, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) now finds itself at its lowest ebb in Kashmir.

In the just concluded Lok Sabha election, the party not only failed to secure any seats, it managed a lead in only five out of 54 assembly segments across Kashmir districts and in Poonch Rajouri - which now also form part of Anantnag Parliament constituency.

The first election following the abrogation of Article 370 was crucial for the PDP's potential revival. Over the past five years, the party has witnessed the departure of several key leaders, which has severely weakened its position.

PDP President Mehbooba Mufti suffered a massive defeat in the Anantnag Rajouri Lok Sabha seat, losing to National Conference veteran Gujjar leader Mian Altaf by nearly three lakh votes.

The results showed that Mufti's extensive campaign in the Anantnag-Rajouri seat yielded limited success, with her leading in only three assembly segments of south Kashmir, an area once considered a stronghold for the party.

As per Election Commission of India figures, Mehbooba led in the three assembly segments - Anantnag, Anantnag West, and Srigufwara-Bijbehara - but trailed behind Mian Altaf in the remaining segments.

In three segments in south Kashmir, National Conference led clearly because of Congress support and in one segment because of CPI(M) leader Y Tarigami. The constituency comprises of a total of 18 assembly segments.

"While Mehbooba Mufti has been vociferously criticizing the Centre's jackboot tactics over the last few years, it seems that people have yet not forgiven PDP for its past alliance with BJP," said a political observer.

In the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency, PDP youth leader Waheed Parra lost to NC leader Aga Ruhullah, managing to lead in only two assembly segments. Parra, who polled 1,68,450 votes, led in the Pulwama and Rajpora assembly constituencies out of 18 segments which are part of Srinagar seat.

The PDP's performance was particularly dismal in north Kashmir's Baramulla Lok Sabha seat, where the party's candidate Mir Fayaz lost his security deposit, garnering only 27,488 votes.

GDCW Kathua hosts Entrepreneurship Awareness Lecture by JKEDI

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, JUNE 6

Government Degree College for Women, Kathua under the patronage of Principal, Dr. Savi Behl, organized an awareness lecture on entrepreneurship in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members alike.

The awareness lecture aimed to inspire and educate students about the various opportunities and resources available for aspiring entrepreneurs. Distinguished representative from JKEDI, Mr. Hari Bhushan, District Coordinator JKEDI Kathua was the resource person on the occasion. He shared valuable insights into the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, including business planning, funding options, and the support infrastructure provided by JKEDI. In his talk, Mr. Bhushan emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in driving economic growth and job creation. The lecture covered essential aspects of starting and managing a business, highlighting the steps involved in transforming innovative ideas into successful enterprises.

Dr. Savi Behl, in her address said "Govern-



ment Degree College for Women, Kathua, continues to strive towards providing its students with opportunities to learn and grow beyond the conventional curriculum. This awareness lecture is part of a series of initiatives aimed at empowering students with the skills and knowledge necessary for their overall development. This collaboration with JKEDI is a step towards equipping our students with the knowledge and skills required to venture into the business world with confidence."

The interactive session also included a Q&A segment, where students got the opportunity to seek clarifications and gain deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The participants expressed their appreciation for the insights pro-

vided and showed keen interest in exploring entrepreneurship as a viable career option.

Dr. Kamini Kapoor from Department of Physics coordinated the whole event. Dr. Ambica from Department of Chemistry presented the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Skill Development Committee and Institutional Innovation Council (IIC) members Dr. Babita Mahajan, Prof. Yash Paul, Prof. Romika Bassin, Dr. Ambica, Dr. Manjot Singh, Dr. Kamini Kapoor, Dr. Sayed Naser Ali Shah, Dr. Ajay Sanotra, Dr. Usha Kiran and Dr. Gagan. The awareness lecture was graced by Dr. Inderjeet Kaur, Prof. Ashwani Khajuria, Dr. Rachna Devi, Dr. Amita Dua, Dr. Renu, Prof. Sachinjeet Singh, Prof. Surbhi Gupta and others.

Controversy after Omar shares a news story on Er Rashid

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Victory of Independent candidate Abdul Rashid Sheikh, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, from Baramulla Lok Sabha continues creating ripples in the political circles in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a massive upset, jailed Engineer Rashid defeated National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah and People's Conference president Sajad Lone with a huge margin.

On Thursday, Omar Abdullah shared a new story "Engineer Rashid's election victory shows Kash-

miri secessionism is far from spent" on X.

A controversy erupted after a television news agency attributed the excerpts of the article shared by Omar to him.

The Peoples Democratic Party youth leader Waheed Parra reacted sharply and said he was extremely disappointed with Omar.

"Extremely disappointed with @OmarAbdullah's regressive stance, echoing the divisive politics of 1987, and dubbing a democratic expression as an 'Islamist wave'. His family's history with the Muslim Conference clashes with calls for the exclusion of PDP, Er

Rashid, and JEI, and will put Kashmir into perpetual conflict with state. A more prudent approach, akin to @MehboobaMufti's plea for Er Rashid's release, would have been acknowledgment of mandate," Parra said on X.

Omar responded to Parra's post saying that he had himself been an advocate for the release of not only Engineer Rashid, others also who were languishing in jails.

"Waheed I don't normally get in to any back & forth conversations here but this time I'll make an exception. I spent my entire campaign talking about

Engineer's release & unlike his campaign I talked about the release of the 1000s detained since 2019," Omar said. "The articles I've put here are not my views but they are a point of view. I may agree with parts, disagree with parts but they are an opinion. As for Rashid's release, it's a matter for the courts as it is in all such cases. I didn't agree with Rashid's detention in the first place & I don't agree with it now but that's neither here nor there because it shouldn't be just about one man but about the 1000s in jail, including the anonymous ones outside J&K," he added.

Congratulatory messages, phone calls from world leaders continue to pour in for PM Modi

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

Congratulations from world leaders continued to pour in for Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he is about to take office for the third successive term, with many leaders posting messages on social media and some also calling him. Among those to call on Wednesday were French President Emmanuel Macron, the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Australian PM Anthony Albanese and Bhutan PM Tshering Tobgay.

On his phone call with the French President, PM Modi said:

"Delighted to receive a phone call from my dear friend, @EmmanuelMacron. Conveyed my commitment to work together to accomplish the ambitious 'Horizon 2047' roadmap. The strong and trusted Strategic Partnership between India & France is slated to scale newer heights in the times to come."

