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Govt grants 3-day leave to Migrant, **PM Package** employees for **Mahashivratri** 

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 1

Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday granted 3-day special leave to Jammu based migrant and PM Package employees working in Kashmir in view of Mahashivratri.

According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency the special casual leave will be granted to the employees on 7, 9 and 11 of this month.

"Sanction is hereby accorded to the grant of three days Special Casual Leave on 7th, 9th and 11th March in favour of Jammu based Migrant and PM Package employees working Kashmir Valley, who desire to celebrate 'Mahashivratri' with their families at Jammu," reads the order. KNO

#### **Dr Abdul Rouf Bhat assigned** charge of Project **Director J&K AIDS Control Society**

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 1

The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday assigned the charge of the post of Project Director AIDS Control Society to deputy director health Dr Abdul Rouf Bhat.

In an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency, it is hereby ordered that Dr. Abdul Rouf Bhat, Deputy Director Health Services, Kashmir, shall look after the charge of the post of Project Director, AIDS Control Society, J&K, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

"The arrangement in respect of the doctor is made purely on temporary basis and subject to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before the Court(s) of law and shall not confer any right upon the doctor to claim preferential treatment at the time of regularization/ placement/promotion which shall be made strictly in accordance with the rules," reads the order. **KNO** 

#### JKDMA issues avalanche warning for nine districts

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 1

Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Friday issued an avalanche warning in the higher reaches of nine districts in the Union Territory during the next 24 hours, officials said.

An avalanche with "medium danger" level is likely to occur above 2200 metres over Bandipora, Baramulla and Kupwars districts of North Kashmir and in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district in the next 24 hours.

A similar warning has also been issued for the people living above 2200 metres over Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, Ramban and Reasi districts

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# LG chairs high-level meeting on Budgetary Expenditure



Secretariat on Monday.

attended by Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dheeraj that capital expenditure Gupta, Additional Chief has achieved 102 percent Nirbhar I&K." the Lt Gov-Secretary Forests; Santosh growth in 2023-24 as com-D Vaidya, Principal Secrepared to 2018-19. We have tary, Finance Department, also registered an impres-Administrative Secretaries sive increase in Excise

and senior officials.

The Lt Governor took appraisal of the depart-Lieutenant Governor ment-wise progress Manoj Sinha chaired a achieved in the Financial review meeting on Budget- Year 2023-24 and called ary Expenditure in the UT upon the officials for 100% of Jammu Kashmir, at Civil utilization of funds available under Centrally Spon-The meeting was sored Schemes and Capex.

It is heartening to see

and other Tax & non-tax Revenue. These are the indicators of a streamlined financial prudence system in place in the Union Territory, he said

"J&K is touching greater heights today as the focus on massive infrastructure development is towards meeting the aspirations of people and building Aatmernor further added.

He asked the Administrative Secretaries

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## Lt Governor addresses inaugural ceremony of industrial unit of Bloomtex Industries Pvt Ltd

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 1

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the inaugural ceremony of the industrial unit of Bloomtex Industries Private Limited.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Bloomtex Industries for starting the production within one year.

He reiterated the commitment of the UT administration to provide a the growth of industrial sector in Jammu Kashmir.

"Progressive reforms for ease of doing business, revolutionary new

vibrant environment for scheme, transparent land destination for the invesallotment policy, best tors," he said.

Incentives, Return On Investment (ROI), afford- added that the compliance availability of land was able electricity for units burden has been reduced an issue, but now we are and low crime rate have to facilitate the ease of making dedicated industrial development made J&K the preferred doing business.

Today we can fulfil the 70% land need of The Lt Governor further the industries. Earlier,

## Both approved in 2019: AIIMS Jammu operational; Northern Command Chief assesses AIIMS Awantipora only halfway complete

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 1

Two highly-anticipated All India Institute of Medical the operations at AIIMS remains unfinished. Jammu have started following its inauguration Awantipora won't be comby Prime Minister Naren- pleted soon. If the governdra Modi last month, the ment wants to complete pora is lagging far behind time, then there is a need completion, with approx- to work in double shifts,"

the work still pending. obtained by the news AIIMS Awantipora project mir are suffering more for tions, adverse

unfinished.

Officials informed KNO Sciences (AIIMS) projects that the deadline for the pora and neighbouring given priority to AIIMS were approved simulta- completion of AIIMS Awa- areas have urged the Awantipora. neously for Jammu and ntipora is January 2025, Kashmir in 2019. While but nearly half of the work

"It seems the AIIMS the past five years, only ously. According to details around 50 percent of the

next 11 months."

government to expedite the project's completion by December to alleviate their suffering due to the the work is going in full lack of treatment options for various diseases.

Expressing disappoint-AIIMS project in Awanti- this ambitious project on ment over the unequal faced various challenges, progress, locals said both including legal disputes projects should have been over land acquisition, the imately 45-50 percent of they said, adding, "Over completed simultane- aftermath of Article 370

agency, the deadline for has been completed. The the want of treatments

AIIMS Awantipora's com- authorities have a daunt- as compared to Jammu pletion is January 2025, ing task of finishing the who have easy options to yet a lot of work remains remaining work within the visit the AIIMS Delhi," the locals said, adding that the Locals from Awanti- government should have

> Meanwhile, officials working on the AIIMS Awantipora project said swing and will be completed by January 2025. However, they said the project abrogation, issues with "The people of Kash- nearby military installa-

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# security situation on LoC

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 1

land during his visit to the hinterland. the Pir Panjal region on second day of his tour.

the first day of his visit, General Naveen Sachdehe inspected Line of Con-va. trol (LoC) structures in

Rajouri and Poonch.

Army Northern Com- news agency, during his es of the Counter Insurmand Commander, interactions with the gency Force (CIF)-Romeo. Lieutenant General MV troops, Lieutenant Gen- This marked Lieutenant Suchindra Kumar, con- eral MV Suchindra Kumar General MV Suchindra ducted a comprehensive not only assessed the Kumar's inaugural visit review of operational overall situation along the to the Pir Panjal region readiness and security LoC but also delved into after assuming the role conditions in the hinter- the security dynamics of of Army Commander, In addition to the for-

paid a visit to Rashtriya According to the Rifles formations, which reports received by the operate under the auspic-Northern Command.

During his interac-Thursday, marking the ward areas, he closely tions, he emphasized the examined the security imperative of enhanced He also visited National arrangements in the hin-coordination among vari-Rifles formations and the terland, in collaboration ous security agencies to Romeo Force Headquar- with White Knight Corps foster stronger ties with ters in Palma. Earlier, on Commander Lieutenant the local populace and The Army Commander ies. KNO

thwart the nefarious intentions of adversar-

# '400 plus for Modi' is common people's demand: Dr Jitendra

**AGENCIES** 

JAUNPUR (UP), MAR 1

"400 plus for Modi" is common people's demand, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today

It is not only the BJP worker appealing for 400 plus mandate, but the common citizen of India who wants a third term for Narendra Modi to lead India in the Amritkaal, he

Pensions, Atomic Energy Pradesh.



The Union Minister and Space, Dr Jitendra of State (Independent Singh was interacting with Charge) Science & Tech- the media on the sidelines Modi has emerged as the nology; MoS PMO, Per- of a meeting with party tallest leader today, his sonnel, Public Grievances, workers in Jaunpur, Uttar word is heard

In the last two terms Prime Minister Narendra

# J&K's International Border records 40 homestays, offers zero line view to visitors

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAR 1

In a bid to boost tourism along the International Border (IB), 40 homestays have been identified, unique opportunity to witness farming activities on the zero line and experience life near the border firsthand.

This initiative, aimed at promoting border tourtourism landscape in the region. According to the reports

received by the news not only a comfortable the Central and Union agency, under the joint stay but also a chance to Territory administrations, lighted the collaboration between the immerse themselves in the homestay scheme is

providing tourists with a manage homestays effi- further enhancing the ciently.

A formal agreement was

mittee and the School of style. Additionally, plans Business Studies of the are underway to estab-Central University, young lish libraries and gyms in entrepreneurs will receive Ramgarh and transform initiative, Chamliyal resispecialized training to community bunkers into dent Des Raj expressed enhance their skills and model bunkers in Samba, tourism experience.

signed between University sparked enthusiasm paved the way for eco-Vice Chancellor Professor among border residents, nomic opportunities and Sanjeev Jain and Samba particularly young entre-tourism development. He District Deputy Commis- preneurs, who are now noted that the cessation sioner Abhishek Sharma embracing the oppor- of cross-border shelling ism, is set to redefine the to kickstart this initiative. tunity to capitalize on has instilled a sense of homestays, the burgeoning tourism security among villagers, designed in a bunker-like potential of the region. opening up new avenues fashion, offer tourists With the support of both

Higher reaches of Jammu experienced

Samba District Skill Com- the local culture and life- gaining momentum, with tangible benefits already beginning to emerge.

Speaking about the gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fostering peace along The initiative has the border, which has for growth.

The locals also high-

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## Tourism deptt working on renewed plan to make J&K a world famous tourist destination

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 1

In a meeting today called to take a peek into the renewed tourism development plan by the Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, several new innovative steps were highlighted by the concerned department to make J&K the most popular tourist destination in the country.

Commissioner Secretary, Tourism, Yasha egy under development eral aspects of this strat- Chief Secretary.



Mudgal elucidated sev- for the cognizance of the it was made out that the progressive Department is in a process

During this meeting of working out different CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 1

mercury, officials said.

The strategic 270-km ings. Jammu-Srinagar national rains, a landslide blocked missioner Doda Harvinder will now reopen on March Batote-Kishtwar highway Singh has directed the 4. near Pakki Hatti, the officiosure of all educational

fresh Snowfall; Rains in plains

vacation in schools, which days across the district. The high altitude areas of were supposed to open in Jammu region recorded the winter zone of Jammu cal examinations will be fresh snowfall, while the region including Doda, conducted as per schedplains including the winter Kishtwar and Ramban on ule," Doda cluster head of capital city were lashed by March 1, was extended by schools Nazir Ahmed said. rains on Friday, resulting two days in view of the

institutions, both govern-They said the winter ment and private, for two

"However, the practi-

He said the classwork in appreciable drop in the prediction of heavy snow- in all the schools of winter fall and avalanche warn- zone of Jammu province was supposed to resume "In an effort to ensure from March 1 after twohighway remained open the safety and well-being and-a-half month winter for one-way traffic despite of students, Deputy Com- vacation, but the schools

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# PMAY-Urban empowers 591 homeless in District Ramban

RAMBAN, MARCH 01

In the heart of District Ramban, three vibrant municipalities are witnessing a remarkable transformation through the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U). As many as 591 eligible families, spanning across the Municipal towns of Ramban, Banihal, and Batote have released the dream of owning a house.

Under the visionary leadership of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, empowerment and dignity for the community.

In Ramban Municipal



lies are already relishing Committees, 247 and ing appreciation from the call them home. Through Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaud- the comfort of their com- 186 families respectively hary, the PMAY-U scheme pleted homes, while 158 have been bestowed with has transcended mere others have been granted the promise of a brighter housing provisions and the privilege of a PMAY-U future through PMAY-U. has become a symbol of house and the rest are in The tireless efforts of the different stages of construction

Council alone, 115 fami- and Batote Municipal been met with resound- the families who now tude, they thanked the PM local municipalities have enabled 139 families in by the beneficiaries echoes

beyond bricks and logs, as it resonates hearts of the recipients. The government's commitment to fulfilling the dreams

of its citizens has people. It is not just about PMAY-U, dreams have not just a PMAY-U house, providing houses, it is about nurturing a sense of belonging and security within the community.

The gratitude expressed Likewise, in Banihal Banihal and 87 families the sentiment of millions Batote, Manzoor Ahmed tion of their dreams.

in Batote to step into across the nation, who Mir from Ward No-05 while the construc- sanctuary in the PMAY-U tinue unabated for the landscapes to rural vistas, remaining beneficia- the PMAY scheme stands as a testament to the gov-PMAY-U extends far dedication to uplifting the lives of its citizens.

deeply within the picturesque landscapes recalled the hardships of Ramban, Banihal, and Batote, it illuminates not and the harsh summer and just the newly constructed hopes and aspirations of been realized, and futures have been secured, paving and safety. the way for a more inclusive and prosperous society. Parveen Kumar from Ward No-2, Mansar, MC symbolizing the realiza-

their new abodes, have found solace and Hollan, MC Banihal, and Pritam Singh, from Ward tion endeavors con- initiative. From urban No-1, Bass Mohalla near Rehamat Masjid, MC Ramban, recounted their poignant journeys of tran-The impact of ernment's unwavering sitioning from houselessness to homeownership. Reflecting on their past As the sun sets over the experiences, they vividly endured during rainy days winter seasons in their houses, but also the bright previous accommodations. With heartfelt gratifor bestowing upon them but dignity, social security,

> They affectionately refer to their newfound homes as 'Sapno ka Ghar',

strengthening veterinary

to become a vital hub for

at the grassroots level.

## **Jt. Directorate of Information** Kashmir condoles demise of Ex. Deputy Director, Gh. Rasool Badana

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, MARCH 1

The Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir Friday condoled the demise of Ex. Deputy Director Information, Gh. Rasool Badana soul. (Azad) who breathed his last in Srinagar after prolonged illness.

Gh.Rasool Badana hailing from Hachmarg Chowkibal in the condolence meeting, in Kupwara district was also a noted scholar, prominent over the demise. fiction writer of Urdu and Gojri languages.

In this connection, a wherein he lauded the role of the ex. Officer of the department.

The Joint Director in his address expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise and offered sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed

Deputy Director Information (PR), Cultural Officer and other officers and officials also participated expressing deep anguish

Meanwhile, a similar condolence meet was held at District Information Centre condolence meeting was Kupwara, wherein Officers/ chaired by Jt. Director Infor- officials paid heartfelt tribmation Kashmir, M Aslam ute to the departed soul and prayed for strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

## DC Doda reviews arrangements for month of Ramazan

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 1

Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh along with ADC, Sudarshan Kumar led a comprehensive meeting with stakeholder departments and non-official committees to review arrangements for rity arrangements. the upcoming holy month

of Ramzan. on strengthening essential Bhaderwah were directed services such as drinking to maintain hygiene in and water, power supply, secu- around the Town and the rity, traffic management, CA&FCS department for issue of stray animals, ensuring the availability cleanliness, availability of of essential commodities bers of the Seerat Comessential commodities and at government-approved market monitoring.



necessary vigil and Secu-The ARTO was asked

to regulate traffic man-The meeting stressed agement. MC Doda and rates. ADC Kumar stressed The DC instructed the on the importance of col-Public Health Engineer- laboration among departing (PHE) department to ments to minimize incon- of Commerce and Industake measures to maintain venience to the public. supply of potable water, He highlighted the imporwhile the Power Develop- tance of ongoing mecha- tion. Additionally, police ment Department (PDD) nisms, such as the forma- officers and SDMs also was tasked with providing tion of supervisory squads participated virtually in uninterrupted electricity. and monitoring commit- the meeting.

The Police authorities tees to ensure compliwere tasked to maintain ance with regulations. Additionally, departments were directed to address specific concerns raised during the meeting such as maintaining uniform

> rates etc. The meeting was attended by district officers, representatives of line departments, memmittee Doda, members of the Butcher Association, Chicken Seller Association, President Chamber try, Doda and President of Vegetable Seller Associa-

## **Director Animal Husbandry kick**starts 4th round of FMD Vaccination

JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, MARCH 1

In a significant move towards bolstering animal health and welfare, the Director Animal Husbandry, Purnima Mittal today kick-started the 4th round of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination campaign from Bijbehara.

Additionally, marking a milestone in veterinary infrastructure development, the Director laid the foundation stone for the Sub District Veterinary Hospital in Bijbehara.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said that the initiative underscores the commitment of the Department of Animal Husbandry towards ensuring the health and wellbeing of livestock, an integral aspect of agricultural sustainability and rural livelihoods.



By initiating the fourth District Veterinary Hospi- ing animal welfare and round of FMD vaccina- tal in Bijbehara signifies a enhancing the socio-ecotion, the department aims concerted effort towards nomic well-being of rural to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease among the livestock population, thereby safeguarding the interests of livestock sector.

establishment of the Sub care facilities to the live-sion.

to all stakeholders, including government authorities, veterinary professionals, and local communities, for their unwavering support and collaboration in realizing these initiatives.

expressed gratitude

She reiterated the department's commitment to promot-

communities through healthcare infrastructure effective veterinary services and infrastructure This hospital is poised development.

Chief Animal Husbandfarmers and enhancing providing quality health- ry Officer Anantnag, Javaid the productivity of the care services to animals, Mohi ud Din Zargar and offering diagnostic, treat- other officers and officials Furthermore, the ment, and preventive were present on the occa-

## Silk Mark Expo-2024 takes off at Kala Kendra Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 1

Silk Mark Organization of India, an initiative of Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India today started its distinctive Silk Mark Expo

2024 here in the Kala

Kendra. Scheduled to continue till March 8, 2024, the expo will be open to all from morning 11:00 am till evening 8:00 pm during

this period. This expo has around 20 stalls put up by Authorised Users of Silk Mark from all over India covering 08-10 states representing approximately 12 silk weaving clusters.

It has diversified silk products like Tassar Silk sarees with fancy designs having embroidery with contrast color, Kantha work, Silk bags, Shirts, Dhotis, Blouses and Garments apart from traditional Kanjivaram, Banarasi, Pochampally, Murshidabad, Mysore Silk, Uppada, Paithani, sarees.

The Expo offers a great chance for those looking to purchase pure silk for ensuing weddings in the family, upcoming special occasions and festivals or regular use.

The Silk Mark Expo 2024, Jammu was inaugurated by Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, Director, Sericulture **Development Department** (SDD), Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir in the august presence of Dr. N K Bhatia, Director, CSR&TI, Pampore, K. S. Gopal, CEO, SMOI, Bengaluru and other scientists and staff of Central Silk Board and Sericulture Development Department today here at Kala Kendra.

The Silk Mark Organization has invited all the silk lovers of Jammu to visit the Silk Mark Expo 2024 Jammu to experience and explore the Fabulous World of 100% Pure Silks and encourage the weavers and artisans from across India.

Silk Mark Organization of India, an initiative of Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India organizes Silk Mark Expos all over the country to ensure the discerning silk loving consumers get an opportunity to see and buy 100% pure silk products from across India. These expos also provide a platform to the genuine Weavers, Co-operatives, Societies, Women Entrepreneurs, Traders, etc. to showcase and sell their products to consumers who understand the value of pure

# Div Com chairs Shri Shiv Khori **Shrine Board Meeting**

JAMMU, MARCH 1

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, who is also the Chairman of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board, on Friday chaired reviewed the arrangements for Maha Shivratri apprised on the comparaheld at the Shrine.

The meeting was Board, Anshul Garg, which are under execu- at Katra. Deputy Commissioner, tion via a PowerPoint pre-Tourism, Vivekanand Rai, new initiatives by SSKSB SSP Reasi, Mohita Sharma, for providing better faciliofficers of SSKSB, PDD, ties to yatris and the proof Shri Shiv Khori Shrine coming MahaShivratri Board, Professor Chan- Mela. Prasad Raina.



