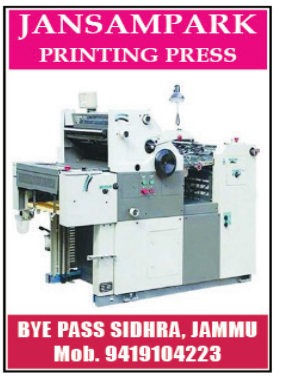




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## Lt Governor launches 'New Jammu & Kashmir Start-up Policy- 2024-27'

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JAMMU, MAR 3

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today launched the much-awaited 'New Jammu & Kashmir Start-up Policy- 2024-27', at the Avinya Startup Summit.

The Lt Governor congratulated the young entrepreneurs and innovators on the historic occasion.

"New Start-up Policy aims to establish J&K as one of the leading start-up ecosystems by 2027. It is a giant leap for startups and innovators of Jammu Kashmir," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Policy has been meticulously drafted to establish 2,000 startups in J&K by 2027, underscoring the commitment of the UT Administration to foster a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Highlighting the key features of the new J&K Start-Up Policy, the Lt Governor said the policy aims to set up a Rs. 250 Crore Venture Capital Fund, with an initial infusion of Rs. 25 Crores from J&K



Administration.

This fund will provide crucial support for growth, early-stage financial handholding and it will encourage growth of viable business models, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to establish and empower new incubation

centres, seed funding through JKEDI for developing prototype of innovative products and provide additional support to female entrepreneurs, through the new startup policy.

New policy will provide patent-related assistance, financial assistance for

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## Woman, 3 daughters killed in house collapse after heavy rains in Reasi

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JAMMU, MAR 3

A woman and her three daughters, aged between two and five, were killed after their 'kutchra' house collapsed in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, officials said on Sunday.

Moderate to heavy rains lashed several parts of Jammu and Kashmir on March 1 and 2. Dozens of structures including residential houses were also damaged by strong winds and



hailstorm in different parts of Jammu region.

In the Reasi incident, Phalla Akhter (30), her

daughters Nasima (5), Safeena Kousar (3) and Samreen Kousar (2) lost their lives when their house in Kunderdhan Mohra village in Chassana tehsil collapsed following heavy rains, the officials said.

Two elderly members of the family – Kalu (60) and his wife Bano Begum (58) – suffered injuries in the incident and were taken to hospital, they said.

The bodies were retrieved from the debris by rescuers, they added.

## CBI arrests NHA general manager in Rs 20-lakh bribery case

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAR 3

The CBI has arrested a general manager of the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) in an alleged bribery case of Rs 20 lakh in Maharashtra's Nagpur, officials said on Sunday. Arvind Kale, who is also a project

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## Lt Governor hands over appointment letters to NoKs of civilians killed in Poonch

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MARCH 03

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today handed over the appointment orders under SRO-43 to the next of kin of the civilians killed in Poonch.

The appointment orders were handed over to Mst. Zareena Begum, wife of Sh Safer Ahmed; Sh Mohd

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## Weather improves after rains, snow lashes in Kashmir

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, MAR 3

Weather improved on Sunday after three days of moderate to heavy rains that lashed plains and snow over a few places, including the ski resort of Gulmarg in Kashmir.

The inclement weather cut off the valley by surface transport with the rest of the country following the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway and the Srinagar-Leh road.

"Jammu-Srinagar NHW is still blocked. People are advised to avoid journeys on NH-44 till the road is clear," traffic police posted on X Sunday.

The Meteorological Centre Srinagar said that the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir's Baramulla district received 35cm of snowfall and 44 cm of rainfall during the past 24 hours till 0830 hours on Sunday.

Srinagar and other plains of the Kashmir Valley experienced moderate to heavy rains, resulting in the inundation of several low-lying areas.

Srinagar received 38.9mm of rainfall during the

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## Over 10L pilgrims visit Shri Mata Vaishno Devi in 2 months of 2024



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 3

More than ten lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance in the first two months (January-February) of this year at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Cave Shrine nestled in Trikuta Hills of Katra town in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Official sources said that in January and February, total 10,49,534 pilgrims visited the cave shrine.

Last year, during the same time period, 9,38,621 devotees offered prayers at Bhawan, which showed an increase of 110913 pilgrims in the first two months of the current year, they said. They

revealed that in the month of January this year, 616609 and in February, 432925 pilgrims paid obeisance at the Cave Shrine, adding, "a total of 1049534 pilgrims visited the Bhawan."

In January last year, official sources added that 524184 devotees visited Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Bhawan and 414432 devotees in the month of February.

"The rush of pilgrims will decline for a brief period in view of examinations across the country but there will be an increase in the number of pilgrims after April," they added. In 2023, notably, 95.22 lakh pilgrims, the highest number in the past decade, visited the shrine.

## J&K, Himalayan states fountainhead of aroma StartUps: Dr Jitendra

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAR 3

Jammu & Kashmir and Himalayan States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Arunachal Pradesh

are the fountainhead of Aromatic StartUps who have emerged as a new genre after the popular "Purple Revolution" from a small town of Baderwah in district Doda.

This was stated by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh while interacting with members of civil society organisations at an outreach programme.



He said PM Narendra Modi had devoted a substantial slot in his "Mann Ki Baat" broadcast to describe the virtues of

lavender farming undertaken in Baderwah.

The Minister said, the geography and climatic conditions

of these States favour the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants and these can be developed into Agri-tech StartUp enterprises. This is especially relevant given the recent interest in medicinal plants in following the COVID pandemic.

The Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that this interaction with the NGOs is part of an outreach programme to have a dialogue

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## Security forces put on alert ahead of PM Modi's Srinagar visit

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SRINAGAR, MAR 3

Security forces have been put on alert ahead of the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to address a public rally at the Bakshi Stadium here on Thursday, officials said on Sunday.