On his call with the Bhutanese PM, Modi said: "Glad to speak with my friend PM @tsheringtobgay. Bharat and Bhutan ties are exemplary, unique and an important pillar of our Neighbourhood First policy. I look forward to taking this special partner-



ship to newer heights." The Bhutanese PM posted on X: "Honored to speak to my friend PM @narendramodi Ji conveying the good wishes of the people and government of Bhutan. I look forward to working closely with #Modi3 to take relations between Bhutan and Bharat from strength to strength."

On his call with the European Commission chief, Modi posted: "Thank President @vonderleyen for her call. As we mark the 20th anniversary of the India-EU Strategic Partnership, we are committed to working together to further strengthen the ties for global good. My best wishes for the European Parliamentary elections."

The European Commission President posted: "Good to speak to @NarendraModi to take stock

following the Indian elections.

"We agreed to continue discussions on strengthening our bilateral relations, including the FTA. And we looked forward to the forthcoming @G7 summit where we will discuss our joint work on global issues."

On his talk with the Australian PM, Modi said: "Very glad to speak to my friend @AlboMP. Thanked him for the warm wishes and congratulations. Look forward to working together to strengthen India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific."

The Australian PM said: "Great to speak with @narendramodi today to congratulate him on his election victory.

"Australia and India are close friends, with strong strategic, economic and

cultural ties. We look forward to growing our partnership in 2024 and beyond. Australia-India."

Modi also received a congratulatory phone call from the Thailand PM Srettha Thavisin.

"Thank PM Srettha @Thavisin for his congratulatory call. Look forward to strengthen India-Thailand strategic partnership for the benefit of our people and the bright future of Asia. Our best wishes to Thailand for successful Presidency of BIMSTEC."

The Thai PM in a post said that PM Modi will be visiting Thailand in September to attend the BIMSTEC Summit.

"A moment ago, I called Prime Minister @narendramodi to express my heartfelt congratulations on his resounding victory at the general election concluded on 4 June 2024. Both of us are committed to working closely with one another to further strengthen the close friendship and elevate the multi-faceted Thailand-India partnership to new heights.

"While Prime Minister Modi will be visiting Thailand in September this year to attend the BIMSTEC Summit; on my part, I look forward to paying an official visit to India at the earliest opportunity to realise the full potential of

our relations."

PM Modi also received messages of congratulations from Philippines President Bongbong Marcos, the Estonian PM Kaja Kallas, Timor Leste President Jose Ramos Horta, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Guyanese President Dr. Irfaan Ali and several others.

The Limor Leste President in his message of congratulations said: "Warmest greetings and congratulations to PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI for his resounding reelection for a third consecutive term. He has led India into the 4th Industrial Revolution, Digital Age, and into the Space Age."

The Brazilian President, in his message of congratulations, said: "Brazil and India are allies in confronting injustices in the international order and in the fight against hunger and poverty. May we meet at the G20 and IBSA Summits here in Brazil and continue working together."

PM Modi is set to take office for the third consecutive term, after his BJP party-led National Democratic Alliance coalition notched up the numbers to form majority in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, and form the government. Modi is set to be sworn-in on Saturday.

YSCC meets XEN, discussed various burning issues in Doda Town



JNEWS SERVICE
DODA, JUN 6

By setting examples to others and in a unique gesture, the Patron Young Star Cricket Club (Regd NGO) Manzoor Ahmed Batt today on 06-05-2024 repaired a pothole near circular road Doda which was posing a threat for the pedestrians while crossing

the road.

The Patron YSCC Doda took the repaired work by his own pocket and later on apprised the concerned Executive Engineer R&B (PWD) Manoj Kumar who appreciated the step taken by YSCC members and acknowledging their social work in the interest of general public.

The XEN then paid

all the dues from his own pocket which were incurred by the YSCC Doda for its repair. During hour long meeting with Executive Engineer, the YSCC Doda also brought the similar issues reported from different locations in Doda Town, to which the officer assured that all issues/grievances shall be addressed on priority.

Director NIT Srinagar condemns acts hurting religious sentiments

JNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Director National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar Prof. A. Ravinder Nath on Thursday strongly condemned any act or incident that may cause hurt to the religious sentiments of any community.

Prof. Nath stated, "We believe that mutual respect and understanding are essential for a peaceful and productive learning environment. We at NIT Srinagar Institute take our commitment to the safety, security, careers and future of our students very seriously," he said.

Director NIT Srinagar said that they are constantly working to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of NIT fraternity.

"In line with our commitment to these values, we have resolved to



include student representation on official committees constituted henceforth to prevent any adverse events that disturb the peaceful atmosphere in our campus," he said.

Prof. A. Ravinder Nath said that the Institute has a zero-tolerance policy for any act or incident that causes harm to religious sentiments or disrupts a safe learning environment.

"We are committed to taking commensurate and appropriate action against those found involved in such incidents, both in

the past and going ahead. It is reiterated that this Institute does not and will not extend any unwarranted leniency in such matters," he said. Director NIT Srinagar urged all our students to adhere to the strict code of conduct with focus on their education and thus work towards building a brighter future with humane sensitivities and values of life.

"By working together, we are confident we can create a more harmonious, respectful and inclusive environment for everyone at NIT Srinagar," he added.

26 Bn BSF organizes free medical, veterinary camp under CAP at Budnamal, Kupwara

JNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, JUNE 6

BSF's 26 Battalion on Thursday organised a free medical camp under Civic action programme at Budnamal village of north Kashmir's Kupwara district with an aim to provide quality medical care and free medicines to the poor and needy people of the area.

The medical camp was inaugurated by Ex BDC chairman Firdous Ahmed Mir along with DIG BSF MD Upadhyay, Commandant 26 Battalion BSF Shri Lienzakai Sithlou and other officials.

Medical camp was organised in consonance with the ongoing peace process by security forces across Kashmir Valley. A team of specialist BSF and civil doctors rendered their services to over 500



patients including men, women and children and 80 Animals were also given free treatment.

These patients had

come from different nearby villages for treatment

Free medicines were also distributed among

people and for animals. People of the area have hailed the efforts of BSF and hoped that security forces will organise such camps in future also. On this occasion DIG BSF Shri MD Upadhyay said that BSF always stood for peace, prosperity and development of the society.