The Div Com was devotees at the Shrine.

previous years, activities

der Mouli Raina, Dr. Shiv the arrangements for the holders to make best At the outset, the Divi- Div Com directed the otees and smooth conduct sional Commissioner Deputy Commissioner of the MahaShivratri Mela sought the details of the Reasi and SSP Reasi for at Shri Shiv Khori Shrine, development of Shri Shiv providing the best facili- Ransoo, Reasi.

the meeting of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine and pro- ties for a memorable spir-Khori Shrine Board and posed works for the same. itual experience for the

He further asked CEO Mela to be organized being tive figures of the number SMVDU for extending supof devotees arrived in the port and assistance to the SSKSB by providing wide attended by Chief Execu- proposed for develop- publicity to the Maha tive Officer, Shri Mata ment of the Shrine, details Shivratri Mela through Vaishno Devi Shrine of developmental works flex and video messages

SSP Reasi was directed Reasi (VC SSKSB), Vishesh sentation. The Div Com to start comprehensive Paul Mahajan, Director was also apprised on the planning for security arrangements and queue management during the Mela on the auspicious PWD, besides members posed activities for forth-festival of MahaShivratri. Directions were also

Reviewing issued to rope in all stake-MahaShivratri Mela, the arrangements for the dev-

# CEO reviews Lok Sabha Election-2024 preparedness in Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency



JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 1

today visited Baramulla and chaired a comprehenreview the preparation for Lok Sabha Election 2024 in 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency to ensure smooth, free and fair conduct of the said election.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa; Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan; Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman; SSP Baramulla, SSP Kupwara, SSP Bandipora, SPs, Deputy Election Officers, Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) of all assembly constituencies, election officials from all the three districts and other concerned officers.

Parliamentary Constitutwo Assembly constituen- mapping, and the develop-

cies of Budgam district.

CEO was comprehensively Chief Electoral Officer briefed by the DCs, who (CEO), Jammu and Kash- are also District Election mir, Pandurang K Pole Officers (DEOs) of respective districts, regarding the various arrangements sive meeting of officers implemented by the the elections. at Dak Bunglow here to administration to facilitate the smooth conduct of the electoral process within the DEOs, AROs, AEROs underscored the importhe parliamentary constituency of 1-Baramulla.

> Among other facets, the discussion encompassed the meticulous implemen- and ensure all necessary personnel deployed for tation of the electoral roll measures are taken to electoral duties on the process, assessment of logistical requirements, manpower management plan, risk management plan, transportation of Electronic Voting staff and security personrobust security arrangements both in plains and border areas.

The meeting further deliberated on allocahere that the 1-Baramulla Resources, implementation of the SVEEP plan at ency consists of all the booth level, formulation Assembly constituencies of of a comprehensive mate-

ment of an extensive train- mentation of widespread

meeting, the CEO directed and all the stakeholders tance of guaranteeing involved in the conduct Adequate Minimum Facilof election to create a ities (AMF) for the pollconducive environment ing staff and the security encourage and facilitate election day and instructwidespread participation ed the appointed Welfare electoral process.

DEOs to establish robust first aid, and electricity, Machines (EVMs), polling control rooms in their at their designated camprespective districts to ing areas for their comfort nel, implementation of monitor various aspects and well-being while fulof the election process, filling their duties during including tracking EVM- the elections. Later, the munication from polling Baramulla, Minga Sherpa It is worth mentioning tion of sufficient Human and social media while the warehouses where the acting as point of contact EVMs for the conduct of in case of any emergencies Lok Sabha Elections are during the elections.

the AROs for the imple- India (ECI).

During the meeting, the ing program tailored for awareness campaigns at Assistant Returning Offi- the booth level by engaging cers (AROs), Assistant Elec- BLOs, sports personalities, toral Registration Officers government employees, (AEROs), and designated youth icons, influencers, nodal officers to ensure and by organizing sports extensive preparation for events, rallies, competitions, door-to-door cam-Speaking during the paigns etc. Meanwhile, the CEO

from the community in the Officers to ensure availability of clean wash-The CEO instructed the rooms, drinking water, carrying vehicles, com- CEO, accompanied by DC stations, monitoring print and other officers visited housed securely, ensur-To maximize public paring strict adherence to the Baramulla, Kupwara and rial management plan, ticipation in the electoral guidelines set forth by the Bandipora Districts and efficient and secure route process, Pole instructed Election Commission of

### DIPR condoles demise of former Dy Dir G.R Badana employees remembered to bear this loss.

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 1

of former Deputy Direc-ment. tor, Information, Ghulam brief illness.

ing held in this regard, the bereaved family members other assignments.

the outstanding servic-

Rasool Badana (Azad), paid their rich tributes to various capacities from who passed away after the officer, prayed for eter- Information Officer, PRO In a condolence meet- soul and strength for Director-Publications and

Notably, late G.R es of the officer to this Badana was a noted The employees of Depart- department and the liter- Urdu and Gojri scholar ment of Information and ary landscape and who and writer. He was also Public Relations (DIPR) actively made an impact the member of Jammu have condoled the demise for the growth of depart- and Kashmir Information Gazetted service and The officials of the DIPR served the department in nal peace to the departed Raj Bhawan, Deputy

## DC Budgam initiates beautification project at heritage Syed Ali Aali Balkhi Shrine Pakherpora



BUDGAM, MARCH 1

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay progress of ongoing works Labroo today paid visit to near the Astana Aaliya Heritage Swami Nand Lal Hushroo. He stated that Aashram Temple at Hushroo Chadoora and the improvement work near heritage Shrine of Syed Aali Balkhi at Pakherpora be taken up for execution repairing works in an in Charar-i-Sharief.

On the occasion, the DC laid the foundation a visit to the heritage stone for different devel- shrine of Syed Ali Aali opment and upgradation Balkhi Pakherpora where works at both the heritage he initiated Phase-1 beau-

During his visit to heritage shrine. Ashram, the DC laid foun-

heritage Swami Nandlalji Ashram and also reviewed interior development and in a week's time.

He said that the dam- and officials.

dation for multipurpose aged devri stones and community hall at the patches shall be replaced with new stones to not only smoothen the surface level but also to maintain the aesthetic and heritage view of the Shrine surroundings.

He instructed for car-Aastana-e-Aaliya shall also rying out the pathway expedited manner to Later, the DC also paid facilitate hassle-free passage to devotees.

The DC was accompanied by CPO, SDM, Ex. Engineer REW, R&B, tification project for the BDOs, Tehsildars and other concerned officers

## **GCW Udhampur Students embark on** Study visit to SKUAST-Jammu

JAMMU, MARCH 01

A group of Students of Government College for Women, Udhampur undertook a study visit to SKUAST-Jammu, where they were exposed to the latest scientific advancements in mushroom Biol-

The visit was organized by JKSTIC, Udhampur in collaboration with IIC, GCW Udhampur and held under the guidance of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu and Dr. Anil Sharma, Dean, Faculty of Agricul-

The event was coordinated by Shruti Khanna. District Coordinator from IKSTIC, Udhampur and Dr. Sachin Gupta from SKUAST-Jammu.

In his address, Dr. the year cultivation and Ravinder Singh, Coordinator, Campus visit Dr. Moni Gupta gave a Committee, Faculty of detailed presentation

Agriculture briefed the about the benefits of students about various mushroom consumption activities and academic and the biochemical comprogrammes of the Unipounds present in them. versity and motivated During their visit to the them to become future Apiculture Unit, the stuagri-preneurs. The students got exposure about dents visited Mushroom the benefits of beekeepand Apiculture units ing as a source of income of the University In the generation and about the mushroom unit, the stuvarious products besides dents learnt about varihoney that are produced ous types of mushrooms by honey bee. It was a first including the medicinal time eye opener exposure mushrooms, their round of the students to the latest advancements in

nutritional importance. entrepreneurship oppor-

6 Private tour operators allotted seats for Haj-2024 in Kashmir

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 1

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India has allotted seats to six HGOs (Private Tour Operators) in Kashmir for registrawas stated as per communication OM No.Haj-

For the information of the public in general and aspiring Haj Pilgrims of the names of these HGOs are hereunder.

Ministry of Minority

Affairs, Govt. of India

M/s Sahar Tours and Travels, Sulaiman Comcategory II.

Jan Complex, M.A. seats under category II.

Road, Srinagar; File No. JK02527224 has been allotted a seat quota of 50 under category II.

M/s Labaika Haj & Umrah Services, 2nd Floor, MS Shopping Mall, Residency Road, Sgr; tion Haj-2024 after they File No. JK02544624 has were found eligible. This been allotted 50 seats under category II

M/s Al Ghazali Tour & 15/28/2022-HAJ-MoMA Travels, Madina Chowk, dated: 29-02-2024 of Gawkadal, Sgr, File No. JK02456124 has been allotted 50 seats under category II.

M/s Fly High Tours and Travels, Mir, Com-Haj-2024 in particular, plex, S.K. Colony, Anantnag; File No. JK02459024 (Private Tour Operators) has been allotted a seat quota of 50, under category II.

M/s Al Hayat Hajj plex, Dalgate; File No. and Umrah Travel Ser-JK02487024 has been vices, Crescent City allotted 50 seats under Centre, 1st Floor, Main Road, Budgam; File No. M/s Universe Travel JK02449924 has been Corporation, Dr. Ali allotted a quota of 50

## **Preparedness for Pulse Polio Immunization** Campaign reviewed in District Doda



DODA, MARCH 1

The preparatory meeting for Pulse polio Immunization campaign was held ies were sensitized about jurisdiction of all Poshan assigned duties to con-Projects in District Doda.

nization Campaign is is to ensure that no eligible between Poshan Projects scheduled to commence child is left without receiv- Doda and the Medical on March 3, 2024 under ing the polio vaccine. Department are crucial the direct supervision of Supervisors of concerned in making the Pulse Polio S. District Programme zones were specifically Immunization Campaign Officer Paramjeet Singh. directed to closely moni- a success.

An extensive exercise was conducted to ensure effective execution of the cam-

The field functionar-

tor and liaise with Medical Department functionaries to ensure the success of the Pulse Polio campaign. District Programme

Officer S. Paramjeet Singh emphasized the importance of thorough preparation and coordination among all stakeholders involved in the campaign. By sensitizing field functionaries and closely monitoring their activities, the campaign aims to across various zones in the their individual role and achieve maximum coverage and eliminate any gaps duct awareness among in immunization efforts. The Pulse Polio Immuthe public. The objective The collaborative efforts

#### AHD organises series of awareness camps across Ramban



JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, MARCH 1

The Animal Husbandry Department Ramban, under the guidance of Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, on Friday conducted a series of awareness camps in Magarkoot, Ukhral, of the district.

schemes such as IDDS, ings. IPDP, HADP and IFFD.

geons (VAS). The sessions Husbandry.

NABARD has launched 15 days Livelihood Enter-

prise Development Pro-

gramme (LEDP) for 90

females from various

SHGs in Pahloo area of

inaugurated by Deputy

NABARD, Surinder Singh

in presence of District

Development Manager

(DDM) NABARD, Rouf

Zargar and Lead District

Manager, Parvez Rashid.

The project will focus

sion, DGM NABARD said

The programme was

Manager

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KULGAM, MARCH 1

Kulgam district.

General

enterprise.

featured insights from progressive farmers who shared their firsthand experiences as beneficiaries of government-sponsored schemes, highlight-Deputy Commissioner, ing the positive impact on their livelihoods.

Under the leadership of CAHO Ramban, Dr. Suhail Kawoosa the program was Sumber and Kunfer area efficiently conducted with Dr. Azhar at Ukhral, Dr. The primary objective Parvaiz at Magarkoot, Dr. of these camps was to Mehrajuddin at Sumber, educate farmers about and Dr. Zahid at Kunfer different departmental overseeing the proceed-

The CAHO said that Additionally, the importhese awareness camps tance of vaccination and play a vital role in disdeworming in control-seminating knowledge, ling animal diseases was empowering farmers, emphasized by the Vet- and promoting sustainerinary Assistant Sur- able practices in Animal

## **DDC** inaugurates one-day Job Fair at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL, MARCH 01

tunities in Agriculture and

allied fields.

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today inaugurated a one-day job fair in the presence of Joint Director Employment, Kashmir, Zeenat Ara at Govt Boys Higher Secondary School Ganderbal.

The job fair, organized by the District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) was aimed to provide a convenient platform for educated unemployed youth for placement opportuni-

The event witnessed an overwhelming response

tion, the DDC engaged with employers and job ance for the best pos- 300 job seekers and ben- event. sible outcomes from such eficiaries, with 53 job

cates were presented to employers, and 04 candi- Director RSETI Urfana; AD beneficiaries of recently dates securing immediate Handicrafts/Handloom concluded skill devel- employment opportuni- Ganderbal, Vice Principal opment courses, and ties. appointment letters were handed over to selected such as RSETI, NRLM, DE&CC Ganderbal.



iob seekers on the spot.

vehicles, further empowering them towards selfemployment.

Certificates of appreciafrom job seekers and tion were also presented unemployed youth from to individuals who made motivational speaker and During the inaugura- the success of the pro- Sheep Husbandry Departgram.

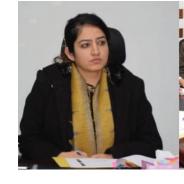
seekers being shortlisted attended by LDM Gan-Furthermore, certifi- on the spot by 09 different derbal, Shabir Ahmad;

and Himayat had installed Additionally, three stalls for on-the-spot reg-Mumkin beneficiaries istration and awareness. and job seekers to interact were provided with keys Moreover, District Induswith potential employers of small commercial tries Centre and Handicrafts/Handloom Ganderbal registered candidates for self-employment opportunities.

Dr. Shabir, a certified valuable contributions to Technical Officer from the ment, delivered an inspir-The job fair facilitated ing speech to motivate seekers, providing guid- the participation of over participants during the

The event was also GBHSS Duderhama, along Skill training institutes with officials/officers from

## **District Advisory Committee** reviews implementation of PC&PNDT Act in Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 1

Deputy Commissioner Registration & Regulation the national average.

presentation on the cur- cial camps in Anganwadi ment Act.

Dr. Manhas briefed the Udhampur, Saloni Rai, chair about the clinic reg- for strict and robust on Friday chaired the istration process, norms, monitoring of drug de-District Advisory Com- and procedures for cancel- addiction centers to premittee meeting to evalu- lation in cases of misuse, vent misuse for spreadate the implementation emphasizing the need to ing drug addiction were of the PC&PNDT Act and improve the sex ratio in also emphasized. The the Clinical Establishment the district, which is below DC sought active support

After thorough discus-The meeting was held sion, the DC directed the and assist in spreading in the Mini Conference concerned authorities to various initiatives of the Hall, DC Office Complex. conduct surprise inspec- District Administration. The meeting was tions of these centers to The CMO was instruct-attended by Additional prevent illegal practices ed to grant provisional reg-District Development of sex determination and istration to clinical estab-Commissioner, Ghan female foeticide. The CMO lishments upon fulfilling Sham Singh, DIO Udham- was tasked with organiz- necessary formalities. pur Rajinder Kumar Digra ing awareness and sensi- CMO was further tasked and other officers besides tization sessions/camps with conducting inspec-District Advisory Commit- at the block level, in col- tions of both registered laboration with BMOs, to and unregistered clinical At the outset, Chief educate people on wom- establishments and impos-Medical Officer Dr. en-related issues. Addi- ing fines and penalties on Anil Manhas delivered tionally, the DC instructed any defaulters as outlined

rent operational status of Centers on Nourishment ultrasound clinics in the Day to address women's health-related issues.

Necessary measures from NGOs to sensitize the public on various issues

a detailed PowerPoint the CMO to conduct spe- in the Clinical Establish-



on skill development training on papier machie aspects, including undercraft and its value addistanding market, poten- NABARD. He informed tion enabling the memtial mapping and ultibers to set up their own mately fine-tuning skills and entrepreneurship to Speaking on the occamanage the enterprise.

The programme is supthat LEDP is a focused ported by NABARD and training programme implemented through the under the project. The which provides end to end NGO VOESEP by engaging trainees would also be support to SHG members master trainers and subthus enabling them to ject craft experts from take up income generat- the field. The training in Srinagar for learning ing activity for livelihood. will cover all the aspects The programme involves of papier machie producintensive training and tion, design, prototypes has been support-

handholding on various and sessions on mar- ing artisans and weavketing, informed DDM ers through its grant- markets.

that the programme shall be held in 03 batches and all the equipment and training material shall be provided free of cost deputed to exposure visits to successful units experience.

Pertinently, NABARD

based programmes such as mEDP, LEDP, OFPO and cluster-based programmes. These programmes are ultimately aimed at bringing the craftsmen and artisans together for merging them into Off Farm producer Companies. NABARD also supports successful SHGs and Artisan groups in marketing of products by sponsoring them to exhibitions and mela within and outside the state.

Besides, NABARD has been providing local marketing avenues to SHGs by providing Rural Marts to sell their products in local

## NORTHERN RAIL

original/revised bids up to closing date and time only 251-Elect-T-69/2023-24 Tender No. Electrical Work in c/w Provision of 24x7 emergence power supply in existing tunnels in JAT-SVDK section. Name of work

94,00,462.37 Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,88,000.00 Completion Period 21.03.2024 after 15:00 Hrs. 251-Elect-/T.Notice No. 54-Elect/2023-24 Dated: - 01.03.202

## Govt miserably failed to protect the rights of Other Backward Classes: Dr Veeri, Teli

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, MAR 1

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Workers meeting OBC Cell at Udhampur under the chairmanship of Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell and Dr. Bashir Veeri former MLA was the Chief Guest. The meeting was organized by Ch. Mohd Gani, Anayatullah District President OBC Cell Udhampur and Capt. Pavitar Singh.

While addressing a workers meeting Dr. Bashir Veeri said that the present govt has miserably failed to protect the rights of Other Backward Classes (OBC).He said that there is no one in the about which the governadministration to look ment has been making tall into the burning issues of claims. In fact the people tiatives taken by the sucdowntrodden including are decrying for basic cessive National Confer-OBC's and moreover they amenities, he added. are being treated quite shabbily under the pres-

Veeri said that the BIP





Addressing the party workers, Mr Abdul Gani Teli expressed great dis-

population.

Teli enumerated the inience Governments in ameliorating the lot of weaker sections, especially Other Backward Class segment appointment against the of the society. He also promised the moon but all J&K administration for recalled the contribution the promises proved to be pursing anti-poor policies, of Sher -e- Kashmir Sheikh merely hollow slogans. He stating that it has callous- Mohd Abdullah towards said that there has been no ly ignored the interests upliftment and welfare development on ground of Other Backward Class of Other Backward Class

segment and said that literacy and socio-economic emancipation got impetus during his tenure and the successive National Conference governments.

On this occasion several prominent workers of the BJP joined the National Conference and reposed their faith in its policies and programmes.

Those who joined the party included Romesh Chander, Bishan Dass, Thakur Dass, Isher Dass, Ration Chand, Beli Ram, Kaka Ram, Raj Kumar, Puran Chand, Froj Din, Tej Din, Mohd Shafi, Mohd Hussain, Neik Mohd, Mohd Sharief, Shan Mohd, Kaku Din, Babu Din, Jamal Din, Mohd Rafiq, Kalasho Devi, Lajya Devi, Renu Devi, Maknoo Devi, Sema Devi, Rita Devi, Geeta Devi, Sushma Kumari, Vimla Kumari, Sardra Begum, Sonu Begum, Gulzar Begum, Saleema Begum, Sabnam Bibi and Jeetan Begum. Those who were present in the meeting included:- Capt Balbir Singh, Ch Rashid, Molvi Zakir Hussain, Mohd Rafiq

## Last date for online admission and re-registration for January 2024 session extended till 10th March, 2024

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 1

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has extended the last date for fresh admission as well as re-registration for the January 2024 session till 10th of March, 2024. The date of reextended with a Late Fee of Rs.200/- only.

To enroll in the next year or semester, learners need to register on the Portal and click "New Registration" button to proceed and provide the correct mobile number and e-mail ID so that the University is able to send confirmation and other important updates only number and e-mail ID are entered.