The deployment of security personnel has been increased around the renovated Bakshi Stadium with barricades set up for checking the vehicles pass-

ing through the venue of PM Modi's rally, the officials said.

Police and paramilitary forces are conducting random checking of vehicles at dozens of places in the city and elsewhere, the officials said.

Special check points have been set up at various places in the city, including the entry and exit points as a precautionary measure, they said.

The security forces have increased patrolling around the venue of the rally as part

of area domination exercise to ensure a smooth and incident-free visit of the prime minister.

This will be the prime minister's first visit to the Kashmir valley after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

This will be his second visit to Jammu and Kashmir in as many months. PM Modi had visited the Jammu region last month to inaugurate several development projects. He also addressed a public rally in Jammu.

## Parents of missing Navy sailor demand CBI probe, pray for his safe return

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 3

The parents of Indian Navy sailor Sahil Verma, who has been missing for a week, on Sunday demanded a CBI probe into the circumstances leading to his "mysterious disappearance" at sea from an Indian naval ship while on deployment.

Verma, a seaman in the Indian Navy, went missing from a naval ship on February 27 and a massive search operation has been launched to trace him.

His father Subash Chander and mother Rama Kumari



– who live in the Ghou Manhasan area of Jammu – have sought the intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj

Sinha to ensure the safe return of their missing son.

"It is astonishing that a soldier went missing from his naval ship and is not traceable. I have been told that the CCTV cameras installed

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## Jammu-Srinagar highway remains blocked amid heavy rain, stranded passengers rescued

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 3

NHAI authorities on Sunday morning stepped up efforts to resume traffic movement on Jammu-Srinagar national highway following improvement in weather, officials said. As the 270-km highway, the only all weather link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, remained shut for a second day, police shifted a large number of stranded passengers, including over 200 tourists to safer places in Ramban district, they said.

The highway was closed early Saturday following landslides, mudslides and



shooting stones, triggered by heavy rainfall at over a dozen places between Nashri and Banihal including Dalwas, Mehad-Cafetia and Hingni in Ramban, the officials said.

A portion of the road near Panthiyal was also washed away, they said.

The traffic department said the highway continues

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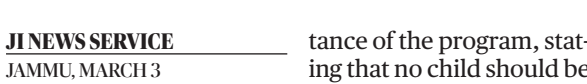
Modi, they said, asked his ministerial colleagues to go all out to win people's support during the polls, as he spoke about numerous measures taken by his government to boost development and ensure welfare of all sections of society.

Government sources said the roadmap for "Viksit Bharat" is a result of more than two years of intensive preparation and involved a "whole of government" approach involving all ministries and wide-ranging consultations with state governments, academia,

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IPPI drive

## Lakhs of children administered polio vaccine across Jammu Division on day one



**JNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MARCH 3

With the resolve to wipe out polio from the Country, the polio immunization for 0 to 5 year old children commenced today across Jammu Division under the 3-day Nationwide Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) drive.

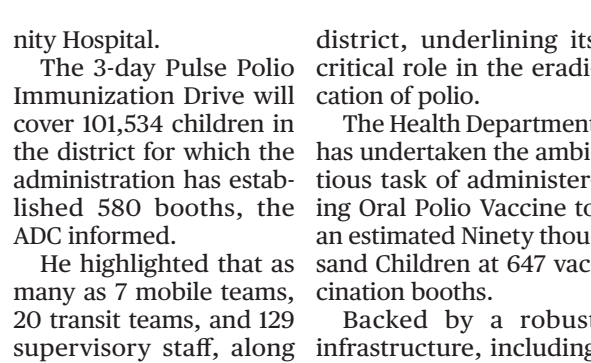
On the First day children were administered polio drops at booths, while a door-to-door campaign would be conducted for the next 2 days to cover the left out kids.

AT REASI: District Development Commissioner Vishesh Mahajan inaugurated the Intensified Pulse Polio Programme (IPPI) at Government High School Gair Mari in Reasi.

DDC stressed the impor-

ance of the program, stating that no child should be left unvaccinated. He highlighted that polio drops are being administered at booth levels, while a door-to-door campaign will be conducted on the 4th and 5th of March to ensure all children are covered. He informed that 12 mobile teams have been constituted to reach areas without booths. Approximately 53,589 children aged 0-5 years across the district will receive polio drops. To facilitate this, 387 polio booths have been established in the district.

AT KATHUA: Additional Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Ranjit Singh, inaugurated the Pulse Polio Immunization Drive by administering polio drops to children here at the Government Mahatma Gandhi Child and Mater-



nity Hospital.

The 3-day Pulse Polio Immunization Drive will cover 101,534 children in the district for which the administration has established 580 booths, the ADC informed.

He highlighted that as many as 7 mobile teams, 20 transit teams, and 129 supervisory staff, along with the support of teachers in identified High-Risk Areas.

AT DODA: Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI) program took off at the Sub District Hospital (SDH) Bhandarwah. DDC Chairman, Dharan Singh Kotwal, alongside Tehsildar and BMO, inaugurated the program.

Notably, the DDC Chairman took the initiative to personally administer the pulse polio immunization drops to children, emphasizing the importance of the vaccination drive.

AT RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat inaugurated the three-day Pulse Polio Programme in the

district, underlining its critical role in the eradication of polio.

The Health Department has undertaken the ambitious task of administering Oral Polio Vaccine to an estimated Ninety thousand Children at 647 vaccination booths.

Backed by a robust infrastructure, including 2588 team members and 125 supervisors overseeing operations, the program is meticulously planned to ensure comprehensive coverage. This initiative is further bolstered by the establishment of 12 transit points and a targeted focus on 32 high-risk areas within the district.