"The aim of such programmes is to develop good relations with locals and also help them in difficult times. It is a continuous process and 26 BSF Battalion is periodically conducting community outreach programs in one or other way. In the past also such free medical camps were organised

in Kupwara district," he added.

He said that they will continue to conduct such civic programmes for the benefit of the local public in future. Second in Command Sh. SFP Vajpai, Deputy Commandant Vijay Kumar, SM Rakesh Kumar Dr Sumit Thakur AC / MO 26 Battalion, Dr Karan Singh AC / MO 26 Battalion, Dr Sreeparna Sahu AC / MO 127 Battalion, and for veterinary Dr Manik Sharma AC (Veterinary doctor), Inspector Yogesh Tanta 26 Battalion BSF were also present on this occasion. Dr Aijaz Ahmad Deputy Superintendent Associate Hospital GMC Handwara, Dr Javid Munawer Gynaecologist, Dr Rameez Nabi Dental, Dr Aayat Mir Medical Officer from GMC Handwara were present on this occasion.

Army organizes Plantation Drive on 'World Environment Day' at Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar



JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 6

In honor of World Environment Day and in commemoration of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas', the Indian Army undertook a significant plantation drive at Sinthan Maidan. The event symbolizes the Army's commitment not only to safeguarding the nation but also to nurturing and preserving its natural heritage. The plantation drive orga-

nized by the Indian Army, saw enthusiastic participation from soldiers and local communities. Trees were planted in memory of the brave souls who sacrificed their life during the Kargil War, serving as a living tribute to their valor and patriotism. The initiative aligns with the Indian Army's ongoing efforts to promote environmental sustainability and foster a greener tomorrow. By engaging in such activities, the Indian

Army reaffirms its role as a responsible steward of both national security and environmental stewardship. This drive stands as a testament to the Indian Army's unwavering commitment to serving the nation and preserving its natural beauty Through collective action and community participation, the Army continues to lead by example, inspiring positive change and fostering a brighter, greener future for all.

Mandate befitting reply to BJP's 'abki baar 400 paar': BSP

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

Bahujan Samaj Party General Secretary and Media Head Rajesh Gupta on Thursday asserted that people have given a befitting reply to BJP's slogan of 'abki baar 400 paar', even as NDA leaders claimed the mandate was against corruption, appeasement and dynastic politics in the country. Gupta said that PM 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.

BSP leader said the people's verdict is against the NDA government, particularly the BJP.

"I respect this mandate. The BJP could not even reach the majority mark,



which had claimed to win 400 seats in the country. People have given them a befitting reply," he said.

"Rajesh Gupta further added the BJP tried to create division in society and differences among communities. I would like to tell the BJP that we will demolish your dictatorial attitude in the 2024 assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir."

Indian Army organizes World Environment Day at Reasi, Rajouri, Poonch



JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, RAJOURI & POONCH, JUNE 6

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Indian Army organized a series of impactful activities in Reasi, Rajouri and Poonch District. To promote environmental conservation and community engagement, the event featured a Cleanliness Drives, an awareness lectures on environmental issues, and a Tree Plantation drive, all conducted with active participation from the resident population as well as troops. The cleanliness drives aimed at tidying up public spaces, remov-

ing litter and promoting hygiene. Local residents worked together to clean streets, parks, and other communal areas, setting an example of the importance of maintaining a clean environment. This initiative not only beautified the surroundings but also raised awareness about the significance of cleanliness in preventing health hazards and preserving the natural beauty of the region. In addition to the cleanliness drives, Indian Army also organized awareness lectures on environmental issues. The lecture covered crucial topics such as the impact of pollution,

climate change, and the importance of sustainable practices. It aimed to educate the local community about the environmental challenges facing the world today and the steps they can take to mitigate these problems. The lectures successfully engaged, the audience, inspiring them to adopt more eco-friendly habits. The events also included a tree plantation drives, emphasizing the importance of afforestation in combating climate change and promoting biodiversity. Soldiers and civilians together planted a variety of saplings, contributing to the greening of the area.

Army organizes Essay writing Competition at Suigarh, Doda

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DODA, JUNE 6

To provide a platform for the school students to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence, an Essay Writing Competition for school going children has been conducted at Suigarh. The competition was organised to develop creative skills among the students and to showcase their talent and to enhance their self-confidence. A total of 45 students participated in the said competition. The response was overwhelm-



ing as the event witnessed active participation by the students. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praiseworthy. The spirit and zeal shown by the children during the competi-

tion displayed the growing transformation leaning towards national integrity and amity amongst different communities of the region. Mr Ankush Sharma, Teacher, Government High School, Thalela said these type of initiatives leaves everlasting imprint on young minds and are always welcomed as they help such far flung areas to relate it with main stream activities. At the end of the competition, prizes were distributed to the winners. The talent and creativity of students in the competition was praiseworthy.

Army organizes Medical, Veterinary Camps for Gujjar, Bakarwals at Sadda, Rajouri

J I NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, JUNE 6

Indian Army has always been known for its ethos, values and traditions of highest order. The professional and humane face of Indian Army is well known and has always been praised and commended. To support and assist the resident Gujjars, Bakkarwals & Pahadi population from Sadda and nearby areas, Indian Army collaborated with State Government to conduct a Medical and Veterinary Camp at Sadda, Rajouri District. The event drew a large turnout amongst Gujjars, Bakkarwals and Pahadi Communities. All communities acknowledged efforts made by the Indian Army to provide them much needed medical care



by doctors. Through the collective efforts of Indian Army and team of civilian medical professionals, resident population received much needed healthcare support and contribution to their overall well-being. The Medical and Veterinary camp was organized mainly with an aim to attend to the medical ailments of civil-

SSP Shopian held an interactive session with newly appointed PSIs

J I NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, JUNE 6

Sr. Superintendent of Police Shopian Ms. Tanushree-IPS held an interactive session with newly appointed PSIs who were attached with district Shopian for practical training at recreation Hall of District Police Lines Shopian.

Raman Suri demands probe into fire at historic Lord Shiv Temple, urges swift rebuilding

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

Expressing his shock over the fire incident that severely damaged the 109-year-old famous Lord Shiv Temple at Gulmarg, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K Executive Member Raman Suri today urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to get the incident probed thoroughly and fix the guilty. He also urged the Dharmarth Trust, which manages the affairs of the temple, to begin rebuilding the temple at the earliest besides ensuring safety and security of the Shival-



inga and idols of other deities of the temple, till the temple is rebuilt.