In case the learners face difficulty in registering on the portal (not getting OTP/ forgot Username/Password or any other difficulty), they need to approach Regional Centre Jammu for re-setting of their

They can apply for by the submission dead-IGNOU re-registration line. The students who January 2024 by visiting did not attempt the termthe official website of the end examinations or did IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in. not submit their assign-The direct link for online ment can also apply re-registration is https:// onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/ January 2024 provided which can be accessed the minimum duration registration has been under the drop-down is completed and promenu option "Register gramme validity has not Online" on IGNOU web-

sion form online, canbe ready with a Mobile No., Email ID, properly scanned academic under the drop-down documents, photograph menu option "Register and Bank Debit /Credit/ if the correct mobile Net Banking for payment of fee. Applicants can access the IGNOU admission portal 2024 at IGNOU website www. ignou.ac.in or by directly following the link https:// ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in.

dates must fill and submit Director.

account/updating email the IGNOU re-registra-ID or mobile number. tion January 2024 form for re-registration for expired. They can apply for IGNOU re-registration For filling the admis- January 2024 by visiting the official website of the didates need to create a IGNOU www.ignou.ac.in. User ID and Password on The direct link for online the SAMARTH portal and re-registration is https:// onlinerr.ignou.ac.in/ which can be accessed Online>>Re-registration"

on IGNOU website. "The desirous learners who wish to seek admission or re-register themselves for subsequent year/semester must avail this opportunity of date extension and apply online well before the To enroll in the next last date", said Dr. Jai year or semester, candi- Prakash Verma, Regional **DGP J&K sanctions** retirement gift of Rs. 1.60 Crore in favour of police personnel JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 1

As a token of appreciation for their services to the Department, the Director General of Police, J&K, Shri R. R. Swain has sanctioned retirement gift of rupees one crore and sixty lakhs in favour of 160 Police personnel of J&K Police who are retiring from services today after attaining superannuation or on voluntary retirement.

Retirement gift of rupees one lakh each has been sanctioned vide PHQ J&K order No. 484 of 2024 in favour of eight gazetted officers, one hundred seventeen non-gazetted officers, twenty-four lower subordinates & eleven followers. These personnel belong to different units and wings of the department. The amount has been sanctioned out of the Contributory Police Welfare Fund.

The gift is sanctioned to police personnel/ SPOs at the time of his/ her retirement and serves as a token of appreciation for his/her services rendered to the department.

Pertinent to mention that the DGP sanctioned retirement gift of rupees one crore and six lakhs in favour of 106 Police personnel of J&K Police who retired from the services after attaining superannuation or on voluntary retirement last month.

## Ajaz Kazmi demands amnesty for commercial electricity users in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE

Apni Party's Trade Union ing them amnesty regarding also be considered, and their J&K President Ajaz Kazmi electricity usage in Jammu demand should be accepted has demanded amnesty for and Kashmir," said Kazmi the commercial establish- in a statement issued here from the electricity charges. important because it would charging power consumers ment and industrial sector today. in Jammu and Kashmir.

er the long pending demand electricity user is a welcome last several years, and the

"The Govt should consid-viding relief to the domestic have suffered losses in the activities."

for granting them amnesty

The Govt's decision of procial consumers of electricity and promote economic uled power cuts in the region

of the businessmen and step, but in similar manner Govt should have a humaniindustrial sector for grant- the commercial users should tarian view while considering the demand.

He said that the decision of granting amnesty is Limited (KPDCL) for over-He said that the commer- provide them a sigh of relief in Jammu despite unsched-

Meanwhile, he criticized the Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) and Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation especially metered areas.

# FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### LG chairs high-level...

and senior officials to ensure the timely submission the departments to explore all possibilities to further tions of the administration to adhere to the austerity measures to cut the expenditure.

An integrated system should also be developed by all Help Groups and MSMEs, he said.

On the sidelines of the meeting, the Lt Governor directed the Administrative Secretaries and senior offimonitor the progress on Transit accommodations for Startups, besides more than 110 Unicorns," he said. PM Package employees–(KNO)

#### Lt Governor addresses...

efforts to reduce the land deficit.

The Lt Governor highlighted the investments received in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions in industrial sector. More than Rs 90,000 cr investment proposals were received in last few years and Rs 14,000 cr worth investments are being implemented on the ground.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the growth journey

Directors and office bearers of Bloomtex Industries Private Limited and industrialists from different parts of the country were present.

#### Both approved in 2019...

weather conditions and the COVID-19 pandemic, which have hampered progress.

Despite these hurdles, officials said the project has

gained momentum over the past year.

The government has set a deadline of December 31, 2024, for the project's completion.

The AIIMS was approved by the Central government in 2019 at an estimated cost of Rs 1,828 crore. The project entails the construction of approximately 57 buildings, including a hospital, hostels, residential quarters, a football ground, tennis courts, and gardens with medicinal plants, among other facilities.

The institute will add 1,000 beds to its current capacity in Kashmir, including 300 super-speciality beds. The ambitious project also includes a Medical College with a capacity of 100 students and a Nursing College with a capacity of 60 students. KNO

#### '400 plus for Modi' is...

with respect and awe by Heads of State across the world and because of him India's stature has grown and India's word is being taken seriously at the high table in all international fora, said Dr Jitendra Singh.

PM Modi's out-of-the-box decisions have given a push to different sectors including Space, Railways, Roads, Infrastructure and Electronics-Communication, and which has posted India's economy from 11th rank to 5th largest economy and is now on the verge of occupying 3rd rank, the Union Minister said.

"In 2014, when PM Modi took over, India stood as the world's tenth largest economy. In less than ten years, we jumped to 5th position. Hopefully this year it will emerge as the 4th largest economy and during PM

During Financial Year 2023-24, Indian economy grew of Utilization Certificates. The Lt Governor directed at 6 percent plus for the third successive year even as the global economy struggles to grow at around 3 perimprove revenue realization and follow the instruc- cent. We are the third-largest fintech economy in the world after the USA and the UK, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, India has the 3rd largest Startup Ecosystem globally and is home to the fastest-growthe departments for procurement of products from Self ing unicorns. "From just about 350 StartUps in the year 2014, StartUps in India grew over 300 times in over nine years. After PM Modi gave the clarion call 'StartUp India, Stand Up India' from the ramparts of the Red Fort in his & Reconstruction Department and PWD (R&B) to closely StartUp scheme in 2016, today we have over 1,30,000

> Dr Jitendra Singh said, PM Modi unleashed India's Space research by opening up the hitherto conservative and secluded sector. India has literally reached for the moon and beyond with the twin feats of Chardyaan-3 and Aditya L1 solar mission in the last year alone. Within a short span of just about four years, the number of Space Startups has gone up from a mere single digit to over three digits.

> Dr Jitendra Singh said, in the Global Innovation Index we ranked 81 in 2014, we have jumped 41 places, today we are No. 40 in the world.

> "India of 2024 is ready to take a giant leap, backed by its scientific acumen and technological prowess,"

With India scaling global benchmarks, it is not only the clout that India is wielding across the globe today, but also the prosperity that is benefiting the people, said Dr Jitendra Singh. As India entered the Amrit Kaal marking the 75th year of Independence, the Youth is the centre of focus of the Modi Government by empowering the Amrit-Peedhi, he said.

The youth today have turned entrepreneurs, setting up their own Startups and providing hundreds of jobs. 23 lakh direct and indirect jobs have been created by tech Startups in 2017-21," he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh further said, a recruitment drive for 10 lakh Central government jobs was fulfilled by the Modi Government under the Rozgar Mela. The youth are also being given an opportunity to serve in the Armed Forces under the Agnipath scheme. "The focus has not been just to create employment but also to build entrepreneurship, transforming the youth from job seekers to job creators," he said.

'The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra has been a tremendous success based on the principle of Jan Bhagidari and 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'. IEC vans are fulfilling Modi ki Guarantee, ensuring 100 percent saturation of the 17-18 major flagship schemes introduced in the last 10 years for socio-economic upliftment of the weaker and marginalised sections of society such as Ayushman card, PM SVANidihi, Jan Dhan Yojana, PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Ujj wala Yojana, PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, ODF Plus status etc," he said, adding, "All that we need to do is to make the people aware that all of this is for their benefit and for the benefit of their children.'

Dr Jitendra Singh said 'Seva, Sushasan, Garib Kalyan' have been the hallmark of Good Governance during the last ten years of Modi Government. Common people are also reaping benefits of welfare schemes with the elimination of middlemen through DBT and JAM, he said.

"The past decade has been dedicated to bring about Modi's 3rd term, India will be the world's 3rd largest development which is inclusive, progressive and suseconomy, marching on to become the No.1 economy tainable. The government under the Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi has been steadfast in its commitment promoting the brand J&K all over the world. of creating equity and opportunity for all citizens. PM Modi has brought the politics of development - Vikasvaad - into the mainstream, making it the focal point around which political discourse and policy action now revolves," he said. Dr Jitendra Singh said, the Modi Government has

has been extended for another five years. Dr Jitendra Singh said, with a view to Women Empow-

been running the world's largest free foodgrain distribu-

principle of 'Suvidha, Suraksha, Samman'. He said, schemes such as MUDRA Yojana in which adventure tourism destination.

68% of loans have been extended to amounting to more than 27 crore women have enabled crores of women.

Dr Jitendra Singh emphasised the need to effectively convey to the common masses, particularly youth and women, the enormous development that has taken place in this constituency in the last 10 years under the patronage of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Therefore, the common citizen believes that India can become the world's leading economy under the leadership of PM Modi because of the outreach he commands across the world and the common people also feel confident under the Government headed by Shri Narendra Modi," he said.

#### J&K's International...

transformative impact of border tourism on the region. They emphasized the importance of showcasing the ground reality to tourists, providing them with an authentic experience and fostering cultural exchange.

Billu Chaudhary, President of Baba Chamliyal Teerth, expressed optimism about the influx of tourists to the region, noting the potential for economic upliftment and cultural exchange. He emphasized the significance of homestays in promoting social interaction and understanding among visitors, further cementing the bonds of friendship and camaraderie along the border.

Overall, the initiative marks a significant milestone in the development of border tourism, offering tourists a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage and scenic beauty of the region while providing local residents with new avenues for economic growth and prosperity. KNO

#### Tourism deptt working...

concepts for substantial increase in footfall to our tourist destinations and making J&K hub of tourism all over the country.

Among several other initiatives, the department is contemplating to take up projects in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode in both the divisions for increasing tourist footfall to such locations besides adding variety of activities to perform there.

It has also decided to conduct a 3-day conference inviting high profile domain experts in areas including Administration, Hospitality, Tourism Academia, eco Tourism, IT, Travel Trade Associations, Film and Industrial sectors.

It further intends to hold shows like Grand F4 Car shows in association with private players. The department in order to showcase the stunning beauty of J&K wants to create a brand ad film and song of its own featuring it as a premier tourist destination in India besides having a brand ambassador of high repute

The Department even revealed that for promotion of tourism sector it wants to have trade travel engagement either. It schedules to take premier members in the arenas of nature, adventure and pilgrimage tourism on Fam tours to promote these circuits here.

Among other initiatives the Department is going revamp its website to make it all inclusive and infortion scheme 'PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana' since the mative for all the stakeholders. It has decided to have Covid pandemic began, benefitting 80 crore people. It collaboration with major national players like Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAOI) for highlighting adventure tourism assets of the UT globerment, the Modi Government has been guided by the ally. This is said to generate economic activity and rural employment in addition to making J&K a world-class

### **Higher reaches of ...**

The Meteorological department said widespread moderate rain or snow is expected over most places of the Union Territory till March 3 with peak activity on March 1 night to March 2 night.

"Few places may experience heavy to very heavy snow particularly over higher reaches of north, central and south Kashmir and Pirpanjal range of Jammu division during this period.

"The plains of Kashmir may receive moderate rain or snow while the plains of Jammu may receive moderate rain with a possibility of heavy rain over Ramban, Udhampur and Reasi districts. Few places may experience thunder, lightning or hailstorms accompanied by gusty winds," it said.

A traffic department official said the one-way traffic on Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only all weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, was moving smoothly despite rains.

The traffic on the highway was restricted to one-way since February 26 and is playing alternatively from the twin capital cities after heavy rains and snowfall rendered the arterial road damaged at several places including Dalwas, Mehad-Cafeteria, Gangroo, Hingni and Kishtwari Pather.

The officials said the efforts are on to resume two-way traffic on the highway as early as possible.

Traffic was stopped on Jammu-Batote-Kishtwar highway following a landslide triggered by rains at Pakki Hatti in Kishtwar district, the officials said, the concerned agencies have pressed men and machines to make the highway trafficable. (Agencies)

## JKDMA issues avalanche...

of Jammu division during the next 24 hours.

People living in these areas have been advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders.

Amid forecast heavy to moderate rain and snowfall over the most places of J&K till March 3 afternoon with peak activity on the night of Friday and Saturday, prompting authorities to issue a fresh avalanche warning as a precautionary measure for the people today.

The authorities have also asked the people living in these districts to dial 112 for help in case of any emer-

## **Arrangements for Sub Inspector Finance** Department exams discussed in Kathua

KATHUA, MARCH 1

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rakesh Minhas today presided over a comprehensive meeting in the DC office complex to review the preparedness for the upcoming Sub Inspector Finance Department Examination. The meeting aimed to ensure hensive monitoring, the ments for drinking water fair and seamless examination process.

being conducted by the record the examination avoid any malpractices Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board, is adherence to established scheduled to take place protocols. on March 10 across 15 centers in the district. A total of 6,320 candidates Superintendents and are expected to appear in Observers received comthe exam.

The DC assigned duties importance of transparent the DC. smooth examination. The RTO, DTO, Police and Principals of educational instithoroughly reviewed by tutions were given specific the DC. instructions regarding different arrangements.

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, MARCH 1

The Deputy Commis-

sioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr.

Basharat Qayoom, who is

also the District Election

Officer today conducted

a thorough inspection of

Dispatch and Receipt/

Strong rooms of district

in anticipation of the

upcoming Lok Sabha elec-

Dr. Basharat accom-

panied by Senior Super-

intendent of Police (SSP)

Pulwama meticulously

reviewed the security

arrangements and logistical protocols of the dis-

rooms. These rooms play

the integrity and trans-

als and ballots, ensuring and voters alike.

addressed traffic man- and secure elections.

significance of efficient law enforcement agen-

importance of coordina- the electoral process. trict.

tions.



meticulous planning for a Information Department and toilet facilities. was specifically directed The examination, who will oversee and proceedings, ensuring

> Superintendents, Deputy prehensive briefings on

Logistics plans for the of the examination. examination day were

To facilitate candi-To ensure compre- making adequate arrange- nated Magistrates.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024: DC Pulwama

inspect Dispatch & Receipt/ Strong Rooms

patch and receipt/strong tion and preparedness to SSP reaffirmed the police

a crucial role in safe- ensure smooth transpor- to maintaining law and

guarding election materi- tation for polling parties order during the electoral

Dr. Basharat reiter-

The officers also to conducting free, fair, election-related activities.

parency of the electoral ated the administration's security personnel and

agement strategies and He emphasized the col- underscores the proac-

the deployment of polling laborative efforts of all tive approach of the dis-

parties. Recognizing the stakeholders, including trict administration and

traffic management, par- cies and election staff, in in ensuring the successful

ticularly on Election Day, upholding the democratic conduct of the Lok Sabha

they emphasized the values and principles of elections in Pulwama dis-

minimize disruptions and department's dedication

unwavering commitment resources to safeguard

The DC called for the to engage videographers implementation of foolproof arrangements to during the examination. He also stressed the need to ensure adherence to Magistrates, Center Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines for fair and smooth conduct of the examination.

The DC emphasized their role and responsithe significance of coordito the stakeholder depart- bilities during the critical nated efforts from various ments, emphasizing the recruitment process from departments to guarantee the integrity and fairness

> Other key attendees at the meeting included SSP Kathua, Shivdeep Singh Jamwal, ADC Ranjit Singh, dates, the DC emphasized RTO Kathua, and Desig-

## AHD Bandipora launches Round-4th of FMD Vaccination under NADCP

BANDIPORA, MARCH 1

Animal Husbandry

Department (AHD) Bandipora today launched the 4th Round of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccination drive at Veterinary Complex Bandipora. The vaccination drive

was launched under National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP) by Chief Animal (CAHO) Bandipora, Dr G.A.Lone.

District Nodal Officer NADCP, Dr Bilal Ahmad, Block Veterinary Officer Bandipora, Dr Khalid Hamid; Officer Incharge ABS, Dr Tajamul Hussain; Technical officer/ PEO Bandipora, Dr Saim Qureshi; Veterinary Assis-Bandipora and Pashu of Vaccination targets the queries.



Husbandry Officer Sakhis of the district within two months. attended the programme. During the event, CAHO highlighted the imporprogram for maintaining district. He asked the field

It was also decided that in case of any issue with regard to tagging, tance of the Vaccination mapping, user ID, password, uploading under healthy livestock in the NDLM, the team heads will remain in close liaistaff to work in coordina- son with District Nodal tion with the teams and Officer of Central team team heads at respective (Control Room) at CAHO block levels and ensure office Bandipora, who will tant Surgeons of Block 100 percent completion ensure quick disposal of

## Chairperson, DDC Kulgam distributes Sports Kits among several cricket teams at Block Pombai

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, MARCH 1

(DDC) Kulgam, Mohammad Afzal Parray today eral cricket teams at Block Pombai.

acquired under the ADF redressal. with an aim to elevate the level of sportsmanship and foster a culture of athleticism within the region. public.

Speaking on the occaing talent and promoting area.

sports at the grassroots

The programme was The Chairperson, District attended by a large Development Council number of people from the said areas.

On the occasion, the facilitated the distribu- DDC Chairperson listened tion of sports kits to sev- to the issues of people patiently and assured of raising the same with con-These kits were cerned quarters for timely

> He also inaugurated a power transformer and dedicated it to the general

During his visit, the sion, the DDC Chairperson DDC Chairperson also said that this significant addressed the large gathstep underscores their ering and inspected varicommitment to nurtur- ous DDC/PRI works in the

## **Advocate General Organization** condoles demise of Ashok **Kumar Parihar, former AAG**

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 01

The Law Officers and the staff members of Advocate General Organization, today convened a condolence meeting to pay tional Advocate Generals homage to Ashok Kumar and other Government Parihar, Advocate and Counsels as well as offiformer Additional Advocate General (AAG), who passed away here yesterday.

Raina, and others paid tributes to the departed soul the bereaved family to bear and recalled his services this irreparable loss. They and contribution as Law also observed two minutes Officer of the government. silence in honour of the They termed the sudden departed soul.

demise of Ashok Kumar Parihar as unfortunate and tragic which left a void in the world of UT's judicial services.

All the participants including Senior Addicers and officials of the organization paid rich tributes to the departed soul Advocate General, D C and prayed for his eternal peace and forbearance to

## DC Budgam initiates beautification project at heritage Syed Ali Aali Balkhi Shrine Pakherpora

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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Akshay Labroo today Swami Nand Lal Aash-Balkhi at Pakherpora in Charar-i-Sharief.

On the occasion, the DC laid the foundation stone for different development and upgradation works at both the heritage

Ashram, the DC laid shrine.

foundation for multipurpose community damaged devri stones hall at the heritage and patches shall be Swami Nandlalji Ashram and also reviewed progress of ongoing works paid visit to Heritage near the Astana Aaliya Hushroo. He stated that ram Temple at Hushroo interior development heritage view of the Chadoora and the heriand improvement work tage Shrine of Syed Aali near Aastana-e-Aaliya shall also be taken up for execution in a week's time.

> paid a visit to the heritage shrine of Syed Ali Aali Balkhi Pakherpo-

replaced with new stones to not only smoothen the surface level but also to maintain the aesthetic and Shrine surroundings. He instructed for car-

He said that the

rying out the pathway repairing works in an expedited manner to Later, the DC also facilitate hassle-free passage to devotees.

The DC was accompanied by CPO, SDM, ra where he initiated Ex. Engineer REW, Phase-1 beautification R&B, BDOs, Tehsildars During his visit to project for the heritage and other concerned officers and officials.