DDC underscored the paramount importance of this initiative, emphasizing the unwavering commitment of the district administration to safeguarding children from the debilitating effects of polio.

AT KISHTWAR: As a part of the Nationwide Pulse Polio Immunization Drive, as many as 27,999 children aged 0-5 years, out of total 38,336 were successfully vaccinated

across Kishtwar District achieving an impressive 73 percent coverage on the first day.

The success unfolded through 370 Polio Immunization booths and 2 transit camps, strategically positioned, including Kishtwar Bus Stand and Chatroo Bus Stand. As many as 11 Mobile teams, 1480 Manpower, and 74 supervisors worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth execution of the immunization drive.

The drive's momentum will continue with House-to-House immunization activities on March 4th and 5th, 2024, aimed at addressing any remaining gaps as part of mop-up rounds.

The initiative was officially launched from the District Hospital Kishtwar by the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav in presence of key figures, including CMO Kishtwar Dr. Rajinder Kumar, BMO Dr. Sat Lal Manhas, Dy CMO Dr. Balbir Kumar, MS DH Kishtwar Dr. Yudveer Singh Kotwal, and DIO Dr. Sajjad Hussain.

AT RAMBAN: A commendable achievement was recorded in Ramban district, where 45,194 children received polio vaccine on day-one despite adverse weather conditions. The number represents approximately 79% of the targeted 57,288 children in the 0-5 age group.

Baseer ul Haq Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner of Ramban, lauded the frontline workers of the health department, supported by ICDS (Poshan), emphasizing that the health care of the district remains a top priority.

PO ICDS, Jahangir Hashmi, informed that the vaccine was provided at 444 vaccination booths across the district's four medical blocks of Gool, Ukhral, Batote, and Banihal. Additionally, a dedicated team of 1,776 members and officials, supported by 87 supervisors, diligently executed the drive to ensure its efficiency and success.

Earlier in the day, the District Development Council Chairperson, Dr. Shamshad Shan, inaugurated the IPPI program at the District Hospital Ramban, accompanied by Dr. Kamal Jee Zadoo, the Chief Medical Officer, and Dr. Virender Trisal, the Medical Superintendent.

Sub-divisional Magistrates and Tehsildars also spearheaded IPPI drives in their respective areas.

## Khelo India Centre Shadipora expresses gratitude to PM, LG



**JNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MARCH 3

The J&K Sports Council, Khelo India Kabaddi Centre Shadipora, Bandipora, celebrated the remarkable achievements of its trainees, who displayed dedication and perseverance during their training period and made it to different J&K Kabaddi teams during the 2023-24 cycle under different categories.

Ecstatic with the results, Coach Firdous Ahmad said that trainees express their gratitude to the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha for providing opportunities and platform to them to showcase their talent.

While expressing gratefulness on behalf of players to Khelo India and J&K Sports Council for all facilities and opportunities, Firdous said that his entire centre is also thankful to Secretary Sports Coun-

cil, Nuzhat Gull who has been very supportive all through.

On the occasion, Nuzhat Gull while appreciating the commitment of players said that though trainees of the centre hail from diverse backgrounds, yet they are united in their passion for Kabaddi, showcasing exceptional dedication, discipline and sportsmanship. The commendable performance of our players at the national level is a testament to their hard work and the affective training provided in the Khelo India Kabaddi Centre, Shadipora, she added.

Nuzhat Gull said that the achievements of trainees reflect the quality of training and the support system provided by J&K Sports Council.

The trainees Tabasum Mohi-u-Din hailing from Shadipora and Danish Ali Waza from Kawapora Bandipora were selected

for SGFI Nationals in the U-17 category and represented J&K Team at Telangana Hyderabad in the National Kabaddi Championship. Similarly, Gazala Gulzar hailing from Mujgund of district Srinagar was selected for AKFI and represented the J&K Junior Kabaddi team at the same venue.

Arif Hussain Kawa hailing from Kawapora, Bandipora, and Shahid Manzoor from Kachan Ganderbal, were selected for SGFI Nationals in the U-19 category and represented the J&K team at Mandiya, Karnataka. Mehran Ali and Aakash Bishir hailing from the same place were selected for SGFI Nationals in the U-14 category and represented J&K at Ranchi.

Three more trainees, Shahid Zahoor, Nazia Lateef, and Minhar Mushtaq made it to the AKFI Sub-junior National Kabaddi Championship held at Patna, Bihar.

## Int'l Women's Day Week at Kishtwar: NABARD honors women Trainees at RSETI Kishtwar

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, MARCH 03

To mark International Women's Day Week, a noteworthy program was orchestrated by DDM NABARD here at SBI-RSETI Kishtwar. The event aimed to recognize and applaud women trainees who, post their training at the institute, have embarked on successful entrepreneurial journeys.

Welcoming the dignitaries and accomplished candidates at the RSETI premises, Director SBI RSETI Kishtwar, Vikash Sindhu, provided insights into the institute's operations. He extended heartfelt congratulations to the trainees for their triumphant completion of the training and conveyed best wishes for their future entrepreneurial endeavors. The Director emphasized the institute's



commitment to supporting the trainees in establishing and sustaining their ventures.

DDM NABARD, Nikhil Sharma, speaking on the occasion, extended congratulations to the women participants and women globally on International Women's Day. The address underscored the pivotal role of women in social development, especially in entrepreneurship. This celebration of women's achievements and contributions aligns with the spirit of International Women's Day, recognizing the indispensable role women play in shaping a vibrant and inclusive society.