Raman Suri said, the establishment must find out the cause of the fire and help Dharmarth Trust reconstruct the temple to its old glory of great religious and tourism signifi-

cance. He said, since ages pilgrims as well as tourists have been thronging this temple during their visit to Gulmarg and the same has also been featured and filmed many-a-times. This place is close to the hearts of people around the globe and must be expeditiously reconstructed, so that prayers are started as soon as possible.

The BJP leader said, this Lord Shiv temple, located about 55 kms from Srinagar was built in 1915 by Mohini Bai Sisodia, the queen of Kashmir's last king Maharaja Hari Singh. Known as Mohinishwar Shivalaya Shiv Mandir or

the Maharani temple, it was made up of locally sourced material including wood and stones, and its pyramidal dome was visible from all corners of Gulmarg.

Appreciating the role of local police and residents in dousing the flames, Raman Suri said that everyone present on the spot helped a lot, which is highly appreciable. The temple, which is a popular tourist attraction and has appeared in several Bollywood movies, must immediately be restored to its old glory, Raman Suri added.

Indian Army organizes Lecture Cum Essay writing Competition at Kishtwar

J I NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, JUNE 6

In its continued efforts to raise awareness on the significance of a healthy and clean environment, Indian Army organised a Lecture cum Essay Writing Competition to commemorate World Environment Day-2024 at Government Girls High School, Vill-Sondar of Kishtwar district. A total of 67 Students attended



the event, in which they participated with zeal and enthusiasm. Prizes were awarded to the students

who excelled in the event. Before culmination the students were educated on the importance of

combating desertification and restoration of land by afforestation which plays a key role in sustaining a healthy environment. The event was a fruitful and eventful experience. The resident populace and community leaders lauded the initiative and expressed hope that such initiatives by the Indian Army will give a fillip and aid in developing better future for the society.

Trust celebrates Shri Shani Dev Jayanti at Ancient Shiva Temple, Muthi

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Shri Shani Dev ji, a grand event was organized by the Shri Kailakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust, Jammu & Kashmir, at the Muthi Shiva Temple in the Jammu North Assembly. The celebration included special worship, a havan yajna, and devotional singing.



the environment and keep their surroundings green and lush. He emphasized that the young generation is the future of India and the country's development rests on their shoulders. He also congratulated the Trust President, Mahant Rohit Shastri, for the Trust's invaluable contribution to promoting our culture.

Trust member Ajay Sharma stated that such events will provide new direction to society. He urged parents to instill good values in their children and ensure they do not fall victim to drugs and addiction. Mahant Rohit Shastri is playing a significant role in promot-

ing the divine language, Sanskrit, in the state.

The event concluded with a community feast (bhandara).

Prominent citizens present on this occasion included Jagmohan Sharma, Kuldeep Khajuria, Pawan Khajuria, Prabodh Sharma, Naresh Raina, Uttam Chand Sharma, Prof. Sharad Chandra Sharma, Jagdev Singh Chib, Anshavsharma, Sahil sharma, Bobby sharma, Raj kumar sharma, Bablu sharma, Madan lal ex rto, Pawan sharma, Vikramaditya Sharma, Tirth ram sharma, Surinder kumar Ankush Sharma, and others.

JP Nadra holds meeting with top BJP leaders to discuss outcome of Lok Sabha election

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

As the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is all set to form the government for the third time, BJP President JP Nadra held a key meeting at his residence here on Thursday.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP Organisation Secretary BL Santhosh, and other senior leaders were present in the meeting.

The meeting was convened a day after NDA leaders unanimously choose Narendra Modi as their alliance leader.

sources, the meeting will focus on organisational changes at Centre and State units and the outcome of Lok Sabha election 2024, especially, Uttar Pradesh where BJP only managed to bag 33 out of 80 seats.


On the other hand, several JD(U) leaders have also arrived at the party president and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's residence in the National capital.

On Friday, the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting is likely to be held here where newly elected MPs of BJP, TDP, JDU, LJP (R), Shiv Sena (Shinde Faction), JD(S) and other constituent parties of NDA are expect-

ed to attend it. During the NDA meeting at PM residence yesterday, a resolution was passed unanimously by the NDA leaders to elect Modi as their alliance leader.

"India's 140 crore countrymen have seen the country developing in every field in the last 10 years due to the public welfare policies of the NDA government under the leadership of respected Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi", said the resolution.

It said, "after a very long gap, almost 6 decades, the people of India have elected a strong leadership with an absolute majority for the third consecutive time".


UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION KATRA

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh e-NIT No. 03 of 2024-25 Dated 05-06-2024

(Single Cover System)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (In lacs)	Cost of doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contractor	Head of Account	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1.	Construction Of Elementary Boundary Wall At MS Sherpur District REASI (PAB 2023-24)	7.60					PAB under SAM AGR A SHIKSHA	
	Construction Of Elementary Boundary Wall At PS Channi District REASI (PAB 2023-24)	7.60						
	Construction Of Elementary ACR At PS Channi District :-Reasi (PAB 2023-24)	10.42						
	Construction Of Elementary Boys Toilet At Ps Channi District Reasi Under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA PAB 2023-24	2.37	38.64	600	77280	120 Days		A & B Class
	Construction Of Elementary Girls Toilet At PS Channi District Reasi Under SAMAGRA SHIKSHA (PAB 2021-22)	1.55						
	Construction Of Elementary ACR At MS Serli District Reasi (PAB 2021-22)	9.10						
	Total	38.64						

Position of AAA:-

Accorded vide order No. 06-Chirag of 2024 dated 05-01-2024 by the Deputy Director(Planning) SAMAGRA SHIKSHA J&K & 22-Chirag of 2022 dated 19-09-2022 by the Project Director SAMAGRA SHIKSHA J&K.

Position of T.S :-

Accorded

Position of funds :-

Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website <http://jktenders.gov.in> as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Publishing of Tender Notice	05-06-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 05-06-2024 to 12-06-2024; 1700 Hrs
4	Bid submission Start Date	05-06-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	12-06-2024 up to 1700 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	13-06-2024 on or after 1200 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra.
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Katra** as mentioned in the bid documents.