## DC Kathua discusses emergency preparedness, response plan at **DDMA** meeting



KATHUA, MARCH 1

Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, who is also the any potential disaster. chairman of the District gency preparedness and

of disasters. stakeholders involved in them with the necessary

ational readiness.

cussed during the meet- munity members during ing. A special audio-video times of crisis. presentation was also made by the team of the attended by officials State Disaster Response including RTO, DSP Civil Force (SDRF), showcasing Defense, Tehsildars, CEO, the actual drills and exer- CMO, Coordinator and cises that are undertaken Volunteers NYK, Secreduring disasters.

To further assess the other members of DDMA.

preparedness and efficiency of the authorities, a mock drill will be conducted on March 07, where various scenarios

> the response capabilities. This meeting and the subsequent mock drill highlight the commitment of the District Disaster Management Authority to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of Kathua in the face of

During the meeting,

will be simulated to test

Disaster Management the DC emphasized the Authority (DDMA) today importance of involving presided over a meeting youngsters in these mock to deliberate on emer- drills. He recognized their potential as active cataresponse plan in the event lysts in mobilizing human resources during exigen-The meeting exten- cies. By actively engaging sively discussed the role the youth in these drills, and responsibilities of the DC aimed to equip rescue, relief, and reha-skills and knowledge to bilitation measures in the effectively respond to event of natural disasters, emergencies. Additionalsuch as earthquakes and ly, this initiative helps to landslides, within the dis-instill a sense of responsibility and community par-The meeting laid spe-ticipation in the younger cial emphasis on strength- generation. By actively ening the committees at involving youngsters, different levels including the DC aims to create a District, Tehsil, Block, and culture of preparedness Panchayat. Furthermore, and resilience, ensurall concerned officers ing that the district has were directed to organize a capable and proactive periodic mock drills at all manpower to deal with levels to assess their oper- any emergency situation. Through their participa-Transportation, tech- tion, the youth will play a nical teams, and medical crucial role in mobilizing response were among resources and providing the important topics dis- aid to their fellow com-

> The meeting was tary Red Cross, DIO, and

## **Members of School Committees** imparted awareness, training under Samagra Shiksha program

JAMMU, MARCH 1

the Samagra Shiksha The memprogram. bers of School Management Committees (SMCs) School Management and PRI members were part at Government Middle School Dab Karamdin.

the role of SMC/SMDC/ aging the general public VEC members in the to send their children to development of govern- Govt. Schools to get qual-The members of dif- ment Schools. They were ity education by highly ferent School Commit- urged to come forward qualified teachers and to tees in Zone Marh were and revive the Education avail a string of facilities. today imparted aware- system for the future of Speakers from different ness cum training under children of their local- school committees gave ity. They were also made their valuable suggestions aware about government for the welfare of students schemes like MDM pro- and upliftment of the edugramme, Free textbooks, cation system. free uniform for classes 8th class only.

Others who spoke on Development Committees 1st to 8th, scholarship the occasion were Dee-(SMDCs) village Education schemes for SC/ST/OBC/ pali Sambyal Principal Committees (VECs) and disabled students and HSS Jhiri (Cluster Head) National Means cum Merit and SMC members of of the training hosted Scholarship (NMMS) for different schools MS/PS. Vote of thanks was pre-Community members sented by Zonal Educa-Community leaders are urged to promote the tion Officer Marh, Kasturi were acquainted with enrollment by encour- Lal Kaith.

## Lok Sabha Election-2024: Training for Zonal, Sectoral Magistrates held at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MARCH 01

In a run up to Lok Sabha election 2024, the District Administration Bandipora on Friday organised a training programme for zonal and sectoral magistrates at mini secretariat, here. The objective of the programme was to equip zonal and sectoral Magistrates with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to effectively oversee the electoral process during the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. Padmashri Faisal Ali Dar who is Brand ambassador SVEEP campaign for district Bandipora, Nodal Officer manpower and training, Dr. G. M. Pujoo,

istrates, Master Trainer various aspects of Elec-Mohd Iqbal Samoon, tion including roles and Coordinator SVEEP Arsal-responsibilities of sectoral lan Habib, Coordinator and zonal magistrates, Manpower and Trainings electoral procedures, Mir Irfan Maqbool and communication and coorother concerned were dination, ethical conduct present on the occasion. and other measures were Sectoral and Zonal Mag- During the programme, discussed.

# Chairman, Sikh Coordination Committee J&K calls on LG



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 1

Sikh Coordination Com- nity including ownership mittee Jammu Kashmir of Gurudwara properties/ called on Lieutenant Gov- chunk of land by District ernor Shri Manoj Sinha, at Gurudwara Parbandhak Raj Bhawan today.

trict Baramulla, belonging projected by him during to Sikh Community in the the interaction.

Pahari Ethnic group. S. Ajit Singh also put

forth various welfare S. Ajit Singh, Chairman, issues of the Sikh commu-Committees as per the He drew the attention of Sikh Gurdwaras and Relithe Lt Governor towards gious Endowment Act the issue of the inclusion 1973. The Lt Governor of the Pahari-speaking assured the Chairman, residents of hilly belt of Sikh Coordination Com-Tehsil Rohama and Dan- mittee J&K of the approgiwacha (Rafiabad) of Dis- priate action on the issues 2024: DC Shopian visits locations of proposed Strong **Rooms & Dispatch Centres** 

Lok Sabha Election,

period, emphasizing the

deployment of adequate

The joint inspection

law enforcement agencies

JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, MARCH 1

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb, who is also District Election Officer (DEO) today, visited various election facilities to review security preparedness and other facilities, keeping in view the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

The DC was accompanied by SSP Shopian, Гапиshree.

On the occasion, the Dy. District Election Officer, Shopian, Jahangir Ahmed briefed the DC about the election-related material and other important issues as well.

The officers and officials of the election department were also present.

## **EDITORIAL**

# **Road safety** plans need strict implementation

The surge in fatal road accidents in recent years, despite the implementation of various road safety plans, has had a devastating impact on human lives. In Jammu and Kashmir alone, more than 3,000 road users have lost their lives, and 28,000 have sustained injuries, with many left permanently disabled, in over 21,000 accidents since 2020. These alarming statistics cast serious doubts on the effectiveness of current safety measures. According to data from the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, there has been a consistent increase in both fatalities and accidents across the region. Despite significant investments in road infrastructure and safety initiatives, the lack of coordination among different agencies and inadequate planning continue to undermine these efforts. As of October this year, over 5,300 road accidents have been reported in Jammu and Kashmir, with the twin capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar recording the highest number of mishaps. In these cities alone, over 700 deaths and more than 7,000 injuries have been reported. Recognizing the severity of the situation, a Division Bench of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed the formation of an Expert Committee to investigate the causes of frequent accidents on key highways. The recent tragedy near Assar in Doda district, where 39 people lost their lives and 17 were injured, highlights the urgent need for action. The committee recommended several measures, including the installation of CCTVs at vulnerable spots, strict speed limits for heavy and light vehicles, suspension of licenses for violators, and regular vehicle checks. Scrapping old vehicles, a major contributor to accidents, was also suggested. It is imperative that these recommendations are implemented rigorously to prevent further loss of life. The much-hyped 'J&K Road Safety Policy' (RSP) that had committed "to provide safe and secure roads by taking appropriate steps to reduce the fatalities" has apparently remained on papers only. Approved in 2016, the basic objective of policy was "to reduce fatalities and injuries in road mishaps by 2020 considering 2016 as the base year". The RSP had envisaged that all existing and new roads would be equipped with standard traffic control features like signs, marking, crash barriers, delineators etc, besides initiatives would be taken to upgrade major roads in the state and classify important roads as state highways. There is a need to formulate some concrete measures to save the lives of the people who died while driving on killer roads in the Chenab region. It is expected that the recent decisions to install crash barriers and other measures would help in bringing down the number of fatal road mishaps in Jammu and Kashmir. The need of the hour is to inculcate awareness among motorists to ensure a reduction in fatal road mishaps. The government should also take strict measures against the menace of overloading and rash driving, which seem to be the major causes for fatal road mishaps in the hilly and tough terrains of Jammu and Kashmir.

# Protests stress need for climate-smart agriculture

bearing the brunt of ecofive lakh traders who did regular business in Delhi from adjoining states suspended their businesses given the unrest. Since 2020, farmer protests have unfortunately assumed a to consultancy firm Verisk farmer protests in the past three years.

The farmer protests 2.0 lines in India's agricultural action. The protesting farmers want a firm minimum support price (MSP) that is backed by a legal guarantee for all crops. implement the recommendations of the MS Swaminathan committee on agriculture which will enable average cost of production. Other demands prices and a pension of Rs 10,000 a month for every farmer above the age of

The government is

the impasse. However, a breakthrough achieved The ongoing farmer may be short-lived, as the protests that began government would have on February 13th only successfully attendhave already claimed five ed to the symptoms and lives and resulted in Delhi not to the problem itself. India's agri sector contribnomic losses to the tune utes only 15 per cent to the of 300 crores as nearly GDP but engages 58 per cent workforce. This lopsided proportion is made worse by the fact that 85 per cent of the farmers operate in less than five acres of land half of which in many parts of India may regular frequency not only be dry and barren. This in Delhi and Punjab but translates to low yields, across India. According low earnings and high debt and when combined Maplecroft estimates, with increasing challeng-India has accounted for es of climate change on the biggest global share of agriculture, the problem assumes a much larger and ominous proportion.

Climate change whether again highlight the fault it is unseasonal rain, hailstorms, floods, or drought, viability and this time the India's agri-sector has seen farmers are demanding it all. The lingering uncerconclusive government tainty due to environmental issues keeps the farmers on their toes leading to income insecurity and mounting debt. An example is the casualty in the Another demand is to current protests of a marginal farmer whose 8-acre agricultural land had 8 lacs of debt on it, making it virtually impossible for increasing MSP to 50 per the farmer to pay it off cent above the weighted and continue with another crop. Climate changedriven issues such as these include better sugar cane have made the farmers demand an MSP law to act as a safety net for the time, effort and risk they invest in farming.

engaged in feverish age of water resources is

the agri sector. According to Rainfed Atlas, it is estimated that between 52% and 55% of the farming community have no means of irrigation and are dependent on rain-fed agriculture. But due to climate

change temperatures are spiralling and rainfall has become more erratic, with longer dry spells resulting in droughts and shorter periods of more intense rainfall causing floods. This results in a domino effect whereby crop yield is adversely impacted while high Co2 levels cause low nutritional value of crops. This translates to low marketability of the produce therefore causing financial distress and

rising debt for the farmers. The impact of climate change on the agri-sector and the sluggish government response in managing its fallout has come as a double whammy for the farmer community. The lack of robust insulation measures that seek to protect the sector from the vagaries of climate extremities is now having a telling impact on pro-The perennial short- ductivity. The cereal crop productivity of most cere-

perature and CO2 levels, and the decrease in water availability. According to estimates, there will be a projected loss of 10-40% in crop production by 2100 if no climate change adaptation measures are taken. A one-degree Celsius increase in temperature may reduce yields of major food crops by 3-7%. Given these troubling projections, the government must extricate the agrisector from the clutches of climate change. This alone can ensure the best international food security and protect livelihoods.

An audit of the agrisector at the micro-level is essential to identify and remove processes that are detrimental to natural resources. This will ensure weeding out of inefficient water-intensive practices and allow optimal use of the precious resource. practices need to be promoted across the sector to ensure climate change adaptation and mitigation in the sector. For example, ic plains enables 20-25% savings in irrigation water can not only help prevent negotiations with the the first symptom of cli- als is slated to decrease and also helps in reduced soil erosion, and profarmer unions to break mate change's impact on due to an increase in tem- herbicide use. Measures mote water retention and

such as these combined nitrogen fixation but also marginal farmers.

also initiate climateing agriculture to climate alerts of extremities, elabchange. This can be done orate weather forecasts to by implementing tech- schedule farming events plan crops by considering their area through easy-to- historical weather data. use apps on their smartby prioritising botanical

avoid top-soil runoff. the short term and procover crops for instance and prosperity.

with water accounting serve as organic manure methodologies can build for fodder. Smart agrilong-term sustainability, software can help farmers efficiency and resilience implement differentiated of the agri-sector besides applications of fertilisers immensely benefiting the which can help decrease soil pollution and increase The government must crop nutrient levels. The software can also have smart agriculture strate- in-built weather-related gies which aim at adapt- tools that provide timely nologies that help farmers and enable prediction of general climate change the climate specifics of tendencies by analysing

Currently, the agri-secphones. This can be done tor problems and farmer grievances are dealt with research to develop crop on a reactive basis; this species that are more tol- is evident in the form of erant to water deficiencies chronic farmer agitations and extreme tempera- that come back every tures. Additionally, ecolo-year. The government gists can evolve effective must realise that a lasting soil management methods solution is only possible if that reduce the depletion actual problems, includests of farmers, safeguard of topsoil, promote carbon ing the impact of climate sequestration, and reduce change on agriculture, are chemical application. addressed with the partici-Advanced farm irrigation pation of all stakeholders technologies can also help of the sector. The collaboproper water saturation ration of farmers, policylevels in the soil, prevent makers, environmentalwater flooding, and help ists, botanical scientists and technology experts The government must can help chalk out longfocus on specially devel-term strategies and soluoped software solutions tions and ensure a robust for agriculture that can agri-sector that is resilient Similarly, best farming help in real-time monitor- against climate change ing of the crops and allow onslaughts. Farmer profarmers to accurately cal- tests are a symptom of culate the required inputs, climate change's impact which reduces costs in on agriculture. Protecting the sector from adverse the raised-bed planting of tects nature in the long impacts will automatically wheat in the Indo-Ganget- term. Technology-assisted ensure farmer well-being

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# **Domestic Politics Amid Global Agenda**

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s elections draw his potential third term. closer, Prime Minis- A third term for Mod try during his last foreign Even as he did so, statements regarding continuity of policies and outlook were subtly delivered

A third term for Modi ter Narendra Modi would have wider ramifihas been frequenting cations for a whole bunch India's south more than of issues, not to mention championing the causes foreign policy, given India's of the global south across rising economic clout and Japan), each having signifiavailable diplomatic plat- confidence, making it a cant stakes and interests standing goodwill much is a post-alliance and postsouth. Earlier, as a strate- economy after the US and short of using any overt or seriousness. gic choice, PM Modi chose China in PM Modi's next covert means to push its to inaugurate a Hindu term, which, besides put-assertive agenda. temple in a Muslim counting a couple of stars on the shoulder, will also mean a trip in the current tenure. heavy lift of responsibili-

achievements for Mr. Modi, particularly during some time to speak to a when PM Modi confidently his second term, has been whole bunch of policy told his audience that he uplifting the India-US rela-strategists on the relevance already has invitations tionship and situating it in of QUAD and the way forfrom several foreign gov- the Indo-Pacific context. ward EAM highlighted the leaders summit this year, a time when instability is ernments for the middle While the India-US bilat- changing nature of India's as it will be too close to the the norm for most, includ-

indicating confidence in gest ever in history, the two nations have managed to work through several plurilateral platforms, the most important being the QUAD (a grouping of the US, India, Australia, and

world's finest diplomats, policymakers, and think tanks were deliberating One of the significant on global issues last week, EAM Jaishankar found

and latter part of 2024, eral is by far at its stron- foreign policy outlook over US elections by the time ing powerful nations in the the last decade when he the new Indian govern- world. mentioned "remarkable ment is in place. However, changes in India's bilateral the significant targets India US, we put behind ideologilighted by EAM, namely,

hasn't been a QUAD lead- not unilateral, approach. partnerships with each of While some of the ers summit since May last And five, it is a statement year, backroom meetings that in this day and age, between foreign ministers others cannot have a veto from the member countries on our choices," shall to discuss issues of regional and global importance message of continuity of Given the political compul-government is highlightsions, it might be difficult ing to the domestic and for India to host the QUAD international audience at

Even though there space and a collaborative, outlooks. India's bilateral remain in focus. It is this

India has effectively managed the QUAD as a relationships with its three aims to achieve through non-military arrangement, Quad partners. With the the QUAD group, as high-unlike NATO, with shared cal hesitations of history. "it reflects the growth of the region. Mr. Jaishankar With Japan, we gave long- a multipolar order. Two, it highlighted in his address, "Among Quad countries, forms. One reason is that significant player in global in the Indo-Pacific, while more practical shape. And Cold War thinking. Three, there is a growing comfort his party seems to have affairs. India is expected also wary of the dragon in with Australia, we actually it is against spheres of influin working with each other a weaker presence down to be the third-largest the region, never stopping made a real beginning in ence. Four, it expresses the given the strong consensus democratizing of the global we have in our strategic

> The message is clear: India will continue to push for a multilateral world haven't taken a backseat. policies that the Indian order with a fair share of voice on international

these three Quad countries

have also transformed in

recent years.'

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

## India Inc's new-found liking for no-poach agreements could invite CCI's attention

ANICHAM TAMILMANI

across a range of industries employees from each other from IT and ITES, from banking to finance, and gaming. The demand and a notice to Infosys on the supply mismatch for talent enforcement of non-compete offers an opportunity for employees to seek higher tracts restraining them from rivals.

A seemingly innocuous solution has caught their fancy. Employee no-poach by employers to restrain pacts, both formal or informal, are finding many takers these days. Some employers are instructing their legal teams to enforce the often for the no-poach pacts or ignored 'non-compete' clauses in employment con-ries, wages would reflect the tracts. Others are exploring interaction between demand pacts with their competitors and supply in the marketto impose salary caps.

Wage cartels

Reportedly, reports some India's increasing pace of the leading Indian private of economic growth is sector banks have reached an Lifuelling a war for talent informal pact to not poach to stem attrition at the junior level. In April 2022, the Govfrom e-commerce to online ernment of India issued clauses in employee conwages by switching jobs. joining competitor firms Naturally, employers aren't within six months of quitting very enthusiastic about Infosys. More recently, leadpaying higher wages or ing esports firms have been losing valued employees to contemplating an informal pact capping players' salaries to stem poaching.

Each of these attempts their employees from seeking greener pastures are welfare-reducing. They artificially depress wages. But agreements capping salaplace for talent. These types

ments – formal or informal have little to no redeeming virtues. They are likely to be viewed as a cartel to fix

The Indian competition regulator - the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) cartel enforcement track record is pretty robust but it is yet to initiate an inquiry for cartels in the job (labour) market. Is this likely to change?

Globally, competition regulators are showing a renewed interest in employee no-poach, and non-compete agreements. Notable competition/antitrust authorities such as the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice (DoJ) of the United States, the Competition and Markets Authority of the United Kingdom, and the European Commission are actively conducting investigations free. into potential labour market

For example, US President

others, through an executive order in July 2021. Not surnal indictments in a series

labour market.

Across Asia, antitrust/ competition authorities in any redeeming virtues. Stay-Hong Kong, Japan, and China ing out of no-poach, or simiinterest in labour markets, preceding the emergence of the current global trend. ly sensitive data regarding While the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has not yet initiated any actions, it closely monitors emerging tially spark worries about trends. As the war for talent wage fixing. This exchange heats up in India, so will the of information might lead lure among employers com- competitors or employers to peting for talent to find ways reach a mutual understandto reduce attrition, while ing regarding their market but will help save crores of keeping wages low. Doing behaviour and invite the so though would not be risk- CCI's scrutiny.