LDM Kishtwar Pankaj Badani took the opportunity to motivate new trainee candidates, encouraging them to explore credit facilities from banks to kickstart their entrepreneurial ventures. The event served as a platform to inspire and empower women to actively engage in all spheres of life, with a particular emphasis on entrepreneurship.

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## National Immunization Day

### Secretary H&ME launches campaign at Srinagar

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MARCH 3

Secretary Health and Medical Education (H&ME), Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah today launched the immunization campaign, commemorating the National Immunization Day, from Children Hospital, Bemina here. Director Family Welfare, MCH and Immunization, Dr. Tabasum Jabben and other officers and officials of the department were present on the occasion.

After launching the campaign, the Secretary appreciated the contribution of health workers for making pulse polio a great success. He emphasised on the need for encouraging and appreciating the ground level workers who



risk their lives to ensure vaccination to the last child in queue.

Similarly, Special Sec-

retary Health & Medical Education, Amarjeet Singh alongwith Director Health Services Jammu,

conduct house-to-house visits to ensure coverage of those missed during the booth activity.

Dr. Rakesh Magotra launched the campaign at Government Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu.

At District headquarters, the campaign was inaugurated by the respective Deputy Commissioners.

The first day of the campaign featured booth activities with a targeted child population of 19,35,358, aged 0-5 years. On the 2nd and 3rd day, the teams will

A total of 10,799 booths, manned by 42,929 trained Health Workers/Vaccinators and 2,169 Supervisors, along with 549 mobile and 835 transit teams, were deployed across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Ample quantity of pulse polio doses have been made available at designated booths throughout the territory.

At the end of the first day, reports reflected that 16,81,808 children (87%) were administered polio drops at the booths established across Jammu & Kashmir.

For the next two days, the door-to-door campaign will continue, with efforts intensified to achieve 100% immunization coverage for all children across the Union Territory.

## Kishtwar Admin takes concrete measures to help out rain affected people

**JNEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, MARCH 03

The District Administration Kishtwar has taken concrete measures to help out people as heavy Rain and Flash Floods persist in the region.

The reports from Tehsildars indicated damage to houses and livestock in Nagseni and Kishtwar Tehsils. Officials reported that 01 Pacca House and 07 Katcha houses were par-

tially damaged in Nagseni tehsil, while 39 Sheep, 3 Goats, and 2 Cows were lost due to heavy rains in Tehsil Kishtwar.

Yesterday, 14 structures were reportedly affected across the district, prompting the administration to relocate the affected families to nearby safe places. The rescue operation was conducted under the overall supervision of District Magistrate, Dr. Devansh Yadav.

The Red Cross team is actively involved in delivering relief material and essential support to those affected.

The public has been strongly advised to avoid unnecessary travel to vulnerable spots. In case of emergencies, citizens can contact the control room at the following numbers: 01995-259555 or 9484217492. PCR Kishtwar Contacts: - 9906154100, - 01995-259193, - 100.















## Jugal Kishore Sharma Ji attended the closing ceremony of Mega Exhibition Gatisheel Jammu and Kashmir

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAR 3

Today marked the culmination of the 3-day mega exhibition, Gatisheel Jammu and Kashmir, with the presence of Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma Ji at the closing ceremony. Joining him on the panel were esteemed dignitaries including Shri Pradeep Singh Chandel Ji, Senior Scientist at DRDO TBRL Lab; Shri P.S. Misra, Deputy Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI); Shri Mayak Kumar Tayagi Ji, Director of Inland Waterways Authority of India; and Director of Prayass Events and Exhibitions, Smt. Meetu Paul Ji. The exhibition's primary objective was to enhance public awareness about various government schemes and policies.

The prestigious Best Stall Trophies were awarded to notable organizations including the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Amul, Inland Waterways Authority of India, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education - Himalayan Forest Research Institute (ICFRE-HFRI), Central Ground Water Board

(CGWB) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Newspace India Limited (NSIL), Soil and Land Use Survey of India, National Dairy Development Board under the Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Reserve Bank of India, and Geological Survey of India under the Ministry of Mines. Additionally, Jammu and Kashmir Milk Producers Co-operative Limited (JKMPCL) and AMUL were also recognized for their outstanding stalls.

In the exhibition many different government department participated and showcased as Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO), New Space India Limited (NSIL), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Geological Survey of India (GSI), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MOES), AMUL, Bharat Petroleum Corporation limited (BPCL), Department of agricultural research and education (DARE), Soil and land use survey of India (SLUSI), Protection of plant varieties and farmers right authority (PPVFRA), Khadi & Village Industries Com-



mission (KVIC), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), India tourism, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Inland Waterways authority of India, Cochin shipyard corporation limited, Ministry of Jal Shakti Pradhan mantra Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Central Ground

Water Board (CGWB), Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board, Sakoli Bamboo Cluster (MBDB), National Atlas and thematic mapping organization (NATMO), National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Himalayan Forest research Institute (HFRI), Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Agriculture and Processed Food Prod-

ucts Export Development Authority (APEEDA), Indian Railway Construction International Limited (IRCON), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MAPEDA), Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE), Aakash Institute and Development Commissioner for Handicrafts.

The exhibition aims to establish an engaging platform for the residents of Jammu to interact with a diverse range of government departments and institutions. Its objective is to provide valuable insights into welfare schemes and policies, benefiting attendees of all ages, including students. Moreover, visitors will have the chance to explore potential career paths and educational opportunities across various fields, thereby enriching their knowledge and prospects for the future.

The exhibition witnessed significant success with a large turnout of the general public, including school and college students, who gained valuable information about various government departments. This outcome perfectly aligned with the exhibition's primary objective.