No:- 660-65

Dated:- 05-06-2024

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Executive Engineer
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Date: 6-6-24

NCC Cadets visit ISRO Center at Central University, Jammu

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JAMMU, JUNE 6

On 6 June 2024, under Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM DG NCC Training Directive 2024-25 focus on contemporary technology orientation and absorption training, Col MK Sharma, Camp Commandant J4 ATC, accompanied by NCC officers and 50 cadets, visited the Central University Campus, Jammu. The cadet entourage was expertly conducted by Dr. Amita Gupta, Assistant Professor and NCC Associate NCC Officer (ANO). Satish Dhawan Space Centre, ISRO: High-Tech Telescopes & Spectroscopy: Cadets received insightful presentations on the functioning and significance of advanced telescopes and spectroscopy. Scientific Instruments: The cadets were introduced to various high-tech scientific instruments



used in space research and exploration. TAWI DHARA (Mini FM Radio Station): Interactive Session with Mr. Rajan: The cadets engaged with Mr. Rajan, PRO, Central University, who explained the operations and impact of TAWI DHARA, the mini FM radio station. Inspirational Sessions: JUO Simran Thakur: Shared a motivating story about the first Para Jumping Qualified cadet from the Bhaderwah-Kishtwar

region. Sgt Shivangi: Narrated an inspiring ballad and discussed essential aspects of being a Radio Jockey, enriching the cadets' understanding of this career. Motivational Interaction with Dr. (Prof) Sanjeev Jain: Achievements and Guidance: The Vice-Chancellor of Central University, Dr. (Prof) Sanjeev Jain, shared his remarkable achievements and offered

guidance to the young cadets, inspiring them to pursue excellence in their endeavours. The NCC Bhaderwah unit, along with all 500 cadets attending the camp, extended heartfelt gratitude to Dr. (Prof) Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Rajan, Dr. Amita Gupta, and the PhD scholars at the ISRO Centre at Central University for facilitating this enriching visit and inspiring the young minds of tomorrow.

Vishal Khatri Sabha organizes 22nd Bhandara at Utterveni to mark Jyeshtha Amavasya

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JAMMU, JUNE 6

Vishal Khatri Sabha today organized 21st Bhandara at Utterveni on Jyeshtha Amavasya by President Devender Seth. Large number of people participated in the religious event. Amavasya is new moon day in Hindu calendar. It is significant day as many rituals are performed only on Amavasya Tithi. Amavasya falling on weekday Monday is known as Somvati Amavasya and Amavasya falling on weekday Saturday is known as Shani Amavasya. All Amavasya days are appropriate to perform Shraddha rituals to appease ancestors. Amavasya day is also appropriate day to perform Kalasarpa Dosha puja. After payers and rituals, Seth prayed for peace in J&K and said that such events bring people closer to each other. He said Sabha is committed to strengthen their resolve and continue to serve community regularly. Seth urged people to stay connected to their roots and continue to observe such rituals in a big way that is aimed at strengthening our culture and heritage.



We in Jammu and Kashmir UT are very much connected to roots and such rituals had always been our way of life, he asserted he added. He said historically rich Jammu has many temples, palaces, water bodies and buildings that if developed can become places of attractions for visitors from all over the country. He laid stress upon the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the bond of unity, harmony and peace for welfare of the Union Territory. Seth said that the society has to grow in unison and spirit of solidarity by isolating

all those creating division, either due to ignorance or for vested interest. For this, he highlighted the crucial need of imbuing the spirit of selflessness and righteousness, cornerstone of every religion, saying unity and tranquility alone will help in isolating such forces. "We have to fight collectively to all those who promote hate, which is not in consonance of our pluralistic ethos", he said and urged the people, especially youth, to come forward and play their useful role in this regard. He said religious polarization is

dangerous for the sensitive state like Jammu and Kashmir. Seth observed that Jyeshtha Amavasya is observed on the Amavasya date of the Krishna Paksha in the month of Jyeshtha. Activities such as bathing, donating, chanting, and penance should be performed on this day. Bathing in holy rivers and pilgrimage sites like Haridwar holds special significance on Amavasya. If one cannot bathe in the holy rivers, mixing Ganga water in the bath at home can also confer merit. It is also essential to donate something to the needy around you on this day. Fasting on Amavasya for the peace of ancestors not only pleases the ancestors but also gratifies Brahma, Indra, Surya, Agni, Vayu, Rishis, animals, birds, and spirits. According to astrology, the moon is considered the deity of the mind. On Amavasya, the moon is not visible, affecting emotional people the most, especially women. The absence of the moon on this day causes agitation in our bodies. Negative thinkers are particularly susceptible to negative influences, added Seth.

Vichar Kranti Manch Int'l, Indian Yoga Association celebrate World Environment Day

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JUNE 6

This day is an occasion that is dedicated to protect and preserve our environment being celebrated on 5th of June as a global reminder of our responsibility to preserve protect and restore ecosystem, this day was established in 1972. World environment day celebrated at Himmat Learning Field Higher Secondary School Chhanni Himmat Jammu. Prof RD Sharma, Former Vice Chancellor Jammu and Noida University, was the chief guest, Prof Sarla Kohli Vice President VKMI & Former principal GGM Science College Presided over the function. S/Shri Ashok Gupta, Founder Chairman Trustee Sarv Uthan trust and Vice President Bharat Vikas Parishad, KS Samyal Retired Superintending Engineer and Vice President Trikuta Nagar Development Council, Mrs Anju Bansal Swar Kokila Former President Bharat Vikas Parishad Shivalik, Shri Abhinandan Jain, Director Mahaveer physiotherapy and yoga centre and Yashpal Sharma Director skill development and financial solutions were Guest of Honours. Welcome address was presented by Shri Chan-



der Mohan Sharma, General Secretary VKMI and Chairman HLF Higher Secondary School. Chief Guest was felicitated by Shri Narendra wadera President Evening Walkers Association Trikuta Nagar sector 2 and Sh JPS Jamwal, Ex Chief Manager SBI The main lecture was delivered on the subject by Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain President VK MI and Chairman IYA, explained about the theme of the World Environment Day 2024 as "Land Restoration Desertification and Drought Resilience" with the slogan 'Our Land our future' with the help of this theme we can emphasize the urgency to protect our environment and put pressure on the direction to restore land and combat is desertification. We mark this significant occasion. It is imperative to reflect on the critical need for environmental conservation and sustainable practices. How we can save over the environment from pollution Smt