Conduct to avoid

tion to focus on competition towards competition issues in labour markets, among in labour markets requires the employer is also left to that hiring managers and head-hunters must tread prisingly, the antitrust divicarefully. A wink and a nod sion of the DoJ has led crimi- are sufficient to prove a can now extend up to the cartel. Once the CCI estab- higher of 10 per cent of their of cases of anti-competitive lishes the existence of an total turnover or three times no-poach agreements in the agreement to collude, it their entire profit for the would be near impossible duration of the cartel. to show that the cartel had have demonstrated a clear lar pacts is indeed the best

course of action. Also, sharing commercialwages, bonuses, and employment contract terms among companies could poten-

#### Win-win solution

No-poach agreements or The renewed interest agreements to cap salaries

of agreements or arrange- Biden expressed his inten- among antitrust regulators leave everyone worse off. contend with the risk of antitrust scrutiny and potentially debilitating penalties, which

Several companies have led the way in devising perfectly legal and win-win solutions for all stakeholders. Their focus on offering internal career opportunities, investment in upskilling their employees, promotions, festival bonuses, quarterly incentives, and ESOP plans are all aimed at stemming the flow of talent to their competitors. These measures may increase the total spend on employees rupees in a penalty from the

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# **Pecan: A Nutty Can Full of Nutrients**

**PARUL DUBE** 

ecan is a nut produced by hickory trees native to North America and has a sweet, nutty, buttery flavour. Most of the pecan crop in the U.S. comes from New Mexico, Texas, and Georgia. The world's largest pecan production is done in Mexico, followed by U.S. Wild pecans are a major food source for North American people.

Pecans have a mild floral and forestry aroma. The outer part of the nut is slightly bitter, and the inner part is sweet, buttery, and almost fatty. The texture of pecan is firm yet light and pleasantly crunchy, with rich oils in it. The nut can be crumbled like a cookie and tastes like cookies or candy. It can be eaten fresh, roasted, or included in various recipes, especially desserts.

Pecan is rich in vitamins and minerals and contains nutrients such as fibre, copper, thiamine and zinc. Due to its rich nutrient profile, pecan offers several health benefits. For example, it is good for heart health, brain function and blood sugar regulation.

#### **Pecans vs Walnuts**

Pecan nuts are more delicate than walnuts and taste sweeter than walnuts, whereas walnuts are slightly bitter. Pecans are smoother and straighter, while walnuts have a more curly structure.

The shells of both are pretty different. Pecan shells are soft, thinner and medium to dark brown, with an oblong shape which makes them easier to crack. Walnut shells are more bulbous, with outer ridges, and their colour is light to medium brown. Walnuts can substitute pecans in many instances.

#### **Nutritional Properties of Pecan**

minerals like iron, calcium, potassium, zinc etc. Pecan also contains high amounts of fibre. The calcium in pecans promotes strong bones, and iron is vital for forming red blood cells and transporting oxygen into the body. Vitamins in pecans help the body convert food into energy, improve immunity and keep the brain and heart functioning properly.

As per USDA, 100 grams of pecan servings contains:

Calories: 691 kcal

Carbohydrates: 13.9 g

Fat: 72 g Protein: 9.17 g

Fibre: 9.6 g Vitamins and Minerals

Pecan also contains a fair

amount of vitamins and minerals. Potassium: 410 mg Calcium: 70 mg Iron: 2.53 mg Phosphorus: 277 mg Magnesium: 121 mg Zinc: 4.53 mg Manganese: 4.5 mg Selenium: 3.8 ug Fluoride: 10 ug Niacin: 1.17 mg

#### Vitamin K: 3.5 ug **Nutritional Properties**

Folate: 22 ug

Pecans have a diverse nutritional profile that provides a variety of health benefits. Pecans are generally cholesterol-free, sodium-free, and low in carbohydrates. Pecan is high in calories, providing rela-

tively high energy than other nuts. Pecans have a high-fat content, them one of the healthiest nuts. can help lower unhealthy LDL chopotassium controls the heart rate



stroke or heart attack.

Pecans have a low glycemic index, which doesn't cause blood sugar to surge, even in people with

Zinc is necessary for immunological function, cell proliferation, cognitive function, and wound healing, among other things. Calcium, magnesium, and potassium are all rich in pecans, which can help lower blood pressure. In addition, pecans are high in magnesium, an anti-inflammatory that lowers inflammation in arterial walls, reducing the risk of arthritis, Alzheimer's disease, cardiovascular disease, and other inflammatory diseases.

Pecans also contain omega-3 Pecan is rich in vitamins and fatty acids, which can help reduce inflammation and relieve arthritic symptoms. Pecans also include vitamins A, E, and zinc, which assist in strengthening the immune system, preventing skin disorders, and healing damaged cells. These nuts are also high in folates, which help in boosting metabolism.

Pecans are rich in antioxidants and are exceptionally high in proanthocyanidins, flavonoids, phenols and phenolic acids. Antioxidants can help protect the body from the cell damage that causes cognitive diseases like Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and cancers. Vitamin A and E are antioxidants that combat and destroy free radicals that cause premature skin ageing, preventing fine lines, wrinkles, and pigmentation.

Pecan nuts are high in B-complex vitamins, which help the body's metabolism. In addition, pecans are abundant in magnesium Furthermore, pecan nuts are a prevention. powerful antioxidant that helps protect and repair cell damage. Furthermore, pecan is also naturally low in carbs, sugar, and calories, making it a good choice for people seeking to reduce weight or follow a ketogenic diet.

#### **Health Benefits of Pecan Improves Heart Health**

Pecan is rich in potassium. primarily monounsaturated and Potassium regulates the muscle polyunsaturated fats. That makes contraction in the heart, which results in smooth blood flow Monounsaturated fat consumption through the arteries. By doing so.

lesterol levels, reducing the risk of and blood pressure.

Studies show that a pecan-rich diet improves heart health by reducing cholesterol, and increased levels of bad cholesterol cause multiple cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and strokes.

According to studies, dietary fibre reduces cholesterol levels. Fibre binds with cholesterol and takes it out of the body, lowering Pecan Improves Brain Function cholesterol levels, thus improving

Pecan nuts contain monounsaturated fats and phenolic antioxiheart diseases. Adding pecan nuts to your regular diet will decrease increase good cholesterol; thus, it prevents stroke and coronary supply to the brain. artery disease

#### **Pecan Improves Digestion**

Dietary fibre improves bowel movements. It increases the weight and size of the stool and makes it smooth by absorbing the water in the intestine. The bulky stool passes easily as compared to the loose, watery stools. Fibre-rich foods like pecan prevent constipa-

Pecan consumption also improves gut health and regulates bowel movement.

The good bacteria in the body require fuel to survive, and fibre provides food to the good bacteria. These bacteria further break down the fibre in small food chains, thus increasing the immune cell activity. Studies have suggested that dietary fibre in pecan also prevents infections and inflammation by improving immunity.

#### **Helps with Weight Loss**

and omega-3 fatty acids, which in a weight loss diet plan. It is full Studies show that fibre promotes used in various recipes or eaten as assist in lowering inflammation of dietary fibre, which is essential good gut health by destroying a snack. You can eat shelled pecans and the risk of Alzheimer's disease for weight management. Studies harmful bacteria. Pecan reduces raw or roasted as a snack or as an and other inflammatory diseases. say that pecan is helpful in obesity

The fibre present in pecan increases satiety and reduces the urge to snack on unhealthy and bowel movements. fast foods. Therefore, it prevents unhealthy weight gain.

Pecan is also rich in oleic acid. Scientific evidence suggests that a diet rich in oleic acid can reduce

abdominal fat and central obesity. Pecan is a dense source of proteins and vitamins. A study on rats examined Vitamin B's role in infection. weight loss management. Pecan contains complex groups of vita-

vitamin B-6, which along with research, one can use it to treat folate, help in boosting metabolism.

As per studies, proteins help increase satiety and promote weight loss. But one must consume high-protein foods in moderation since excessive intake may cause gastrointestinal discomfort, according to research

Pecan is a rich source of iron, magnesium, manganese and selenium. Iron is necessary to function blood cells properly, and dants, which help reduce the risk of these nutrients are essential in transporting oxygen to all body organs, including the brain. Low bad LDL cholesterol levels and iron levels can cause diseases like anaemia due to reduced oxygen

Studies have demonstrated that antioxidant nutrients such as manganese and selenium reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. That is because antioxidants reduce the oxidative damage caused by free radicals in the body and protect the brain cells and tissues from damage, slowing down disease development in the body.

#### **Improves Bone Health**

Pecan has a very high mineral content and consists of calcium, phosphorus, manganese, and magnesium. Research suggests that calcium and phosphorus increase bone strength. Calcium prevents fracture by increasing bone mineral density, preventing the risk of diseases like osteoporosis. Vitamin K in Pecan also reduces the risk of

#### Strengthens Immunity

Pecan is a rich source of antioxiinflammation within the body, improving the immune reaction to pathogens and helping destroy them. In addition, it regulates good

#### **Pecan Prevents Skin Problems**

Pecan is rich in vitamin E, vitamin A, zinc, folate and phosphorus, essential in maintaining good skin and hair. Scientific evidence suggests that vitamin A improves aged skin and protects it against

Vitamin A is responsible for photoprotection and wound healmins such as riboflavin, niacin, ing. thus preventing skin inflame either mixed in them or as a garthiamin, pantothenic acid, and mation and pigmentation. As per

mild to moderate acne effectively.

Studies also say that vitamin E protects the skin from various damage caused by solar radiation by acting as a free radical scavenger. It has also shown efficacy in treating skin melasma and several other skin conditions.

### Stimulates Hair Growth and Prevents

Pecan is a rich source of amino acids such as L-arginine. Studies say that arginine prevents the undesirable attack by hydrogen peroxide in shampoo and hair colours on hair proteins and surface lipids.

L-arginine helps increase the flexibility of the artery walls, thus improving the blood flow in our body and scalp. Therefore it promotes hair growth and prevents

Consumption of pecan nuts promotes satiety and metabolism, assisting in weight loss. Pecan nuts are also high in monounsaturated fats like oleic acid, which helps lower breast cancer risk. Pecan nuts also help lower LDL, or "bad cholesterol," and raise HDL, or 'good cholesterol," which helps prevent stroke and heart disease. Furthermore, pecan nuts are also high in dietary fibre, which helps to maintain regular bowel movements and avoid constipation by cleansing the digestive system.

#### **How to Cook with Pecans**

One must shell pecans before using nutcrackers or buy alreadyshelled pecans. After removing dants such as manganese, selenium their shells, pecans can be eaten Pecan can be used effectively and fibre, which boost immunity. raw or roasted, and these can be addition to a dish.

These nuts are generally found in commercial nut mixes and trail mixes. You can also use chopped pecans in garnishing salads or added to pasta, gratins, vegetable dishes, soups, desserts, and other recipes. They pair well with fresh, cooked, or dried fruits such as apples and pears.

You can use whole, chopped, or ground pecans in baking recipes. Pecan halves can garnish the top of cookies, pies, and cakes as decoration. They're also an excellent and healthy addition to ice cream,

#### **RECIPES**

#### **Salted Coconut-Caramel Energy Balls**



Serves: 36 balls Total: 30 mins Cook: 15 mins

Pitted dates: 4 dozen(about 3 cups) Creamy sunflower seed butter: 3/4 cup Warm water: 6 tbsp Kosher salt: 1 ½ tsp Vanilla extract: 1 ¼ tsp

Oats: 2 cups

Chopped toasted pecans: 6 tbsp Unsweetened shredded coconut: ½ cup Method of Preparation

Add dates, sunflower seed butter, water, salt and vanilla in a blender and blend until it smoothens. Then transfer this mixture to a medium bowl and add oats and pecans. Stir them together.

Place shredded coconut in a small bowl. Take a tablespoon of the date mixture and roll it into the shape of a ball. Coat the ball with coconut. Repeat the same method with the remaining balls.

Nutrition Facts per Serving (2 balls) Calories: 65 kcal

Fats: 1.5 g Proteins: 1.8 g Carbohydrates: 5 g

## **Apple-Cinnamon Overnight Oats**



Serves: 1 serving Total: 6 hrs Cook: 10 mins

Ingredients

Oats: 1/2 cup Unsweetened almond milk: ½ cup Chia seeds (Optional): ½ tbsp Maple syrup: 1 tsp Ground cinnamon: 1/4 tsp Pinch of Salt: As per taste Diced apple: 1/2 cup

Toasted pecans (Optional): 2 tbsp

#### Method of Preparation Add and mix oats, almond milk, chia seeds,

Sodium: 231.8 mg

maple syrup, cinnamon and salt in a bowl or any container you have and stir them. Cover it and refrigerate it overnight.

Before serving, add some apples and pecans

Nutrition Facts per Serving (11/2 cups) Calories: 215 kcal Protein: 5.7 g Carbohydrates: 40.8 g Dietary fibre: 6.3 g Fat: 4.4 g Vitamin A: 284.5 IU Vitamin C: 2.8 mg Folate: 21.4 mcg Calcium: 262 mg Iron 1.8 mg Magnesium: 44.8 mg Potassium: 248.9 mg

# World Tofu Day: A Day to Cherish Vegan Meat

#### **PARUL DUBE**

ince the veganism movement began, tofu, a plant-based substitute for meat and dairy products like cottage cheese manufactured from soybean, has become quite popular among vegans and vegetarians. As a result, tofu is a superfood that is a favourite among healthy eaters worldwide. So much so that there is a day dedicated to tofu called "World Tofu Day,". It is observed every year on July 26 to celebrate and promote the consumption of tofu as a staple food.

As more people choose a plantbased diet, tofu's appeal has grown. It is especially valued and cherished by vegans and vegetarians since they may forgo eating meat while still obtaining its essential protein. It is also a weight watcher's delight for its easy availability and texture in soups, salads, stir-fries and even curries.

#### **World Tofu Day: The History**

Although tofu may be unfamiliar to westerners, it has been a staple of Japanese cuisine since 900 AD. Moreover, it continues to rank among the nation's most beloved dishes because that is where it's a part of the daily staples.

Interestingly, tofu was first produced in China around 179 BC, during the Han Dynasty, as a cheap substitute for people who couldn't buy meat. But the Japanese adopted tofu in the 6th cen-

improved its texture and flavour using the appropriate methods Thus, by 900 AD, tofu had earned

significance in Japanese cuisine. Over time, it gradually lost that prominence. Still, since 1803, it has gained it back thanks to its low price, making it a dish for everyone, not just the wealthy.

The Chinese and Japanese languages use a variety of names for tofu, often known as bean curd in English. It wasn't until the 1800s, when English translations of cookbooks started to appear, that the word "tofu" was first used. As the meat substitute gained popularity in the West in the 1970s, cookbooks began using the term "tofu" as an official descriptor. Tofu has become a staple for those who wish to follow a vegetarian or vegan diet. It has evolved into a staple dish and a wholesome substitute for them.

The Society for the Protection of Animals founded World Tofu Day in 2014. The idea behind it was to treat it like a global celebration to encourage the adaptation of tofu. In addition to providing individuals with the information regarding necessary nutrients, National Tofu Day aims to highlight the many ways that tofu has inspired people

#### **Making of Tofu**

Tofu, commonly called bean curd, is a bland, soft product manufactured from

tury during the Nara period in Japan and soybeans. Dry soybeans are soaked in **Soft Tofu** water, mashed, and heated to create tofu. The mixture gets divided into soy "milk" and solid pulp (okara). To separate the curds from the whey, salt coagulants including calcium, magnesium chlorides, and sulphates get added to

> In addition, acid coagulants like citric acid or glucono delta-lactone may be utilised in specific circumstances. Finally, soy milk gets poured into moulds to allow the whey, which is rich in carbohydrates, to drain off. The resulting soft cakes are sliced into squares and kept in water until they are ready to be sold. either in bulk or in little tubs with water. **Tofu Varieties**

Tofu is available in a variety of textures:

A firm block has curds that are visible and tightly packed; it should feel hard. It's hard body develops a rubbery feel during cooking, making each block manageable. Firm tofu holds up well to frving and filling **Extra-Firm Tofu** 

Of all the block tofus, this one is the most compact. The block is considerably squatter than all the others, and the curds are compact. This tofu is best suited for heartier meals because it has the most crunch. It is the perfect dairy-free alternative to paneer in Indian

The curds in soft tofu can easily mix with the residual whey since it gets pressed for the shortest duration of any block tofus. This smooth block retains texture when broken apart, as it frequently does with a light touch. It tastes mildly milky and has a delicate body akin to Jell-O.

Soft tofu functions just as well in savoury meals as in sweet ones due to its resemblance to soft desserts. Soft tofu shouldn't be shallow-fried because of its high water content because the sputtering and spit-back can be harmful. However, one must coat the cubes thoroughly in batter and deep-fry. As a result, you would get deliciously soft nuggets of soy heaven. Silken Tofu

The second most popular type of tofu is silken. Soy milk gets coagulated without causing milk to curdle. Every cake maintains its moisture while cooling because it is also not squeezed. The tofu, whether soft, firm, or extra firm, looks smooth and "silky" because curds do not develop in it. Silken tofu, which is more delicate than other tofu, must be handled carefully to avoid breaking. **Nutritional Value of Tofu** 

Tofu has a high nutritional density because it has few calories and a lot of nutrients. Also, depending on the coagulant used to manufacture it, it has a different nutritional composition.

bit more fat and potassium but less calcium, protein, and fibre than calciumset tofu.

According to (the U.S Department of Agriculture/USDA), One hundred grams of calcium-set, firm tofu provides: Energy: 144 kCal

Fat: 8.72 g Protein: 17.3 g Calcium: 683 mg Iron: 2.66 mg Phosphorus: 190 mg Potassium: 237 mg Selenium: 17.4 ua The HealthifyMe Note

Carbohydrates: 2.78 g

Condensed soy milk makes tofu in a method analogous to creating cheese. Tofu has a high protein and fat content but few calories. It also includes calcium and manganese, among other significant vitamins and minerals.

**Antinutrients in Tofu** Tofu contains numerous antinutrients, like the majority of plant-based meals. These substances reduce the body's capacity to absorb nutrients from food and are naturally present in plant-based diets. According to research, the two categories of antinutrients present in tofu are:

These substances might inhibit the absorption of some minerals, including calcium, zinc, and iron.

Trypsin, an enzyme required for the correct digestion of proteins, is blocked by these substances. Additionally, this could result in indigestion, bring on stomach pain, and hinder the absorption of several nutrients.

Soaking or boiling soybeans will help lower the antinutrients it contains. A study highlighted that sprouting is yet another practical technique. For instance, sprouting soybeans before manufacturing tofu can reduce phytates and trypsin inhibitors by up to 56 and 81 per cent, respectively. At the same time, up to 13 per cent more protein gets added.

Antinutrients may occasionally even offer a few health advantages. By acting as a natural iron regulator, phytates, for instance, may stop the body from absorbing excessive amounts of iron from animal meals.

#### **Top Health Benefits of Tofu** Protective Antioxidant

Tofu includes isoflavones, which are potent antioxidants. As a result, it reduces the oxidative stress caused by free radicals. Isoflavones are natural substances found in soy. This oxidative stress plays a role in ageing and the onset of certain chronic diseases. According to research, about 3.5 mg of isoflavones get included in every gram of soy protein

#### **Supports Heart Health**

Numerous studies showed that the mix of fibre, protein, and isoflavones in tofu might be what makes it good for the heart. This combination may also explain why tofu and other whole soy foods, as opposed to soy supplements, seem more effective at lowering cho-

Additionally, researchers claim that substituting tofu for animal products like meat, eggs, and dairy likely reduces the overall amount of saturated fat in the diet, improving heart health. **Improves Bone Health** 

## Soy isoflavones present in tofu may

prevent bone loss or improve the mineral density of bones, according to recent studies. **Prevents Certain Cancers** 

According to a recent study on tofu, women who consume it frequently may be up to 32% less likely to acquire breast cancer. Similarly, tofu may reduce the incidence of prostate cancer in men by up to 51%. In addition, other studies indicate that tofu may lower the risk of colorectal or colon cancers by 8-12% and gut tumours by 7%, particularly in

#### **Reduces the Risk of Diabetes**

Tofu may help prevent type 2 diabetes. According to a review of studies published in 2020, people who regularly ate tofu had a lower risk of developing this illness.