## Samagra Shiksha organizes Hearing Assessment Camps for Children with Special Needs in Udhampur District

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
UDMAPUR, MAR 3

In observance of World Hearing Day, Samagra Shiksha, in collaboration with JK Electronic Ears Prime Speech & Hearing Clinic, has undertaken a significant initiative to organize hearing assessment camps for children with special needs (CWSN) in Udhampur, Jammu & Kashmir.

Under the adept leadership of Chief Education Officer Smt. Geetu Bangotra, and in partnership with Dr. Navneet Gupta, Assistant Professor at the Department of ENT, ASCOMS, and Consultant Audiologist in Jammu, the inaugural camp was held at JK Electronic Ear Prime Speech & Hearing Clinic near Pine Villa guest house, Udhampur. This camp specifically catered to hearing-impaired children aged 6-18 from various educational zones including Jib, Tikri, and Udhampur.

A total of over 50 children were diligently assessed and screened



during the camp, ensuring that vital support and interventions are provided to enhance their educational journey and overall quality of life. Notably, the organizers ensured that the participants were provided with refreshments and all transportation expenses were covered for their convenience.

Building upon the success of this initiative, similar camps are scheduled to be organized for other educational zones within the Udhampur district. The following is the schedule for upcoming camps:

Babey and Majalta, Ghordi and Panchari - March 4th, 2024, at JK Electronic Ear Prime Speech & Hearing Clinic near Pine Villa, Udhampur.

Ramnagar & Kulwanta - March 6th, 2024, at ZEO Office, Ramnagar.

Chenani and Dudu - March 7th, 2024, at CMS Chenani. These camps underscore the commitment of Samagra Shiksha towards inclusive education and ensuring accessibility for children with special needs across Udhampur district.

## JKBS elects Rashpal Bhardwaj as Chief Election Commissioner, nominates Seema Devi as Mahila Wing President

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAR 3

The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha held a meeting at Shahzadpur Kothi here today which was attended by a large number of Batwal community members hailing from different corners.

The meeting unanimously elected Rashpal Bhardwaj as JKBS' Chief Election Commissioner and nominated Seema Devi, Panch Pinki Devi and Poli Devi as JKBS Mahila Wing President, Vice President and General Secretary, respectively.



Besides, the meeting expanded its executive body by including into it Ujjagar Singh Bassa as Vice President and Darshan Kumar Lakhotra & Guchan Bhardwaj as Organising Secretaries.

Prominent among those who were present in the meeting were Messrs Dilay Ram, Rachhpal Kaith, R L Kaith, Birender Kaith, Chuni Lal and Sanjeev Kumar.

## Pulse Polio Program started at SDH Bishnah



**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
BISHNAH (JAMMU), MAR 3

Block Medical Officer, SDH Bishnah Dr Shamim Ahmed Choudhary along with Shri Surjeet Kumar, Sr. Pharmacist and Staff Members Started Pulse Polio Program at Bishnah. DDC Member Bishnah Sh Dharminder Kumar was invited as Chief Guest on the occasion and Corporator Sahil Gupta was invited as Special Guest on the occasion.

BMO Dr Shamim Ahmed Choudhary told that under five years of age will receive oral polio vaccine during a three-day

Pulse Polio Immunisation drive starting today. He also urged people to take their children falling in the age group to the nearby health centres on the day, noting the country's leading role in immunisation. Worth mentioning, today, there will be booth day where the children will be brought to the vaccination booth, and on the next two days, door-to-door campaigns will be held in which the left-outs will be covered. He further thanked DDC Member Dharminder Kumar and Corporator Sahil Gupta for their Presence in the Programs.

## Bahujan Samaj Party pays tribute to Late Somraj Majotra on Birth Anniversary in Kathua district

**JINNEWS SERVICE**  
KATHUA, MAR 3

Bahujan Samaj Party organized a solemn program in Kathua district on Saturday to honor the memory of the party's former state president, late Somraj Majotra, on his birth anniversary. The tribute ceremony, presided over by State General Secretary of Bahujan Samaj Party, Sunil Majotra, witnessed the participation of esteemed guests including former MP Rajaram and Coordinator of Jammu and Kashmir of Bahujan Samaj Party, State President of Bahujan Samaj Party, Darshan Rana, graced the event as the guest of honor, wherein party workers paid their respects to the late Somraj Majotra by offering flowers and garlands on his portrait.



Majotra, state treasurer Sardar Raja Singh, district head Raman Kumar, Tara Chand, Chaman Lal, and Dr. Shyam Lal, among others. The presence of dedicated party workers added solemnity to the event.

During the ceremony, BSP's Jammu Kashmir Coordinator and former MP Raja Ram reflected on the significant contributions of late Somraj Majotra in strengthening the party in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the importance of continuing the legacy of the late leader and reiterated the party's readiness for upcoming elections. He also highlighted the ongoing public relations campaign aimed at expanding the party's reach and announced that the party high command would soon reveal the names of

candidates for future elections.

State President Darshan Rana paid heartfelt homage to the late president, acknowledging his instrumental role in fortifying the party's presence in Jammu and Kashmir. He urged party members to redouble their efforts to bolster the party's grassroots support and reaffirmed the party's commitment to advocating for the welfare of the common people.

Other party leaders, including S. Raja Singh and Chaman Lal, also expressed their sentiments and paid their respects to the former president. The event served as a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy of late Somraj Majotra and underscored the unwavering dedication of Bahujan Samaj Party to its principles and objectives.