Monica Khajuria Nutrist and LM VKMI explained to reduce the burning of fossil fuels, as these shows release large amounts of carbon dioxide, which causes air pollution. Main factors to help to protect environment from pollution as Reduce Reuse and Recycle, Energy Conservation, Proper use of water, Use long lasting light bulb, it was described by Prof Kohli. Adopt eco friendly and sustainable Lifestyle, say no to single use plastic and segregate waste. The chief guest of the function, Prof Sharma, said it is important to plant trees but more important to sustain them from decay. A tree was planted on the occasion with the reciting of Concerning song on conservation of environment by Mrs Bansal. Mrs Indu Sharma Principal HLF Higher Secondary School presented a vote of thanks to participants and dignitaries for sparing their valuable time for this Nobel cause.

Uttarakhand blizzard: 9 bodies of K'taka trekkers to be flown to Bengaluru

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, JUNE 6

The bodies of nine trekkers from Karnataka who are perished in a severe blizzard in Uttarakhand are expected to be flown to Bengaluru on Thursday, officials have confirmed. The tragedy struck a 22-member trekking group, organized by the Himalayan View Trekking Agency, Maneri, after they embarked on a 35-kilometer trek from Uttarkashi on May 29. The group included 18 trekkers from Karnataka, one from Maharashtra, and three local guides. Karnataka Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, currently in Dehradun, met Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Radha Raturi and Disaster Man-

agement Secretary Ranjit Sinha to express gratitude for their swift response. He requested assistance to transport the bodies back to Bengaluru, and arrangements were promptly made. "All nine bodies are expected to arrive in Dehradun by noon. After embalming at a local hospital, they will be airlifted to Bengaluru today," Gowda stated. The Minister also reported that eight trekkers, including women, were rescued and transported to Dehradun on Wednesday. An additional five rescued trekkers will be airlifted from Uttarkashi to Dehradun today. "On Wednesday, five bodies were airlifted to Uttarkashi, and in an early morning operation today, four more bodies were recovered and trans-

ported to Uttarkashi," Gowda said. Post-mortem examinations are currently being conducted in Uttarkashi, after which the bodies will be airlifted to Dehradun for embalming. Following the incident, Gowda traveled to Dehradun to oversee and coordinate the rescue operations. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah instructed officials to ensure the safe rescue of the trekkers and the prompt return of the deceased to Karnataka. The trekking team from Karnataka had started their high-altitude journey to Shastratal Mayali in Uttarakhand on Tuesday morning. While attempting to return to their camp, they were caught in a severe blizzard at 2 PM and became stranded.

J&K Police Cyber Cell Kupwara solves online financial fraud

JINNEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, JUNE 6

In a swift response, J&K Police Cyber Cell Kupwara has successfully solved an online financial fraud case by recovering Rs 96,606. The complainant reported about receiving a fraudulent call for credit card activation, which led to the unauthorized debit of Rs 96,606 upon following the instructions provided during the fraud call. Immediately upon receiving the complaint, Cyber Cell Kupwara gathered evidence and information from the victim. Utilizing advanced cybercrime investigation techniques, the team managed to solve the case within 24 hours. J&K Police strongly advises the public to remain vigilant against online fraud. We emphasize the importance of avoiding suspicious links, refraining from installing unauthorized apps, and being cautious with personal information shared online. In case of encountering any suspicious activities, citizens are urged to report immediately to the National Cyber Crime Helpline Number 1930 or visit www.cybercrime.gov.in.

SSP Ganderbal chairs meeting with various stakeholders in Sonamarg

JINNEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, JUNE 6

In order to provide best possible facilities to the tourists and Amarnath-Ji Yatries, SSP Ganderbal Shri Sandeep Gupta-IPS alongwith SDPO Kangan Shri Muzaffar Jan-JKPS held meeting with the stakeholders at JKTDC Conference Hall Sonamarg. During the meeting, threadbare discussion took place with all the stakeholders including Hoteliers, Traders/Market Association, Sumo-Stand Association and Pony-Porters Association for providing best possible facility to the Tourists and Yatries by displaying fair rates of services and products. SSP Ganderbal also sought the co-operation from all the Hoteliers of Sonamarg for providing helping hand and assistance to Tourists and Yatries in case of any eventuality. Furthermore, Sumo-Stand Association also ensured smooth movement of Yatries.

SC directs HP govt to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Delhi

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, JUNE 6

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Himachal Government to release 137 cusecs of surplus water to Haryana which will then release the water to fulfill the requirements of Delhi. A Bench comprising Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice KV Viswanathan while hearing the plea filed by Delhi government seeking to release surplus water by Haryana to tide over shortage in national capital, said that Himachal government should release the water to Haryana which will let pass it to Delhi. Senior Advocate Dr Abhishek Manu Singhvi appeared for the Delhi government. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Vikramjit Banerjee appeared for the respondents. Singhvi told the court, "Himachal has no objection and Haryana has not responded. We have the reports (of the board) just now.

Justice Viswanathan said, "It is an existential problem Mr Banerjee." ASG then read from the Upper Yamuna River Board report. Justice Mishra said, The water is coming from Himachal not Haryana? Dr Singhvi replied, "yes" Justice Viswanathan then said, "this is about right of way. If we do not take cognisance of such a serious issue please ... Himachal is giving 150 cusecs to you (Haryana) let it pass through. We will tell the Chief Secretary if needed, the bench said. Dr Singhvi then read from the report saying that the water from Beas (river) can be sent through Haryana canals. "Himachal is showing grace and humility" Counsel for Haryana said the proposal is not feasible: "There is no way it can be done." Justice Mishra said to Singhvi, "Tomorrow there should be no politics saying Himachal is giving the water but Haryana not releasing." Dr Singhvi said, We just



asked for one month. This should have needed 5 minutes only." Justice Viswanathan said, It is the board's recommendation now, we are passing order on that not by taking cognisance of the petition. Justice Mishra said who will monitor whether Himachal is releasing the surplus water or not? Dr Singhvi said, This is very unfortunate my lords (Haryana's contentions). Advocate Shadan Farasat also appearing for Delhi government said, "Look at Haryana's attitude. This is obstruction of the highest my lords. They do not have any valid reasons." Justice Viswanathan