# Hundreds of people participate in Apni Party's protest rally at Vijaypur



VIJAYPUR, MAR 1

restoration of statehood and holding of Assembly District today. Elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

businessmen, ex-PRIs, said that the people have

stration was taken out people. from the market area amid slogans for the restora- regions of J&K have similar ted lands in border areas tion of democratic system demands to hold elections of Jammu region. while the protesters were and restore democracy carrying banners in support of their demands.

As the anger among the the functioning in Govt people has grown, and Departments public inter- International Border as the Election Commission est as the gap between the of India has yet to take call present regime and the on the holding of polls in public has widened in an areas should be recruited J&K, the Apni Party held unprecedented manner," in the Indian Army, parathe protest to highlight the he stated while urging the military and J&K Police popular demands of the Govt of India for the resto- in a special on the spot people who were deprived ration of statehood. of their democratic rights and left to the mercy of to the issues of the Disget indulged in anti-social inefficient and adamant placed Persons/Refugees activities or drug addiction

of Jammu and Kashmir dian land even as they he added. He said that the have constantly been have lived there for the farmers issues like waiv- Choudhary and others demanding holding of last seven decades. assembly elections in While addressing the water up to the tail-end demonstration.

out a massive protest the Former Minister, while on the Custodian land. demonstration in Vijay- addressing a huge protest

Hundreds of people, different walks of life, he the then Govt of India.

because the bureaucracy has almost paralyzed

who have yet to be granted that has destroyed fami-"The nationalist people land rights on the Custo- lies in the border belt,"

has been snatched from the pending demands of tional Border, round the the historic erstwhile state the DPs/Refugees should by downgrading it into two be accepted by granting Apni Party on Friday took Union Territories," said them proprietary rights

He also demanded pur town, demanding rally that was taken in the release of the pending Vijaypur town of Samba package amount i.e., Rs 25 lakhs for each DP/Refugee Accompanied by the family in Jammu and Kashpublic representatives of mir that was sanctioned by

"Out of total Rs 25 lakhs, and prominent people decided to come on the the Govt of India has only and the Party leaders, who roads so that the Govt released Rs 5.5 lakhs for participated in the protest and the Election Commis- the DPs/Refugees whererally, were led by the Apni sion of India could wake as the pending amount Party Provincial President, up from the deep slum- has not been released," Jammu, and Former Minis- ber which has delayed he said, while asking the ter, S. Manjit Singh in the the elections without Govt to consider the pendciting reasons and played ing demands of the DPs/ The peaceful demon- with the emotions of the Refugees who were forced to abandon their houses "The people in both the and resettle in the allot-

> employment package and special recruitment for the border residents of the well as the Line of Control.

"The youth of border recruitment by the author-He further referred ities so that they do not ing off the KCC loan, canal were part of the protest Jammu and Kashmir that protesters, he stated that villages along Interna-

close electricity should be supplied to the farmers so that they can operate their water pumps to irrigate their fields. The prominent people in the protest also addressed the hundreds of people who had gathered to express their resentment against the Election Commission of India for delaying the polls, and not declaring the assembly elections.

District President,

Raman Thappa, SC State President, Bodh Raj Bhagat, OBC State President Bhagat Ram, Apni Trade Union J&K President, Ajaz Kazmi, SC State General Secretary, Capt. Joginder Lal, J&K Vice President Youth Wing, Vishal Nariana, Provin-He also demanded an cial President, Jammu, SC Wing, Lovely Mangol, District President, Samba, Legal Cell, Sahil Bharti, J&K Apni Party's Transport Provincial President, Tirath Singh, Senior Vice President Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Vice President of Women Wing, Neelam, Provincial Secretaries of Women Wing, Sheetal Sharma and Shikha Bhardwaj, District President Youth Wing, Samba, Mangat Ram, District President Youth Urban, Jammu, Shubam

## Sham Sharma unveils BJP Office at Marh for Jammu-Reasi Constituency in preparation for LS polls

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 1

Today, State Vice President of BJP and Former Minister, Sham Lal Sharma, alongside District President Omi Khajuria, unveiled the BJP Office for the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency election office at Karloop (Marh). This strategic move comes in anticipation of the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections in 2024.

Expressing his enthusiasm for the endeavor, Sham Lal Sharma emphasized the significance of expanding BJP's presence in Jammu and Kashmir. "The opening of election offices is seen as an endeavor by the BJP leadership to expand its outreach in Jammu Kashmir,"

nated through these offices," he added.

ther articulated the party's strong determination for victory in the upcomthese election offices in ing elections, declaring, Jammu North, Omi Kha- for the Jammu-Reasi Parbugle for a massive elecstated Sham Lal Sharma. including Udhampur, Sri- different assemblies." Kha- aims to strengthen its pres-"From today onwards, nagar, Baramulla, and the juria exuded confidence in ence and secure a decisive all the activities for the Rajouri-Anantnag seats. BJP's electoral prospects, victory in the electoral upcoming Parliamentary Sharma emphasized the predicting a resounding arena.

elections will be coordi- party cadre's relentless victory. "BJP will win 400 efforts to fortify the orga- seats in the coming elecnization and ensure suc- tions, and once again our Sham Lal Sharma fur- cess in the forthcoming Prime Minister, Shri Nar-

elections.

endra Modi, will be sworn Speaking on the occa- in," he affirmed. The inausion, District President of guration of the BJP Office "We have sounded the juria, underscored the liamentary Constituency party's proactive stance, marks a pivotal moment tion victory." He high-stating, "We are already in in the party's preparalighted the inauguration election mode and elections for the forthcoming of election offices for tion offices are open in dif- Lok Sabha Elections. With five parliamentary seats ferent places in the parlia- unwavering determination in Jammu and Kashmir, mentary constituency in and strategic planning, BJP

## DPS Kathua Students Recognized at Silver Zone International Olympiad in English Language

JAMMU, MAR 1

The exemplary performance of DPS Kathua students in the Silver Zone International Olympiad of English Language has garnered widespread acclaim, showcasing their exceptional linguistic skills and academic prowess on the global stage.

Notably, Nitika Khajuria of Class X secured the distinguished title of State Topper, earning the esteemed Gold Medal of Excellence, while Komal Bandhral of class XII achieved the remarkable feat of State Topper, receiving the Bronze Medal of Excellence.

In addition to the top honors, DPS Kathua students showcased their lence in education. talent and dedication with



mitment to nurturing excel- DPS Kathua, expressed his able guidance and support.

appreciation for the victo-K a n t a rious students, emphasiz-

securing the Silver Medal congratulations to the stu- and fostering a spirit of of Excellence, and an addidents, parents, and teach-competitiveness. He also tional 13 students being ers for their collective effort commended Ms. Ruchi awarded the Bronze Medal and dedication in achieving Sharma, the Olympiad of Excellence, underscort hese outstanding results. Incharge and Primary Wing ing the institution's com- Vivek Arora, Principal of Coordinator, for her invalu-

## Another major boost to Aatmnirbharta in defence: Ministry of Defence signs five major capital acquisition contracts worth Rs 39,125.39 crore

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAR 1

As part of 'Aatmanirbharta in Defence' and to further boost Make-in-India initiative, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed five major capital acquisition contracts worth Rs 39,125.39 crore on March 1, 2024 in New Delhi. The Contracts were exchanged in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, under whose guidance these deals fructified.

Out of the five contracts, one was with M/s system for the Indian the Russian OEM. The the period of five years. Defence Forces.

factures in future.



programme will focus on

with M/s Hindustan Aero- Larsen & Toubro Limited will significantly enhance Indian Navy. This proj- over a period of 7-8 years.

Limited for procure- cost of Rs 5,249.72 crore. crore. CIWS will provide capabilities of IAF with employment of nine lakh ment of Aero-engines for These aeroengines will be terminal Air Defence to integration of sophisti- man-days in Joint Venture MiG-29 aircraft, two with produced by the Koraput select locations of the cated sensors capable of entity and around 135 M/s Larsen & Toubro Lim- Division of HAL. These country. The project will detection of small Radar lakh man-days in ancilited for procurement of Aero Engines are expect- boost and encourage Cross Section targets. It lary industries (including Close-in Weapon System ed to fulfill the need of active participation of will boost to indigenous MSMEs) of the country. (CIWS) and procurement Indian Air Force (IAF) to Indian aerospace, defence radar manufacturing of High-Power Radar sustain the operational and associated indus- technology as it would be curement of Ship borne (HPR) and two with M/s capability of the MiG-29 tries including MSMEs. BrahMos Aerospace Pri- fleet for the residual ser- The direct and indirect vate Limited (BAPL) for vice life. The aero-engines employment generated of Ship borne BrahMos nology (TOT) license from 2,400 persons/ year over

The contract for pro-These deals will further indigenisation of several curement of HPR has

be approximately average of 1,000 people/year over

the period of five years.

The contract for Pro-

first of its kind radar built BrahMos system has also by the private sector in been signed with M/s India. The direct and indi- BrahMos Aerospace Priprocurement of BrahMos will be manufactured by this project would be rect employment gener- vate Limited (BAPL) at a missiles and procurement under Transfer of Tech- approximately average of ated by this project would cost of Rs 988.07 crore. This system is the Indian Navy's primary weapon for maritime strike opera-The contract for pro- tions fitted onboard varistrengthen indigenous high value critical compo- also been signed with M/s curement of BrahMos ous frontline warships. capabilities, save foreign nents, which would help Larsen & Toubro Limited missiles has been signed. The system is capable of exchange and reduce increase the indigenous at a cost of Rs 5,700.13 with M/s BrahMos Aero- hitting land or sea targets dependency on Foreign content of future Repair crore. It will replace exist- space Private Limited from extended ranges Origin Equipment Manu- and Overhaul (ROH) tasks ing long-range radars of (BAPL) at a cost of Rs with pinpoint accuracy The contract for RD-33 The contract for pro- Aperture Phased Array missiles would be utilized The project is likely to Aero Engines for MiG-29 curement of CIWS has based HPR with advanced to meet combat outfit and generate employment of aircraft has been signed been signed with M/s surveillance features. It training requirements of around 60,000 man-days

## Modi govt's empowerment agenda is set to achieve massive victory in upcoming LS polls: Kavinder



JAMMU, MAR 1

asserted that the Modi electorate, while high- in the past ten years. lighting the government's inclusive development.

In a statement issued here today, the senior BJP leader highlighted the government's achievements in providing 10 per cent reservation to Economically Weaker Sections, constructing 3.5 crore houses for the poor, providing sanitation facilities to 11.72 crore households, pro-

viding 9.6 crore gas con- nity to the poor, lifting nections, free treatment 27 per cent citizens out to more than 60 crore of poverty. He further Senior BJP leader and persons and free rations stated that while the Conformer Deputy Chief to more than 80 crore gress party made empty

government's empower- these achievements with "Garibi Hatao", the BJP ment agenda will lead to the Congress party's has actually worked a landslide victory in the record of corruption towards eradicating pov-2024 Lok Sabha Polls. He prior to 2014 and claimed erty. emphasized the transfor- that the BJP has set mative impact of empow- benchmarks by introduc- the people of the counerment-focused policies ing welfare schemes and try have made up their on garnering support creating infrastructure minds to support Prime and confidence from the like IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS Minister Modi, and he

unwavering commitment ernment's commitment next government at the to uplifting marginalized to the poor, Kavinder Centre by winning 400 sections and fostering asserted that the BJP has plus seats in the upcomgiven security and dig- ing Lok Sabha polls.

Minister, Kavinder Gupta people of the country. promises for four genasserted that the Modi Kavinder contrasted erations with the slogan

Gupta stated that expressed confidence Highlighting the gov- that the BJP will form the

#### **NOTICE**

I, Balbir Singh S/o Jagdev Singh R/o Urkhal, Saruinsar, Teh & Distt. Jammu declare that my wife's name was wrongly written as Sureshta Devi in my daughter's school record instead of her correct name i.e. Surishta Devi which appears in her Aadhaar card and school certificate. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection, if any, maybe conveyed to concerned authorities within 7 days.

# Col Mahan emphasizes agriculture devp at awareness camp

KATHUA, MAR 1

In a bid to bolster agricultural awareness and address pressing issues faced by farmers, a districtlevel Agriculture Awareness Camp was convened by the District Agriculture Department at Village Plakh. Over 200 farmers and members of Self-Help Groups participated in the

Retired Colonel Mahan Singh, the esteemed DDC Chairman of Kathua, graced the occasion as the tinguished attendees were Murari Dingra, District tral schemes including income. He urged the Agri-Agriculture Officer, Ravin- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, culture Department staff to der Saini, SMS (SDL), Rohit KCC Holders, SHG females, assist farmers in identify-Billawaria SDO Basohli, FPO Members, and HADP Sandeep Andotra HDO beneficiaries were present, for specific crop cultiva-Basohli, Capt Ram Rattan, underscoring the diverse tion to maximize yield. and Usha Thakur, among spectrum of stakeholders

Participants shed light



eficiaries of various cen- vision of doubling farmers' ing their land's potential

Furthermore, the DDC Chairman stressed the ness Camp served as a Addressing the gath- imperative of enhancing platform for fruitful dison critical issues such as ering, Col Mahan Singh irrigation systems and the menace posed by mon- underscored the govern- urged district officers to keys, crop damage caused ment's commitment to facilitate interested farmby wild and stray animals, uplifting the farming com- ers in acquiring agricultur- agricultural prosperity in and the lack of irrigation munity in alignment with al machinery at subsidized Kathua district.

chief guest. Among the dis- facilities. Moreover, ben- Prime Minister Modi's rates. Emphasizing the untapped potential of the region, Col Mahan advocated for the cultivation of millets, citrus fruits, and organic vegetables to harness exponential growth opportunities.

The Agriculture Awarecussions and collaborative efforts aimed at empowering farmers and fostering

# Billawaria kick starts work of paver tiles, drains at lane near GH Gangyal

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 1

The development work of laying paver tiles and drains was started in the lane adjoining Government Hospital Gangyal located in RS Pura-Jammu South constituency. The former Deputy Mayor Jammu and senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria kick started the con-Municipal Corporation.

sion, former Deputy am happy that I am getting lems of the people, that's work in the area and said Mayor Jammu & senior the privilege to start the the reason for the wave of that he is always ready for BJP leader Baldev Singh development works that I BJP across the country. He public welfare works. The Billawaria said that this had planned." He said that said that people have supdevelopment works has during his tenure, he tried ported that only the BJP assured full support to been a long pending to get development work led by Prime Minister Nar- BJP in the upcoming elecdemand of the locals and done in every ward of endra Modi can fulfill the tions. Mandal President now this demand has been Jammu city so that devel- development agenda and Ranjit Singh, Rakesh Sanfulfilled. He said that the opment could be provided take the country forward. gral, Dr Kuldeep Gupta, construction of this lane to the people at their door- Billawaria further said that Sunil Sharma, Mulkh Raj, will provide relief from the step. While addressing the this kind of environment Om Nath, Punjab Singh problem of water logging people about the welfare has been created in favor during the rainy season. schemes of the Central of BJP in the country as a



**Awareness Program on Fire** 

Safety organized at CUJ

Billawaria said that Government, Billawaria during his tenure as said that the Bharatiya struction work of laying Deputy Mayor of Jammu, Janata Party is working on paver tiles and Drains here he had put these develop- the agenda of Sabka Saath, today. This development ment works in the pipeline Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwork will be done under to met the demands of the was and Sabka Prayas. He former Deputy Mayor and the supervision of Jammu people and today the same said that BJP party workdevelopment works are ers have always worked Speaking on the occabeing started. He said, "I actively to solve the prob-

result of the guarantees of the successful Prime Minister Modi being fulfilled. He said that definitely for the third time in the country, the BJP government is going to be formed under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and this time BJP will cross the figure of 400 seats. He said that after the recent rally of PM Narendra Modi in Jammu, the enthusiasm of the workers and people has doubled.

Local people praised senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria for carrying out development people of the area also and other dignitaries were present.

#### **Police registers** five FIR's against lodge owners at Katra for not installing CCTV cameras

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In compliance of District Magistrate Reasi order regarding CCTV Cameras must be installed all Hotels/Lodge, Medical Shops etc. Reasi Police conducted a surprise checking at Katra.

Hotel & Lodge, CCTV cameras have not found in 05 lodge. In this regard, five FIR's No. 67/2024, 68/2024, 69/2024, 70/2024 & 71/2024 all U/S 188 IPC registered at P/S Katra, against lodge owners who have not installed CCTV Cameras in their premises despite notification issued by District Magistrate Reasi.

Reasi had directed that CCTV cameras must be installed in all Hotels/ Lodge, Medical Shops etc. The whole operation is led by SHO Katra.

# Modi Govt's Era a 'Golden Period' for Gujjars, Bakerwals: Vibodh

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ModiJi's era as a golden

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## Reasi Police organizes Thana Diwas in district Reasi

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As a part of public outreach programme, "Thana Diwas" an initiative of Government of J&K UT to bridge the gap between Police and Public and also to listen and redress the grievances of common masses organised at PP Bhambla, Dera Baba, Kakryal, Dhansal, Shajroo and Malikote by District Police Reasi.

Civil Society members and respectable persons of the areas remained

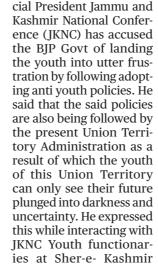


were assured that their trict would be revamped genuine grievances per- to enhance proficiencies taining to Police will be of the cops and to develresolved on priority and op confidence among root level would be dealt that of Civil Administra- the people. SSP Reasi Ms on priority and patiently, tion will be taken up with Mohita Sharma IPS fur- and were assured that the concerned depart- ther shared that "Com- such meetings would be present on the occasions. ments for their early munity policing is man-held in every nook and During the Programme, redressal. While speak- datory to boost public corner of the District to participants highlighted ing on the occasion, it was confidence which would further strengthen the various issues of public reiterated that policing at help in fighting against Police-Public relations for

Referring to the criminal activities in the area, it was stressed upon the officers to brace up with a missionary spirit to fight against drug abuse and other social evils from the society and to take a pledge for serving the society with missionary spirit and maintain the dignity of force. While urging for better policing, it was exhorted that public grievances at grass importance, and they grass root level in the Discrime and social evils" achieving better results.

## J&K youth in utter frustration, youth festivals, conclaves will not fulfill their aspirations: Rattan Lal

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Rattan Lal Gupta, Provin-

The senior NC leader stated that more than 7 lakh youth are unemployed in J&K today which is a very serious matter. He said that the frustration of the J&K youth can be well gauged from the fact that even the Union Minister stated in the Parliament that there are nearly 13.5 from 10 years to 80 years old drug addicts in J&K.

Bhavan, Jammu.

and 30000 paramedicos been done in this regard these industries thousands Advocate and others.



employment here while industrial sector is on the tutions including medical which the Govt is wholly said that the said policies colleges, hospitals, dispen- and solely responsible as it J&K youth as well as other saries and health centres is pursuing anti-industries are facing shortage of staff thus adversely affecting the health prospects of the of this Union Territory people in general. He said that it is really an irony of J&K that despite availability of professionally quali- is time for the Administrathis while interacting with fied army of youth they tion to issue a white paper tioned that the people in due to UT Administration's tries have been estabthat nearly 50000 trained that the fact remains that to National Conference technocrats in search of due to wrong policies of in J&K in the upcoming jobs but there is no road- the Govt nobody is ready Assembly polls to form map to accommodate to come forward for govt and bring the people

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these youth in govt jobs.

thousands of health insti- verge of closure today for policy.

Rattan Lal Gupta said that the tall claims of signing MoUs worth Rs. 80000 cr continue to remain confined to papers only and it Rattan Lal Gupta this Union Territory con- the proxy govt of the BJP.

of jobs were created and youth adjusted under NC Rule while the job opportunities have got reduced to bare minimum during the incumbent Govt.