## Dr. Preeti Bhagat organised free medical camp at chohala panchayat

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Social Activist Dr. Preeti Bhagat has said that the diseases which earlier used to affect people of 60-70 years of age, are now being seen in youth of 30 and 35 years of age also. The biggest reason is wrong eating habits and lack of exercise. If people start adopting a healthy lifestyle and pay special attention to their



eating habits, then diseases can be avoided to

a great extent. Dr. Preeti Bhagat gave these sugges-

tions to the people during the medical camp organized in Chohala village of Suchetgarh assembly constituency. More than 100 people from Chohala and surrounding areas participated in this camp and benefited from free health consultation and also free medicines. She said that the biggest reason

for illness among the youth is mental stress and excessive use of mobile. Youth should invest their energy in positive things, use mobile phones less for work and spend time in sports. She said that there has been improvement in health facilities in rural areas but a lot still needs to be done in this, her only effort is to reach out to the people and provide them health facilities.

# BJP set to secure over 400 seats, form next Govt in Lok Sabha polls: Bali Bhagat

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Bali Bhagat, senior BJP leader and former minister today asserted that the BJP will form the next government at the Centre by winning more than 400 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

He was speaking during a public meeting organized by the Party's Social Sampark Vibhag at Chinore in Jammu North Assembly Constituency. During the event, the senior BJP leader expressed his optimism in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) forming the next government at the Centre by winning more than 400 plus seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

The public meeting witnessed the presence of distinguished individuals, including former MP Shamsher Singh Manhas and Pandit Ashok Khajuria, who presided over the function. The gathering also included various senior leaders



such as advocate Ranjit Singh Jamwal, Sukh Dev Singh Jamwal, Ved Parkash Sharma, Convenor Jammu North constituency, former JMC Vice Chairman Kuldeep Singh Chib, former Corporators Rekha Manhas and Mohinder Bhagat. Other attendees included Joginder Singh Chib, Rashpal Singh, and Rohit Kumar.

While addressing the gathering, the senior BJP leader underscores Party's ambitious electoral goals and reflects the widespread confidence within the BJP regarding its electoral prospects. He expressed utmost certain-

ty in the party's ability to secure a decisive victory in the upcoming polls.

Expressing his gratitude, Bali Bhagat specifically thanked Prime Minister Modi and the Central Parliamentary Board for reposing confidence in Dr. Jitendra Singh and Jugal Kishore Sharma, both sitting MPs of Udhampur and Jammu, and recommending them as candidates for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He also extended his congratulations to both the MPs for their candidacy.

Bhagat urged the party workers to reach out to every corner of the Union

Territory and make the general public aware of the achievements of the Modi government. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the victory of all BJP candidates in the upcoming elections. Additionally, Bali Bhagat also appealed to the Convenor and Co-Convenors of all the ninety assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir to engage with diverse social and religious groups. He urged them to spread the message of "Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas, Aur Sab Ka Vishwas" (Together with All, Development for All, and Trust of All).

# Khatana shocked over deaths, losses in heavy rainfall

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Expressing concern over the deaths and damages caused to the property and livestock due to incessant rains in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana on Sunday said that both the Divisional Commissioners of Jammu as well as that of Kashmir along with all the District Development Commissioners should take cognizance of the wrath of nature's fury and help the affected persons.

In a statement issued to the media organizations on Sunday, the senior BJP leader said that district



administrations as well as divisional administrations along with the departments like Animal Husbandry, Agriculture etc should assess losses suffered by the poor people due to the rains, snowfall, hailstorms, landslides etc and initiate the process for early relief to the affected people.

Khatana said that the injured in the calamity should be provided best

treatment and the family members of those killed in house collapse cases, landslides etc should be duly compensated.

The MP informed that he is regularly receiving telephonic calls from the affected people who are crying for help and their miseries are really heart wrenching.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre and under Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the government is determined for the welfare of all and none should suffer due to red tapism in government offices," BJP leader Khatana said.

He said that any delay

from the part of administration and government officers and officials for providing relief to the calamity hit people should not be tolerated at all and a strict not of that shall be taken promptly.

The MP Rajya Sabha said that there are reports from many parts of Kashmir and also from Rajouri, Reasi, Doda, Ramban and other areas of Jammu province that the natural calamity has caused havoc in which many cattle have also been killed and the crops also suffered immense losses.

Khatana also prayed for peace to those killed in the incessant rains and for quick recovery to those hurt in the natural calamity.

# Ganesh appeals parents not to allow their minor children to drive two-wheelers to avoid accidents

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JAMMU, MAR 3

Shiv Sena Hindustan Party Youth President Ganesh Choudhary along with other Shiv Sainiks and women visited Mata Rani Baba Wali. Ganesh Choudhary said that accidents are happening every day. It is very sad. Ganesh Choudhary said that today we visited Mata Rani Baba Wali received the blessings of Mata Rani. Ganesh Choudhary said that today we prayed at the feet of Mata Rani, may the blessings of Mata Rani remain on our entire India and Jammu and Kashmir. Ganesh Choudhary, while appealing to all the public, said that do not allow your small children to drive vehicles and motorcycles so that accidents can be prevented. Ganesh Choudhary said



that do not drive vehicles too fast. Ganesh Choudhary also appealed to the youth and said that vehicles should not be driven too fast. Drive slowly so that you can save your life, Ganesh Choudhary said while appealing to all the public that they should stop their children from driving too fast and

explain to the children not to drive too fast. Ganesh Choudhary appealed to all the public and said that get a new plan installed on your vehicles which is stamped so that your vehicles cannot move. Ganesh Choudhary said that due to driving fast vehicles, thousands of accidents are taking place

and people are losing their lives. Therefore, we all should stop our children from driving fast and understand that if there is life, then there is the world. Ganesh Choudhary said that whatever life has been given to us by Shri Bhagwan Ji, we should use it to serve the people and serve the people.