said, "Is the water crisis not recognised (by the report)? Justice Mishra asked the Counsel what is the objection if we pass orders to release the surplus water? Singhvi said, "With great respect they have no answers to Justice Mishra's question. This is only a one month stop gap measure. The bench said, "Yes you have said 5 times. We are also in Delhi for this next month." ASG said, "There is no way to measure and differentiate the surplus water is Haryana's contention. Singhvi said, The board knows very well that water like money is fungible. Farasat said, "The

release will happen from Hathnikund which is upstream from both States and Delhi will receive it downstream via Wazirabad. That is how it works. Haryana counsel said, We are disputing the data given to the Board. Justice Mishra said, what is the source? If data or statements were wrong then we will haul up for contempt. Himachal counsel: An official from Jal Shakti ... ASG said that is union of India. Justice Viswanathan jokingly said, "We all have shakti from jal Advocate Farasat said, "They just do not want to get it done. Singhvi said, Their attitude is not to help. Justice Mishra said, "You just have to give passage". The bench then dictated the order and said, Haryana government stated that it is also facing heatwave but the Board was not given data on any resultant water shortage there, while Delhi has asked for 150 cusecs of

water to meet drinking water demands to meet out heatwave conditions. The bench said, "Since Himachal has no objection, we direct that it shall transfer 137 cusecs of water from the upstream so water reaches Hathnikund and reaches Delhi through Wazirabad. As and when the surplus water is released by State of Himachal Pradesh with prior intimation, the State of Haryana shall facilitate the flow of water from Hathnikund to Wazirabad so it reaches Delhi without obstruction so the residents get drinking water." The bench said, "We are conscious of the fact that due to the acute water shortage, there should be no wastage of water by the Delhi government for which it should adopt the measures suggested by the Board. The bench said, "Considering the urgency, we direct Himachal Pradesh to release the water tomorrow with prior intimation to Haryana and UYRB shall measure the water for onward supply.

Indian Army organizes Medical Camp at Didi Morh, Katra



JINNEWS SERVICE
KATRA, JUNE 6

Indian Army with the aim of providing essential health care facilities to the community, conducted a Medical Camp at Didi Morh region of Jammu and Kashmir. The camp offered a comprehensive range of medical services, including consultations, check-ups and treatment to the resident populace. In addition, medicines were also given to the patients

free of cost. The camp witnessed a remarkable turnout as people of all age groups of nearby villages attended the camp, reflecting the diverse healthcare needs of the community. It's heartening to see the defenders not only protecting the country on the battlefield but also working towards promoting health and wellbeing in the society. Resident populace appreciated the effort of Indian Army for conducting this camp.

RDD organizes 2 day capacity building training workshop on VRPR, GPDP

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on Thursday had an interactive session with Self Help Group (SHGs) and other participants of two day UT level capacity building and training workshop on Village Poverty Reduction Plan (VPRP) and Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) at TRC Srinagar.

Dr Shahid, while interacting with the participants, emphasized the importance of understanding their duties besides learning and proper training from master trainers. He urged upon the SHGs and other participants to actively take part in formulation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan and help in poverty reduction in their areas.

Dr. Shahid highlighted that the main aim of these capacity building programs is to train those who work on ground and can contribute towards betterment of the department and the villages as well. He underscored the necessity for field functionaries to actively participate and engage in the training programs to effectively



contribute towards development and betterment of their respective villages and departments.

Earlier, the RDD conducted a two day UT level capacity building and training workshop focused on master trainers for the Village Poverty Reduction Plan (VPRP) and Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP). The workshop aimed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge for effective implementation of these plans at various levels.

The workshop trained over 200 participants including SHG mem-

bers, cluster coordinators, account assistants, Panchayat secretaries, NRLM staff, CIS and data operators who have now become master trainers.

The session was conducted by Resource Person, Shibabrta Kar besides thematic experts from Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj.

During the workshop, hands-on training on VPRP components, steps and process cycles including preparation of entitlement plans, livelihood plans, social development plans and public goods, services and resource development

plans was imparted to the participants.

In addition to the structured sessions, the workshop featured group presentations and a feedback and open house session, allowing the participants to share insights and discuss challenges.

The training was designed to orient the participants on the concept and importance of VPRP and GPDP convergence, familiarize them with the process and necessary components of VPRP and provide knowledge required to prepare the VPRP plan.

The target groups for

this initiative included PRI functionaries, Gram Panchayat elected representatives and officials, other line departments' field-level officials and Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

The workshop employed interactive methods such as lectures, brainstorming sessions, subgroup discussions, guided reading, case studies, group activities and multimedia presentations to engage the participants effectively.

A significant component of the training was focused on Self Help Groups (SHGs), a pivotal initiative aimed at empowering grassroots organizations and fostering community led development in rural areas.

The training manual provided to SHG members is intended to equip them with essential skills in participatory planning and governance. This enabled the SHG members to actively formulate and implement development plans at the Gram Panchayat level. The participants learned about how to conduct needs assessments, prioritize development goals, and advocate for community interests within the framework of local governance structures.

SP College celebrates 'World Environment Day-2024'



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, JUNE 6

The 'World Environment Day-2024' celebration organized by the P.G. Department of Environmental Science, SP College Srinagar, in collaboration with NSS, was a resounding success, epitomizing a collective commitment to environmental stewardship.

Dr. Suhaib A. Bandh, Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Science, delivered a stimulating lecture on the paramount theme "Land Degradation, Desertification, and Drought Resilience."

The event presided over

by Prof. Ghulam Jeelani Qureshi, principal of college, garnered notable attendance, with distinguished guests including Prof. P.S. Manhas of GGM Science College Jammu, and Dr. G.M. Bhat of SKUAST-K, enriching the intellectual discourse with their expertise and speeches.

Attended by a multitude of students, the lecture provided a comprehensive exploration of pressing environmental challenges and mitigation strategies.

A touching manifestation of this commitment was the plantation drive, meticulously coordinated by the principal, guests,

faculty members, and students. The planting of approximately 200 saplings, encompassing a diverse array of species such as Pinus wallichiana, Cupressus, Cedrus deodara, and Ginkgo Biloba, symbolized a tangible investment in ecosystem restoration and biodiversity conservation.