The veteran NC leader said that only a popular Govt duly formed by holding Assembly elections can solve the problems of issues confronted today due to misgovernance. He said that time has come for India Bloc to assume power at the Centre to relieve the people from the hollow policies of BJP government. He also mencontinue to crave for jobs revealing how many indus- Jammu and Kashmir have also decided to strengthen callous attitude. He said lished in J&K. He asserted and again give a chance investing in J&K because out from the clutches of

> Those who were present S. Tejinder Singh

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today. The program con- coordinated by Security buildings. ducted a demonstration Officer. The training was of Fire Fighting applianc- imparted by Mr. Balwan Central University of es, and Rescue Tools were Singh, Security Officer Jammu Prof. Sanjeev Jain displayed for the famil- and Mr. Romi Rajput, appreciated the efforts of iarization of the staff and Security Inspector on the Security wing in crestudents. The primary use of fire extinguishers ating fire safety awareaim of this training was to in which Students, NCC ness amongst the Univerequip the staff with essen- boys & girls' cadets, and sity fraternity including tial skills to effectively staff of the University car-students. Prof. Bharat tackle fire emergencies ried out practical use of Bhushan, Dr. Ratnesh

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The Vice Chancellor

During inspection of

District Magistrate

#### Regime of Mamata will be brought down on its knees by the daughters of West Bengal: Rekha Mahajan



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It is time to throw out tioning the allegations of Mamata Banerjee's gov- sexual assault raised by ernment, this was stated women in Sandeshkhali. by BJP District President It is pertinent to mention Jammu South Rekha that Sandeshkhali in North Mahajan. The massive 24 Parganas district saw protest was held against violent protests earlier, the Mamta Banerjee-led over alleged sexual harassgovernment in Gadi Garh, ment by local Trinamool RS Pura Jammu South Congress leaders. Constituency falls under District Jammu South by women were spontaneunder the presidentship ous and there was no poliof District President Rekha tics in it, with the BJP only

Rekha Mahajan was voice." She also claimed flanked by senior BJP lead- that what happened to ers namely Former Min- women in Sandeshkhali ister Sham Choudhary, was similar to the atroci-Prabhari Jammu South ties against women in Ayodhya Gupta, DDC countries such as Iraq and Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, Pakistan. former Dy Mayor Baldev Billowaria, former MLC culprit should be hanged

the occasion. dents, Rekha Mahajan state.

demanded the removal of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for ques-

Rekha said the protests trying to "protect them During the protest, and help them raise their

Rekha demanded the

Vikram Randhawa, Dis- and deserves nothing trict General Secretaries less than capital punish-Akash Chopra and Push- ment," she said, alleging pinder Charak, Mandal that Hindu women in the Presidents Vijay Sharma, area were targeted and Bharat Bhushan, Ranjeet the accused sheltered by Singh, Narinder Gupta the administration as the koki, Shalu Gupta, Karuna Trinamool cares for only Chetri, Pumi Choudhary, one community. Rekha's Neeraj Dewan, Abhinav blistering attack on the Anand, Amit Sharma, Mamta government added Pardeep Sharma, Er TK that women are most Sharma and other party unsafe in a State ruled by cadres were present on the country's only woman Chief Minister. Rekha Rekha Mahajan hit out Mahajan asserted that the at the Trinamool Con- sad thing is that the West gress over the Sandesh- Bengal government is not khali issue and alleged doing anything. If women that Hindu women were were not safe under the being "hunted down" rule of a woman chief and sexually assaulted by minister, then questions "goons". While address- start to arise on the lawing the media correspon- and-order situation in the

## 2024 Lok Sabha polls will mark dawn of Rahul Gandhi era: Tony



JI NEWS SERVICE SUCHETGARH, MAR 1

Taranjit Singh Tony, ing confidence in Rahul General Secretary of J&K Gandhi's capabilities, Pradesh Congress Com- he firmly believed that mittee and DDC member he embodies the quali-Suchetgarh, strongly critities necessary to lead the cized the BJP Government nation as the Prime Minat the Centre for its failure ister. He emphasized that to meet the expectations Rahul Gandhi's vision of the people of the coun-resonates with the aspiratry. He emphasized the tions of millions of Indigovernment's inability to ans, especially the youth provide basic amenities to and marginalized sections the general public, which of society. he described as a severe

Interacting with promibly elections to be held nent people of Miran Sahib alongside the upcoming area falling in Suchetgarh Parliament elections in the constituency, the senior country. He emphasized Congress leader expressed the importance of giving deep concern over the the citizens the opporturising levels of corruption, nity to elect their repreunemployment, inflation, sentatives at both the state and an alarming increase and national levels simulin crime rates, terrorism, taneously. and drug addiction under the Modi government. He Senior Congress Leader termed these issues as called for the restoration the biggest achievements of statehood to Jammu of the Modi Govt, which and Kashmir before holdfall short of the promises ing assembly polls in the made to the citizens.

2024 Lok Sabha elec- ensuring a democratic tions, Tony believed that process and represenit is time for a new era in tation for the people of Indian politics. He boldly Jammu and Kashmir. stated that the upcoming Senior social leader elections will not only Kundan Sharma was also mark the end of the Modi present.

era but also herald the dawn of the Rahul Gandhi era. Expressing unwaver-

In addition, Tony urged for simultaneous Assem-

Furthermore, the region. He believed that Looking ahead to the this step is crucial in





#### UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER, DANSAL DIST. JAMMU

#### ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE: 06 of 2023 Dated: 26-02-2024

Recruitment of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker) and Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) in the Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Dansall on "Honorarium basis" under 3rd Phase

1) Govt. Order no 222-JK (SWD) of 2022, Dated 30-11-2022 2) Order no 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023 3) Mission Director, Poshan J&K, Order No:MD/Poshan/Estt/6215-18 Dated: 21/02/2024

Applications on prescribed proforma are hereby invited from the eligible female candidates belonging to the electoral Panch /MC Wards, as mentioned in annexure A(I,II) for filling up of the posts of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker) and Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper) in the Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Dansal on "Honorarium basis" Under Phase 3.

#### Details of the vacancies of Sangini (AWW) and SahayikaAWH:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Posts
1	Dansal	Sangini (Anganwadi Worker)	02
		Sahayika (Anganwadi Helper)	04
		Total	06

#### Important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- 1. Date of commencement of submission of application form 01/03/2024
- 2. Last date for submission of Application form 15-03-2024
- 3. Annexure-A(I,II)Vacancy, Name of the post, Location/ward of Sangini /Sahayika
- 4. Annexure-B, Application Form for the post of Sangini /Sahayika
- 5. Annexure-C, Qualification & selection criteria for Sangini /Sahayika and Document Verification
- 6. Annexure-D, affidavit

The applications along with required documents shall be received in the Office of undersigned i.e the Child Development Project Officer, Poshan Project Dansal by or before 15.03.2024 upto 04:00 PM, against proper receipt

No: CDPO/D/1581-1593//2024/ Dated: 27 /02/2024



#### Annexure-A -I, Detail of Vacant Posts of Sangini along with name and location of AWC.

S.No	NAME OF THE PROJECT	NAME OF PANCHAYAT/	VACANCY OF ANGANWADI WORKERS		
		MUNICIPALITY WARD	NO. OF PANCH WARD/ M.WARD	NAME OF AWC	
1	DANSAL	Jagti	06	Jagti Kheri	
2	DANSAL	Sagoon	07	Kangrail	

#### ANNEXURE 'A' (II)

Detail of Vacant Posts of Sahayikas along with name and location of AWC.

	NAME OF	NAME OF	VACANCY OF ANGANWADI HELPERS		
S.NO THE PROJECT	PANCHAYAT/ MUNICIPALITY WARD	NO. OF PANCH WARD/ M.WARD	NAME OF AWC		
				Lane-21,Block-123,Flat-	
1 DANSAL	Jagti Migrant	02	8		
2	DANSAL	Dansal	01	Dansal B	
3	DANSAL	TRT Nagrota	02	TRT C	
4	DANSAL	Chibba	04	Thanda pani	



ANNEXURE-B	
Name of Poshan Project	

SPACE FOR **PHOTOGRAPH** 

Name of AWC ...... .Post applied for ...

Name of Panch ward/ MC Ward				Panch ward/ MC Ward No			
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YYYY	Age as on	DD	MM	YYYY
				01-01-2023			
Name of Candidate.				Marital Statu	s		
athers Name				Husband's Na	ame		
Posidontial address							

Ward.

#### **Educational Qualifications:**

Panchayat.

S.no	Examination Passed	Board/School	Year of Passing	Marks obtained	Max Marks	%age
01	8th					
02	10th					
03	12th					

Does the Candidate belong to the family of retired AWW/AWH Yes....

Undertaking

Documents attached:

Signature of Candidate

Contact no.

..D/O.W/O.. do hereby certify that the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge. In case any of the above content is found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject my application and similarly revoke my engagement order.

Signature of Candidate

#### Acknowledgement

Received application form from Ms ... .D/O,W/O... ..... on.....for the post of...

#### Signature of Dealing Assistant **ANNEXURE -C**

#### Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers):

- a. Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- b. The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- c. The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC is located. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as proof of residence of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in the voter list along with her parents, then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Wherever there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a residence proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
- d. Minimum Education qualification should be 10+2 pass and maximum graduation. In case no 10+2 pass candidate is available in the ward, 10+2 pass candidate from the adjoining ward shall be considered which would require prior approval of Mission Director, Mission
- e. In case suitable candidate is not available from adjoining Ward, candidate from the nearest Ward within the Panchayat can be considered subject to the approval of the MD,
- f. Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis &no other criteria to be considered.
- g. In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retired AWW, the said candidate
- shall qualify for additional two percent points. h. In case of tie in merit of eligible candidate, candidate with higher age will be preferred.
- Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.
- All other terms and conditions as notified in HR Policy notified vide Govt Order no 222-JK (SWD) of 2022, dated 30-11-2022, read with Govt order no 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023 shall apply.

## Self-attested copies of the documents to be attached with the application form of Anganwadi

- 1. Educational Qualification with marks card of class 12th
- Domicile Certificate.
- 3. Copy of Voter list of ward.
- 4. Date of Birth Certificate. 5. Unmarried Certificate from Concerned Tehsildar, if the name of the candidate appears in
- the voter list along with her parents. 6. If candidate belongs to family of retired AWW then copy of the e-ration card.
- 7. Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
- 8. Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

#### Criteria for Selection of SAHAYIKA (Anganwadi Helper)

- a) The Selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where the Anganwadi Centre is located ie The candidate should be a resident of the Electoral Ward where AWC
- b) Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be considered for the post.
- c) The candidate should be a domicile of the UT of J&K.
- d) Minimum qualification for Anganwadi Helper shall be Matriculation.
- e) In case no matriculate Candidate is available in the ward, candidate with qualification not less than 8th shall be considered.
- f) In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retired AWW, the said candidate shall qualify for additional two percent points.
- g) In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate will be considered.
- h) All other terms and conditions as notified in HR Policy notified vide Govt Order no 222-JK(SWD) of 2022, dated 30-11-2022, read with Govt order no 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated 28-04-2023 shall apply
- i) First and foremost criteria of eligibility amongst married women in case of

Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) is the marks obtained in the class 10th. However in rarest of rare cases where selection committee finds a widow headed household with no source of income or a completely destitute lady with zero source of income in such cases preference may be given to other things are equal, with unmarried candidates selected only if no married candidate is available.

#### Self-attested copies of the documents to be attached with the application form of SahayikaAnganwadi Helper

- 1. Matriculation Certificate with marks card.
- Domicile Certificate.
- 3. Copy of Voter list of ward. 4. Date of Birth Certificate.
- 5. Non employment Certificate from a Gazetted Officer.
- 6. Self-Addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs 5/-.

#### **Document Verification:**

- 1. The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as self-attested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application form.
- 2. Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.
- 3. Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate.
- 4. Domicile Certificate.
- 5. Unmarried Certificate (where required)
- 6. Candidates have to bring two passport size recent color photographs and one original Photo ID proof. Photo ID Proof can be:
  - Aadhaar Card
  - II. Voter ID card.
- 7. The candidates who are supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cutoff date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.
- Wherever a specific format has been prescribed for any certificate, in accordance with the relevant rules/orders, a candidate shall be supposed to furnish the said requisite, otherwise her candidature shall be liable for cancellation/ rejection.
- 9. Candidate claiming to be Domicile of Jammu & Kashmir shall be asked to produce the Domicile Certificate in original issued by the competent authority up to the cut-off date, in the prescribed format at the time of Document Verification or as and when sought by selection committee.

#### Annexure-D:

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

- 1. All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- 2. Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Anganwadi worker and Class X for AWH, and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.
- The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Anganwadi worker/ Anganwadi Helper.

DIP/J-15582/23 Date 1-3-24

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN PROJECT DANSAL

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JAMMU, MAR 1

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Bakerwals, & Pahari are together and they are now getting their separate shares, but confusion is deliberately being created by the opposition to further their policy of divide and rule. "Gujjars & Bakerwals must defeat such nefarious designs of self-centered leaders, and they should come forward and support BJP," he added. Meanwhile, State President of BJP's ST Morcha, Roshan Chowdhary, has said that the recent successful public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Iammu is an eye-opener for the opposition to see how people of the Gujjar & Bakerwal community support BJP. He said that Gujiars & Bakerwals are ready to support BJP in every seat of J&K and ensure Modiji's landslide victory in the upcoming elections. On the occasion, General Secretary of BJP ST Morcha Rayaz Chowdhary thanked Advocate Vibodh Gupta for participating in ST Morcha meetings and assured him that ST Morcha workers will continue its massive outreach program. "Hum Ghar Ghar Jaingey," he said, adding that we must approach people and tell Khatana for Rajya Sabha, Gujjars & Bakerwals for ers who are hell-bent on them who is good for

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# "Meet the Author" Aseer Kishtwari organised by JKAACL



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JAMMU,1ST MARCH, 2024.

The Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), organised Meet-the-Author program at JKAACL premises in Jammu. The series intends to have a direct interaction of the writer with the audience, and these interactions shall aid the exploration of various life aspects and works which acts as a creative inspiration for the author/writer. Under this initiative, every weekend, the JKAACL shall host meet the authors of seven different languages: Urdu, Hindi, Kashmiri, Dogri, Punjabi, Gojri, and Pahari. Today's event was based on Sahitya Akademi Awardee Jenab Wali Mohd Bhat( Asir Kishtwari), former Director General Accounts and Treasury, an eminent Urdu/ Kashmir poet writer.

Wali Mohmad Aseer Kishtwari is a renowned literature and history of Jammu and Kashmir. An iconic figure was born to Kh. Ghulam Qadir Batt culture and literature. This Berwari at village Berwar book contains 495 pages in are the face of society.

kishtwar on 2nd of August which the light has been 1954. Aseer Kashtwari thrown on local poets and has several books to his their literary contribucredit and is acting as a tions. Other books include research guide for the Tareekh-i-Ishat-i-Islam, research scholars and Farsh-e-Gul, Jamme-Subother stakeholders. His hik Kaeshir Kalamkar, book 'Tareekh-e-Auliya-e- Yaad-e-Nadeem, Safr-e-Jammu wa Kashmir', was Harmain, Zikr-O-Fiqr, chosen as the Best Urdu Jamis-Te-Kashir Manz Book of 2015 and received Kashir Zabban-O-Adab state Award from J&K (History & Criticism), Academy of Art, Culture Monograph of Nishat & Languages. In the book Kishtwari, Monograph on he has introduced more Janbaaz Kishtwari, Nishat than 400 Awliyas with Kishtwar (Monography) their shrines located in Jenab Bahir Bhadarwadifferent parts of the State hi, renowned Kashmiri/ including Jammu, Kash-Urdu Poet presided over mir, Ladakh and across the the function while Prof. Line of Control (LoC) as Farooq Fayaz, former HoD well. The 848-page book, History, Kashmir University, prof. Shad Ramzan, published in 2013, is an authentic document on Convener, Sahitya Aka-Sufism in state of J&K and demi Kashmiri, Prof. Pakistan occupied Kash-Shohib Inayat Malik, HOD mir (PoK). His Kashmiri Buddhist Studies, Jammu book "Jamis Manz Kashir University and Principal Zaban-O-Adab (Tawareekh IMFA, Jammu shared the Te Tanqeed) recieved Sahpresidium along with Sh.

itya Akadmi Award for the

include Zilla Doda ki Adabi

Shinakhat (Literary iden-

Chenab valley's history,

Bharat Singh, JKAS, Secreyear 2020. His other works tary, JKAACL. At the outset, Shri Bharat Singh (JKAS), Secname in Kashmiri, Urdu tity of Doda District) was retary (JKAACL), gave published in the year 1993, a heartfelt cordial welit carries write ups on the come to everyone. While addressing the audience, he expressed that authors

**GDC** Nowshera organizes

poster making competition

Police registers five FIR's against lodge owners at Katra for not installing CCTV cameras

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, MAR 1

In compliance of District Magistrate Reasi order regarding CCTV Cameras must be installed all Hotels/ Lodge, Medical Shops etc. Reasi Police conducted a surprise checking at Katra.

During inspection of Hotel & Lodge, CCTV cameras have not found in 05 lodge. In this regard, five FIR's No. 67/2024, 68/2024, 69/2024,70/2024 & 71/2024 all U/S 188 IPC registered at P/S Katra, against lodge owners who have not installed CCTV Cameras in their premises despite notification issued by District Magistrate Reasi.

District Magistrate Reasi had directed that CCTV cameras must be installed in all Hotels/Lodge, Medical Shops etc. The whole operation is led by SHO

Ms Mohita Sharma-IPS, SSP Reasi while sharing the information expressed that Reasi Police is committed to protect the property of citizens & further appealed to the owner of Hotels/ Lodge, Medical Shops of Reasi District to make use of technology & install CCTV cameras in their premises for surveillance on criminal elements in the

# JKAACL organized Ru - b- Ru with S. Didar Singh

Academy of Art, Culture, assigned some magisterial and Languages (JKAACL), powers by the then Raja under the guidance of Shri of Poonch and was also Bharat Singh (JKAS), Sec- offered a chair in Poonch retary (JKAACL), organ- Darbar. His father Sardar ised Meet-the-Author at Kirpal Singh has served in K.L.Saigal Hall Jammu. Indian Army in Artillery of various life aspects was over. and works which acts as trict Poonch now in Paki- his literary journeys.

His grandfather Havaldar Sardar Amir Singh served in Ladakh Scouts in Gilgit The Jammu & Kashmir before 2nd World War, was

at Nanak Nagar Jammu. of life. During his study tor Programmes (DDP) nals in Hindi also. He has zations from time to time. vote of thanks.