# Jan urges Govt to announce comprehensive package for snow and rain-affected people of PirPanchal

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Ajaz Jan, Provincial President of Youth for Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), Jammu, today conducted a visit to the remote areas of Poonch and Mandi today to assess the aftermath of severe weather conditions. Witnessing the extensive damage caused by heavy snowfall and incessant rains, he expressed profound concern for the well-being of the affected residents.

During his visit, the former Legislator observed that numerous areas like Sawjian, Gagrian, Chamber, Dunogam, Beedar, Baloni, Baila on Mandi Phagla road, Trichal, Marnote, Arai road PMGSY, Seikloo, Arai Peeran, Haveli, Malkan, Loran Wand, Trantrian, Bela Bala, Batalokote, Barachar, Kharapa, Chickry Ban, Lohil Beela, Maharokote, Sib, Pleara, Rajpura, Fathepur, Dhara, Block Sathra, Galpindi, Saloonian, Jandroola, Kehnoo, Kulani Narhad, Upper Chakaatroo, Khri Karmara,



Gulpur, Sain Baba block, Islamabad, NoonBandi, Kirni, Manhaar Gontrian, Saral, Khanitar, Bainch, Salootri, Kanoian Upper, Gulpur, Banpat Mangnar, Qasba, Dingla Chandak, Shahpour, Bandicheichian, Kusalian, Surankot, Mendhar, Dharal, Budhal, Noshera, Rajouri, Manjakot, and Thanamandi have suffered significant infrastructural damages due to the adverse weather conditions. With forecasts predicting further snowfall in the coming days, the situation remains critical for the affected communities, he added.

In response to these challenges, the senior NC leader urgently called

upon the government to announce a comprehensive package for the affected families in Rajouri and Poonch districts. Such measures are essential to providing immediate relief and facilitating the restoration of normalcy in the lives of those affected.

Ajaz Jan reiterated the Party's commitment to tirelessly work for the welfare and upliftment of all residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Those who accompanied are Khalil Lone, Abdul Razak, Prvinder Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Mukhtar Rathoor, Abdul Jabar, saleem Lone, Jelani, ch Shabir, Sadiq Khan, Bakhtwar Malik, ch Noor hussain and others.

The senior NC leader also commended the district administration for its

commendable efforts in reaching out to the affected populations despite the daunting circumstances of heavy snowfall and remote locations.

As the J&K National Conference continues to stand by the snow and rain-affected communities, Jan reaffirmed the Party's commitment to tirelessly work for the welfare and upliftment of all residents of Jammu and Kashmir. Those who accompanied are Khalil Lone, Abdul Razak, Prvinder Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Mukhtar Rathoor, Abdul Jabar, saleem Lone, Jelani, ch Shabir, Sadiq Khan, Bakhtwar Malik, ch Noor hussain and others.

# Congress will win Jammu Lok Sabha with a thumping majority: Vikar

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JAMMU 3 MARCH

JKPCC President, today held detailed discussions regarding the preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with Senior leaders and Block Presidents of Jammu rural constituencies including RS Pura Jammu South, Nagrota, Bishnah, and Suchetgarh. The meeting brought together crucial intakes from these constituencies to strategise for the party's victory.

Vikar, stressed the importance of being well-prepared to tackle any challenges that may arise during the election process. He urged party leaders and workers to exhibit unwavering dedication and to give their best



efforts in strengthening the party at every level. Coordination and unity among party members were highlighted as essential elements for achieving success in the upcoming elections.

He expressed his confidence in the abilities and commitment of the party members, affirming his belief that through collective efforts, victory in the Lok Sabha elections is not only possible but achievable. The meeting served as a platform for constructive discussions and planning, setting the stage for

a focused and determined campaign leading up to the elections.

The meeting discussed various aspects of the campaign, from grassroots mobilisation to engaging with the local community and spreading our party's message effectively. It is imperative that we leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of victory and work tirelessly towards achieving our goals.

Prominent who attended the meeting District Rural Incharge Vice President Shri Vinod Sharma, General Secretaries

Narinder Gupta, Pt Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T S Tony, Inayat Rather, Balbir Singh, Chairman Minority Rajinder Singh Nathu, Chairman SC Cell Karan Bhagat, Chairman Social Media Deptt Jatin K Raina, Vice Chairman Kisan Daleep Kumar, Working President Rural Badrinath Sharma and Charnjeet Bhagat, Sr Vice President Rural M R Puri, Gen Sec Rajesh Sharma, Bharat Bhushan Kundal, DCC Sec Dev Raj , Block President Bishnah Vijay Tagotra, Miran Sahib Gurmeet Singh, Arnia Kailash Saini, Suchetgarh Ajib Motton, Block President Kisan Cell Bishnah Mool raj Sharma, Sr Vice President Arnia Naresh Kumar, Ex Sarpanch Sham Bhagat and Mandeep Choudhary.

## GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL DIVISION RTIC JAMMU Notice INVITING TENDER

e- NIT MDJ/ RTIC/73 of 2023-24 Dated 29-02-2024

For and on behalf of the "Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir", The Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu, invites online bids by e tendering mode from eligible bidders/ tenderers /firms dealing with electromechanical /electrical works.