This multifaceted event not only facilitated knowledge dissemination but also underscored the imperative for concerted action in safeguarding our planet for future generations, encapsulating the ethos of environmental responsibility embraced by the academic community at SP College Srinagar.

DC Bandipora alongwith Commander 109 Inf Bgd spearhead Plantation Drive & Awareness Rally

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District Administration Bandipora, in collaboration with 109 Infantry Brigade, Dawar, Gurez, on Thursday, celebrated World Environment Day with great enthusiasm at Dawar, Gurez.

The event began with plantation drive and awareness rally which were spearheaded by Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Shakeel ur Rehman and Commander, 109, Inf Bgd, Dawar and attended by large number of students, youth, prominent locals, civil, police and army officials.

The event was marked by organizing plantation drives, cleanliness drives, awareness programmes, and eco-friendly practices besides other activities.

On the occasion, the DC held an interactive session with students and emphasized the importance of the ecosystem of its different aspects.

The DC, while interacting with students, said that on World Environment Day 2024, we unite to reaffirm our dedication to



safeguarding the abundant biodiversity and natural assets of our planet.

The DC said that this year's theme, 'Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience,' under the slogan 'Our land Our future,' emphasizes that we have the ability to restore the Earth by reconsidering our connection with nature and implementing decisive

measures to counter environmental decline.

He said that even our tiniest actions can spark monumental changes, and our combined efforts today will mould the future world. He also stressed minimizing plastic waste and preserving water to adopt renewable energy and safeguarding endangered species, every individual has a part to

contribute to this worldwide endeavor.

During the event, the DC, along with the participants, made a solemn pledge to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives.

They committed to raise environmental consciousness within their own communities, aiming to motivate others to participate in the endeavors of con-

serving and safeguarding the environment.

On the occasion, Brigadier Uday Samyal, Cdr 109 Inf Bde also gave a thought-provoking speech on the undeniable significance of the environment in supporting life on Earth. He also appreciated the active role and participation of the Army, Police, students, and district administration in organising these awareness campaigns.

Amplifying the enthusiasm of the day, an awareness rally was carried out to spread awareness about the significance of preserving the trees and nurturing nature.

The event was attended by Brigadier Uday Samyal, Cdr 109 Inf Bde, Col MS Kumar, CO 3 J&K NCC Bn, Col Madhab Boro, SDM Gurez, Adm Offr J&K NCC Bn, Col Adwait Patil, CO 2/3 GR, Lt Col Vikas Chander, Edn Offr 109 Inf Bde, SDPO, Tehsildar, Executive Engineer, BDO, Forest Ranger, ZEO.

The event also witnessed active participation from community members, students, officials, Ex-Servicemen, and locals.

DC Srinagar reviews implementation of PMAY-Urban scheme in District



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In order to review the implementation of PMAY(Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana)-Urban scheme in District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud Din Bhat on Tuesday here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Syed Ahmad Kataria and Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, the meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer, UDAK Srinagar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Deputy General Manager, Housing Board, Tehsildars; SLI/CLT Experts and other concerned.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner

took a detailed review of the physical and financial status of the PMAY-Urban cases identified and approved in District Srinagar.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner was informed that as many as 3245 PMAY- Urban cases were sanctioned in District Srinagar out of which 3100 have been Geo-tagged. Besides, 1728 cases are at the construction stage, while 1517 cases are completed.

He was further informed that payments in favour of 852 cases have been disbursed as on date.

Speaking on the meeting, the DC directed concerned to put up the list of 463 re-verified eligible cases with concerned higher authorities for the approval in time bound manner.

He directed them to expedite the processing

of existing cases while verifying individual cases as per the checklist by Revenue authorities, Housing Board Officers and Ward Officers on ground. While reviewing the financial status of PMAY-Urban scheme in District, the DC directed Officers to ascertain the status of pending bills submitted for disbursement of installments to beneficiaries.

He maintained that if the status is not available then the bills should be submitted afresh for approval through District level committee subjected to condition of verification.

Meanwhile, the DC directed the concerned to delist those cases which fall under the Revenue authority of District Budgam but are somehow enlisted within Srinagar Municipal area.

JK to host maiden adventure race, international marathon

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After successful hosting of Formula 4 car race, Jammu and Kashmir is gearing up to host its maiden marathon and adventure race.

This was revealed during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, here at Civil Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Home, Commissioner Secretary H&UDD, Commissioner Secretary Tourism, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Secretary Youth Services and

Sports, Ladakh Marathon founder, Chewing Motup Goba and other officers.

The Chief Secretary said that Kashmir has all the necessary ingredients to make it an ideal world class marathon and racing adventure destination. He said that hosting adventure sports will provide a platform for our youth to perform at the national and international events. He made a mentioning of successful conduct of first ever Formula-4 car show on the banks of Dal Lake Srinagar in March 2024.

He directed the con-

cerned officers to create roadmaps and timeline based goals for hosting international marathon in Kashmir and start preparations in this regard. If all goes as planned, marathon will be held in October this year in Kashmir and in Jammu in March 2025, coinciding with favourable weather conditions, he added. He said that the aim should be to make Kashmir Marathon event recognised as a running event both domestically and globally. He asked the officers to prioritise huge participation



from other countries in the marathon. He also asked them to explore possibility for hosting adventure race in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that hosting adventure sports will have

multiplier impact on economic stimulation through tourism and local business engagement and promotion of JK as a premier adventure sports destination on the global stage.

Chewing Motup Goba, the brain behind the Ladakh Marathon who has a vast expertise in the field of adventure, will be organising the Marathon and adventure race in

Jammu and Kashmir.

He gave a detailed presentation on the road map to be followed for hosting the marathon and the preparations to be made in this regard. He proposed that the marathon will be held from Polo View upto Nishat Garden. He said that by starting a marathon, Kashmir can leverage its unique terrain and cultural heritage to attract runners and tourists, boosting the regions visibility and economy. He said that Kashmir has the potential to become leading global destina-

tion for adventure sports with proper planning and execution. He said that running events have seen exponential growth over the past few decades, becoming a global phenomenon that attracts millions of participants annually. He proposed two running disciplines marathon (42 km) and half marathon (21 km). He said that adventure race will be a multi disciplinary sporting event including activities such as trail running/running, swimming, boat race and cycling/mountain biking.