The series intends to have Unit and fought 2nd World days, he worked as an in 1997 and retired from a direct interaction of the War in Iraq and Singapore, electrician and then as a same post in 1998. During

writer with the audience, taken as prisoner of war teacher for short time in his professional career in and MANTHAN (2011) a is associated with many and these interactions by Japanese forces and Punjab. Later on he joined AIR, he devised and pro- collection of articles in prominent literary organishall aid the exploration was released after the war All India Radio Jammu duced many programmes Punjabi language. At the zations of Jammu like Pun-At the outset, Shri announcer in 1966. In guages for a long time. a creative inspiration for Bharat Singh (JKAS), Sec- 1968 he was selected as the author/writer. Today's retary (JKAACL), gave a script writer for Punjabi interested in writing from ANKAHI (1979), APNE Hindi Sahitya Mandal etc. event featured S. Didar heartfelt cordial welcome programmes at the same an early age. But with the LOG PRAYE LOG (1996), Singh a renowned Punjabi/ to everyone especially Station. Then he qualified passage of time and while PARTEN (2016) and JAL sented the paper on Hindi writer, poet. Didar S.Didar Singh Ji. While UPSC and was selected being In-charge of literary BIN KUMABH, a transla- S.Didar Singh. The digni-Singh was born on Feb addressing the audience, as Programme Executive programmes at different tion of Punjabi novel writ- taries who shared the pre-10th '1940 in the family he expressed that it is a for All India Radio in June of Sardar Kirpal Singh and priceless opportunity to 1977. In 1991, he got pro- it became his passion. Amrit Kour at village Hill interact with poet of such moted as Assistant Station He had been a regular tributions to Punjabi and Sarung, Tehsil Bagh, Dis- a calibre and learn from Director and was posted contributor to almost all Hindi languages have stan Occupied Kashmir After this Didar Sing- landhar where he was pro- Newspapers published different Government and Conducted the Proceed-

stations of All India Radio, ten by Smt. Chandan Negi.

also written extensively He was awarded Best Book for Sheeraja Punjabi and Award for "PAGDANDIYAN Sheeraja Hindi published DE BHULEKHE" in 1973 by J&K Academy of Art, and "DARZWAZE" in 1992 Culture and Languages. His other literary pursuits Culture and Languages, include short stories col- honored by All India Radio lections in Punjabi being Jammu on 50th anniversaentitled "PAGDANDIYAN ry, All India Radio Jammu DE BHULEKHE (1971), and J & K Cultural Acad-DOOR DI AWAZ (1979), emy in 2016 in Jharokha INSANIYAT MARI NAHIN and many Literary and (1978), DARZWAZE (1990) Social Organizations. He as Hindi programme in Hindi and Punjabi lan- same time his collection jabi Lekhak Sabha, Rashof books In Hindi include tra Bhasha Prachar Samiti Didar Singh had been DHUNDHALKE (1973), Jammu, Sahit Sangam,

His noteworthy conat Dordarshan Kendra Jal- Punjabi magazines and been acknowledged by Editor Punjabi, JKAACL and is presently residing hji narrated his journey moted as Deputy Direc- in India and same jour- Non-Government Organi- ings and presented the

by J & K Academy of Art,

Dr. Rajvir Singh presidium included S. Ajeet Singh Mastana, S. Baljeet

Raina, S. Popinder Singh. S. Popinder Singh Paras,

cal issue of drug addiction that reflect their commitunder the supervision of ment to social change. Sharma. NSS PO Dr. Sunil ery to heartfelt testimo-Dutt Sharma has also con-nials, each poster serves ducted a rally on drug as a testament to the stuabuse along with their dents' passion for making volunteers. The poster a difference in their commaking competition aims munity and beyond. An to confront the stigma awareness lecture on the surrounding drug addic- topic 'Adolescent Drug tion and foster empathy Abuse -Awareness and and understanding for Prevention' has been individuals struggling delivered by Dr. Ruhi with substance abuse. Gupta, HOD Sociology. All Through this medium, the faculty members have students are harnessing participated in the event their creativity to shed with zeal and enthusiasm.

# light on the multifaceted nature of addiction, its impact on individuals

GDC Nowshera on its and communities, and

JI NEWS SERVICE NOWSHERA, MAR 1

third day of Winter Spe- the importance of access cial Camp i.e. 1st March to support and resources. organised a poster The Students from diverse making competition on backgrounds and disci-Drug Abuse and Addic- plines have come togethtion under the banner er to lend their talents to of 'Nasha Baghao, Desh the campaign, contribut-Bachao' campaign to raise ing original artwork and awareness about the criticompelling messaging worthy Principal Dr. K. K.

From powerful imag-

## Indian Army has declared result of Akhnoor

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 1

Army Agniveer Recruitment Rally for male candidates was conducted at Bardal Ground, Akhnoor in Nov 2023. The final merit list as on 22 Feb 2024 has been uploaded on www.joinindianarmy.nic.in website. All candidates whose name has appeared in the merit list are required to report to ARMY RECRUITING OFFICE, BC ROAD, REHARI CHOWK, JAMMU as per their districts with dates mentioned against each. 11 Mar 2024 - Kathua. 12 Mar 2024 - Poonch, Rajouri & Samba. 13 Mar 2024 - Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Reasi & Udhampur. 14 Mar 2024 - Jammu. All Candidates are required to bring their Aadhar Card, All Marksheets in original and mobile phone with number linked with Aadhar card between 0830 AM to 0100 PM for initial briefing with reference to their dispatch procedure.

## My govt will Uplift, Protect Kashmiri Pandits: Azad

JAMMU MAR 1

Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad, visited Jagti township in Nagrota Jammu and interacted with the displaced Kashmiri Pandits to listen their concerns and challenges. Azad pledged to raise various pressing issues faced by the migrants, including enhancing employee security and reinstating free ration & electricity for low-income employees. of Kashmiri Pandits. He central govt has neglected were R.S.Chib Gen Secre- Vice President etc.



He reaffirmed his com- these efforts. We were tary, Anita Thakur Gen Secmitment to the settlement expecting further support retary, Sunita Arora Secrepackages for the residents. tary, Sanjay Dhar President said, "During my tenure I appeal to the govt to visit KP Wing, Gourav Chopra as CM, I built these flats, and witness their pain. My Distt President, Raj Kumar but since then, no govern- govt will uplift them, will Tickoo General Secretary, ment has paid any atten- take all necessary steps for Charanjeet Singh Publicity tion to them. They are their settlement and pro- Secretary, Gawhar Wani suffering. He further said viding jobs and facilities to Spokesperson, Daizy Dhar that we provided pack- those living in these flats. Mahila President, Anjali ages for employment and Azad also extended warm Pandita Mahila Unit Presiother essentials during my greetings to all on the ausdent Jagti, Renu Razdan tenure in the center, advo-picious occasion of Maha Mahila Vice President, cating strongly for them. Shivratri. Among others Naveen Gosani Youth Pres-However, since then, the who were present there ident, Rahul Raina Youth

## Various orgs express gratitude to Sheetal Nanda for releasing pending pension of disables

JI NEWS SERVICE AKHNOOR, MARCH 1

Various organizations working for the welfare of the disables expressed their gratitude to Sheetal Nanda (IAS), Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, for releasing the pending pension of disabled persons, senior citizens and widows. The office bearers of all the organizations also appreciated the valiant efforts of the Social Welfare Department to complete this work within the stipulated period.

All Jammu and Kashmir tariat and requested her increase in their pension.



Issuing a joint state- Disabled Welfare Trust, to release the pending ment to the media, offi- Umesh Sharma of Dis- pension and she assured cials of various organi- abled Care Foundation us for the same. We are zations said that a few and Advocate Ritika happy that he fulfilled her months ago, a delega- Sharma of Beloved Grace assurance within the stiption of them including Organization met Sheetal ulated time. At the same Roshan Bhan, organizer Nanda (IAS) Commis- time, the office bearers of of the Confederation sioner Secretary, Social these organizations also of Disabled Organiza- Welfare Department, in appealed to the departtions, Sushil Sharma of her office at Civil Secre- ment for the necessary

## GDC Marh organises 2- day awareness programme on Drug de- addiction

JAMMU, MARCH 1

ety as whole.

Government Degree College Marh organised a two day awareness programme about the ill effects drug abuse on the individual health and soci-

The awareness campaign was organized in collaboration with JK Police Headquarter, Jammu and SPVLG Foundation under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, Principal of the College.

The programme was conducted by NSS Programme Officer Prof Sachin Kumar Bhagat. The chief guest for the 1st day Kumar Katoch, SSP Staff officer, DIG office Jammu.

for the day was Brijesh emphasised on the impor- usage in the society. Sharma, SP Rural. The tance of spreading aware-Singh, from DIG office the society. It was followed rounds. Jenab Mudasir.



Jammu and SDPO Domana by a group discussion on

During the inaugural and Crime Co-Relation, programme was Rajinder ceremony, the keynote Drug abuse and its ill Rs. 1000. address was presented by impact on body and family principal of the college Dr. and remedies and sugges-The guest for honour Rakesh Kumar Koul who tions on controlling drug

Ten participants preother police officials pres- ness and role of youth in sented their views on ent were Dy. SP Jatinder reducing drug addiction in the themes in the three the special Guest was

> The guests also made de-addiction counsellor three themes: Drug Abuse the students aware about from SPVLG foundation

usage of illegal drugs affiliated with the health which cause severe department J&K. The main damage to the future of objective of her awareness the nation and impor- programme was ways to tance of reducing drug discuss ways and means demand from the soci- to reduce drug demand, ety. They also spoke on problems of drug addicthe causes, remedies tion ,preventive action, and laws related to the treatment and rehabilitasame. The prize win-tion of addicts, disseminers for the first day nation of information and group discussion were public awareness under Gourav Kumar from the Umbrella of "NIJAATH" 2nd semester who was a programme specially awarded with Rs. 2500, designed on prevention 2nd prize winner was and treatment on tobacco Vivek Sharma from and drug addiction. The 2 6th semester who days event was conductwas awarded with Rs. ed by Dr. Ashu Jolly (HOD 1500 and the 3rd prize Education), Dr. Ram Dayal winner was Prerna (HOD Mathematics) and from 4th semester Dr. Balwinder Saini (HOD who was awarded with Chemistry). At the Valedictory function, the vote The Jury members were of thanks was presented Prof Anita Kumari(HOD by Prof Asha Kumari (HOD

> Geography). A total of 35 students along with student Presidium attended and participated in the event. The Technical Support was provided by Mohit Kalotra.

## **Horticulture Planning & Marketing** Department organises awareness camp on HADP at Sangaldan



JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, MARCH 01

The Horticulture Planmissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, conducted Ramban.

and SDM Gool, Pawan the initiatives. Area Mar- and self-reliant agricul-Kumar was the guest of keting Officer took the tural community.

honour. The camp wit- lead in imparting knowlnessed active participa- edge about the schemes, tion of a large number of emphasising the imporprogressive growers from tance of leveraging them ning and Marketing the area, besides HDO to transition from being Department, on the Gool, AGMO Ramban, job seekers to service direction of Deputy Com- SMS Agriculture Gool, providers. Furthermore, AEO Agriculture Sangal- attendees were encourdan, Nodal officer KVÍB, aged to recognize that a one-day awareness Manager JK Bank Sangal- individuals across educacamp cum workshop on dan, and. The primary tional backgrounds, from the Holistic Agriculture objective of the work- the uneducated to the Development Programme shop was to disseminate educated, can seize the (HADP) at Sangaldan- awareness about vari- opportunity to initiate ous HADP and PMFME their units under PMFME. Chairperson District schemes, with the aim to All farmers were urged Development Council encourage attendees to to capitalize on these Ramban, Dr. Shamshad actively engage and avail schemes, paving the way Shan was the chief guest the benefits offered by for a more empowered

## Lok Sabha Election 2024: Distt Admin B'pora organises Awareness programme under SVEEP

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MARCH 1

As part of Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign, the District Administration Bandipora today organised an awareness programme for BLOs and Asha Workers at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, here.

The programme was Dar appreciated the BLOs cation Zone Bandipora aries for their contribuand Quilmuqam and Asha tion in raising awareness Workers falling under regarding the electoral

Ambassador of SVEEP culture is paramount. activities for District Bandipora. He is also a youth a voting culture is our colpaign for J&K UT.

addressed the gathering the democratic landscape. single vote counts and one and training, Mir Irfan during the programme.

Faisal said, developing

sion, Padmashri Faisal Ali informed decisions.

District Nodal Officer attended by BLOs of Edu- and other field function- Manpower and Trainings, Dr. G. M Pujoo highlighted the objectives of the programme and role Medical Block Bandipora. process. He said for foster- of responsible citizens in Padmashri Faisal Ali ing a vibrant democracy, democratic setup. He also Dar was present as Brand cultivating a robust voting deliberated on the role of ing senior citizens and BLOs and Asha Workers at booth level.

In his speech, Dr. Pujoo icon in the SVEEP cam- lective responsibility, and also highlighted rights emphasized the pivotal available to citizens and speakers role of citizens in shaping their duties. He said every Coordinator manpower He also emphasized on should know the value of Magbool also addressed Speaking on the occa- ethical voting for making vote to ensure greater par- the event.

ticipation in democracy.

English), Dr. Sheetal Devi

(HOD Dogri) and Tanu

Meenakshi Sumbria, Drug

On the second day,

Sharma (HOD Hindi).

Addressing the participants, District Nodal officer SVEEP, Javid Iqbal emphasized upon ensuring that every eligible voter has the opportunity and means to participate in the electoral process by prioritizing the principle of 'No Voter to be Left Behind,'. District Master Trainer, Mohd Iqbal Samoon highlighted various aspects of SVEEP and urged the participants to generate awareness among the general public regarding the facilities available on poll day for different sections of society includspecially-abled persons to encourage enthusiastic participation.

Arsallan Habib Coordinator SVEEP activities;

## Poonch admin gears up for Mock Exercise on Earthquake, Landslide Preparedness

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, MARCH 1

In a proactive measure to bolster disaster preparedness in the district, Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik today chaired a meeting with officers aimed at strengthening the community's response capabilities in the event of potential disasters.

The meeting focused on the detailed planning and execution of a district-level mock exercise, which will simulate an earthquake and landslide scenario.

hary, Maroof Khan from trict Hospital Poonch. ARTO office, representatives from disaster meeting also focused and fire services and on updating the status other concerned offi- of equipment available

ning and execution to shortcomings.

mock exercise.

enhance the community's response capabili-

The meeting attend- of five locations, prefered by Xen PDD, Imtiaz ably schools, colleges, Khan, Xen PHE, Rash- compact localities and Narinder Mohan Suri, Poonch, GDC Poonch, mock exercise.

AE PWD, Tariq Choud- GDC Mendhar and Dis-

Furthermore, the cers, addressed various with each department aspects of the upcoming involved in disaster response. The officers During the delibera- in attendance provided tions, the Additional updates on the current Deputy Commissioner status of equipment and emphasized the impor- discussed measures to tance of thorough plan- address any gaps or

It was collectively decided during the meeting that one nodal offi-Detailed arrange- cer, along with five other ments for the mock officers, will oversee the exercise were discussed. mock exercise. The exerincluding the selection cise is scheduled to take place on the 5th and 7th

The Additional Deputy pal, District Informa- district hospital for the Commissioner urged all tion Officer, Vishaldeep drill. The identified loca- concerned departments, Chandan, Tehsildar tions for the exercise are members of public and Haveli, Azhar Majid, AD as follows: PWD Com- stakeholders to actively Food and civil supplies plex Lok Nirmal Bhawan, participate and contrib-, Adil Shabir, DEPO, Hr. Sec. School Boys ute to the success of the

## DC inspects Rifle **Shooting Hall**

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 1

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh today inspected the Rifle Shooting Hall near Sports Stadium Doda.

During the inspection, the DC directed DYSSO Doda to start rifle shooting activities by making the Hall fully operational within three weeks.

The DC also underlined the importance of promoting shooting sports in the region directed concerned authorities to promote the competitive spirit and encourage participation from across the district.

This initiative aims to encourage the sportspersons and by providing them an enabling platform to showcase and sharpen their skills.

# J&K e-Gov agency holds training cum handholding session on security Audit of departmental websites, apps

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH

The J&K e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA) organized two day training cum handholding session on Security Audit of departmental websites for nodal officers of government departments.

The session aimed at providing assistance for onboarding of security audit agencies so that necessary security compliance of their applications and websites is ensured by the concerned departments. The session was attended by 43 officers and officials from 36 departments.

sion of Chief Executive per Information Technol- with latest security certifithe web applications and by the Cert-In.



web services being carried

The session was orga- out in order to be eligible sion, the experts from code. It should also be nized under the supervi- for hosting in Data Centre. JaKeGA explained to the

The security audit departmental nodal offi-Officer, JaKeGA, Anuradha reduces vulnerabilities cers the process for car-Gupta while team of offi- and minimizes damage rying out the security cials including Saima Mir, from cyber incidents and audit of the unaudited Project Manager JaKeGA most importantly it aims websites. The necessary and Arun Panotra, Analyst at protecting government GEM procurement pro-IT, JaKeGA conducted the data hosted in SDC. Therecess was also explained to training and handholding fore, it is imperative that the Nodal officers besides session. It was highlighted websites and applications addressing the technical during the session that as are audited and updated queries. ogy Act, it is mandatory to cates on periodic basis as ticipating departments

The officers from parget the security audit of all per the guidelines issued were told that the websites need to be audit- mise.

ed by the CERT-IN empanelled agencies only. The clearance from security audit is necessary for a website for its hosting on J&K Data Centre servers. There required changes suggested in the audit report, if any, also need to be carried out by the developing agency of the owner department to remove all the identified vulnerabilities.

The departmental nodal officers were also told that the Security Audit is also required to be done as and when any changes

During the training ses- are made in the source ensured that all websites/applications, their respective CMS (Content Management System), 3rd party plug-ins, codes etc., are updated to the latest versions.

It was emphasized during the session that all websites and applications are to be monitored on daily basis by the owner departments for ruling out any security compro-

## MP Jugal Kishor inaugurates Mega exhibition Gatisheel Jammu and Kashmir

JAMMU, MARCH 1

The Gatisheel Jammu and Kashmir, a vibrant 3-day exhibition was today inaugurated by Member of Parliament Jugal Kishore Sharma at Country Inn Bahu Plaza as the chief guest.

The exhibitions will showcase works of different government department such as Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO), New Space India Limited (ICAR), Indian Coun-(ICMR),Geological Survey of India (GSI),Reserve Ministry of Earth Sci-Bharat Petroleum Corporation limited and education (DARE), Soil and land use survey Standards (BIS), India ucts Export Development Sharma, Director of Edutunities.



tourism , Jawaharlal Authority (MAPEDA), Nehru Port Authority Department of Agriculture (JNPA), Inland Waterways Research and Education authority of India, Cochin (DARE), Aakash Institute shipyard corporation and Development Comlimited, Ministry of Jal missioner for Handicrafts. (NSIL), Indian council Shakti Pradhan mantri of agricultural research Krishi Sinchayee Yojana Paul Director of Prayass a wide array of govern-(PMKSY), Ministry of Jal Events and Exhibitions ment departments and cil of Medical Research Shakti, Central Ground and Jyotika Khurana Proj- institutions. Its goal is to Water Board (CGWB), ect Head Prayass Events offer valuable insights into Maharashtra Bamboo and Exhibitions, hailed welfare schemes and poli-Bank of India (RBI), Development Board, the MP for his unwaver- cies, benefiting attendees, Sakoli Bamboo Cluster ing support for educa- including students. Addiences (MOES), AMUL, (MBDB), National Atlas and tional initiatives, technol-tionally, visitors will have thematic mapping organi- ogy advancement, and the opportunity to explore zation (NATMO), National sustainable development, potential career paths and (BPCL), Department of Dairy Development Board reflecting his commitment educational prospects agricultural research (NDDB), Himalayan Forest to foster an environment across different fields, research Institute (HFRI), of innovation and pros-thereby enhancing their Aryabhatta Research Insti- perity. The engaging knowledge and future of India (SLUSI), Pro-tute of Observational Sci-presence of the MP left a prospects. We invite you tection of plant variet- ences (ARIES), Agriculture lasting impression, as he to join us in broadenies and farmers right and Processed Food Prod-generously shared insights ing your understanding authority(PPVFRA), Khadi ucts Export Development and interacted with visi- of various sectors and & Village Industries Com- Authority (APEDA), Indian tors at every stall. The cer- departmental operations, mission (KVIC), Agricul-Railway Construction emonial lamp lighting, led ultimately empowering ture Infrastructure Fund International Limited by Jugal Kishore Sharma the younger generation to (AIF), Bureau of Indian (IRCON), Marine Prod- alongside Ashok Kumar grasp forthcoming oppor-

cation and Subha Mehta, Joint Director of Educa tion, added to the auspiciousness of the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Member of Parliament highlighted the uniqueness of the event, emphasizing its importance in spreading awareness about government schemes and services benefiting the masses. He urged attendees to spread the word and encourage.

The exhibition strives to create an interactive platform where the people of The organizers, Meetu Jammu can connect with