Name of the Work	Name of the Division	Cost of Tender Document/Tender Fee(In Rs)	Earnest Money	Validity of Rates
Providing of material for routine maintenance and operation of machinery installed at Tawi Pump House Jammu	Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu	200.00 (Rs. 100/- for PMT DIC/ SSI Registered Firms) (Non-Refundable) In the shape of treasury Challan only in favour of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu payable at Jammu	Rs.1850/= (Rs 950 for DIC/SSI Registered Firms) In the shape of CDR/FDR pledged to the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu	Bid shall be valid for 180 days

Position of Funds

Available

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 01-03-2024 (10:00 A.M) and uploaded upto 11-03-2024 (1:00 P.M). The tender shall be opened on 12-03-2024 (1:00 P.M).
- The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
- Bids must be accompanied by cost of Tender Document and bid security/ earnest money as specified in column 3 & 4 of the table. The cost of tender documents should be in the form of Treasury Challan only in favour of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu.
- Furnishing of Hard copies of documents pertaining to e bids immediately after submission of e tenders have been dispensed with as per Govt Order No. O.M. no. A/24(2017-651) dated 07-06-2018. The same shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L-1 after opening of Financial Bids.
- The hard copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan and Earnest Money including other relevant documents must be delivered by L-1 to the office of the Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division RTIC Jammu within 03 days of opening of tender.
- The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 180 days from the date of opening of bids. If any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited.
- The Technical Bids of the tender document received shall be opened online in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Jammu on 12-03-2024 at 1:00 P.M
- The Financial Bids of the tender document of the qualified bidders shall also be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer Mechanical Division, RTIC, Jammu during office hours on a convenient day.
- Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document.

No: MDJ/RTIC/2028-31  
Dated 29-02-2024

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Executive Engineer  
Mechanical Division  
RTIC, Jammu

DIP/J-15645/23  
Date: 2-3-24

## Peace, governance & economy badly hit under BJP rule: Bhalla

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JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla on Sunday said that people of Jammu and Kashmir were expressing their pain and anguish against the BJP Govt and its anti-people policies. This was stated by former Minister while interacting with prominent persons of Jammu District constituencies including Sarpanchs, Panchs, Block Presidents, Booth Presidents and other office bearers. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Block President Ajai Motton, Block President Bushan Kumar Reddy, Shamsheer Singh, Satpal Spolia, Balwinder Singh Rinku Dita Ram, Neeraj Kumar, Rakesh Meenia, Jasbir Jassi, and others.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhalla said that the unprecedented price rise and record unemployment especially in Jammu and Kashmir, the Modi government has utterly failed to bring the prices under control. The common man is suffering due to unprecedented prices of all essential commodities and unreasonable taxes. All sections of society are worst sufferers under BJP regime. The Jammu and Kashmir tops in the unemployment in the country and the educated youth are frustrated due to wrong policy of the government. Lakhs of educated youth's are without jobs in Jammu and Kashmir while the daily wagers, need based, contractual and other temporary employees are protesting for regularization.

Bhalla said that constant price-hike, people in all parts of country were taking to streets to express anger over the increase of prices of essential commodities of life but this callous govt has not moved even an inch to address this burning issue and infect busy in poll campaigns least bothering about grievances of common man. It divided the country on communal line for vote bank politics. He said the government, after coming into power, had been increasing the prices of oil, gas and electricity.

The government has failed to provide relief to the masses which the BJP



leaders used to claim. He said that the incompetent rulers even failed to provide any relief to common man during festive occasions also. It shows their intentions and love for people as prices of daily use commodities are cut on the occasions of religious festivals in the whole world but here the claimants of 'NayaJ&K' snatched the right of living from the masses, especially the poor class," said Bhalla. He said that Congress party is the only truly secular, democratic and progressive force which can keep Jammu and Kashmir on the path of peace, progress and harmony while the forces of hatred would create wedge in the society and the regions for vote bank politics.

Bhalla extensively dealt with emerging political scenario in Jammu & Kashmir, where Congress party is fast emerging as the only choice of people because of its progressive, democratic and secular policies. He said that secularism is the strength of Indian Nation and only Congress can lead the erstwhile state and the nation to the path of peace, progress and prosperity by strengthening secular fabric and maintaining communal harmony, while asserting that the grand old party is a force to reckon and welcomed the joining of more and more important leaders from other political parties.

Bhalla said that there is no place for politics of exploitation and negative politics, as people of the erstwhile state appreciate and participate in the vibrant democracy of this great nation for a better future and good governance. However until the status of statehood with

all consequential rights and the popular government is restored people's unrest will not end. People feel cheated, divided, deprived, downgraded with loss of dignity, status and genuine rights, which was never expected by them even in dream. Jammu and Kashmir has the distinction of being the most religious harmonious place in the country against grave provocations and the long spell of terrorism, he added.

Bhalla appealed the people to look back to the history of traditional harmony, peace and secularism and reject the forces of exploitation and hatred for a better future, for which Congress is the truly secular, democratic, nationalist and progressive force to lead the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the path progress and prosperity along with rest of the country.

While the present insensitive dispensation has plunged the State into unprecedented crisis, the development has come to a grinding halt and governance at the lowest ebb", Bhalla said. The former Minister said lack of political direction has terribly impacted the administration that is seen wanting in every sector. In this context, he referred to the administrative breakdown, developmental paralysis and poor condition of utility services which have led to acute drinking water scarcity and frequent load shedding in most parts of Jammu. This has made the life of people, particularly in the Jammu region miserable.

Similar is the scenario with respect to rations, provision of agriculture inputs to farmers and lack of basic minimum necessi-

ties to the people, Bhalla said, adding that the people are disillusioned and disenchanted with the present Government. He decried diversionary tactics being adopted by BJP to cover up their failures. "They are more talking politics and less attending to the woes of the people that have created a peculiar situation", he said and referred to various contentious issues raked up by BJP to satiate their constituencies.

While the people have been left to fend for themselves, BJP indulging in real politics to escape responsibility, he maintained. Congress party established PR system in the country to decentralize and devolve powers to the lowest level with further strengthening the PRI's through 73rd and 74th amendment under the leadership of late Rajiv Gandhi, which ensured reservation of 33% to women besides SC/STs as per population, in the grass root institutions of democracy. It was the result of Congress struggle that finally all good provisions of the Central legislation were incorporated in the State Panchayat laws under Congress regime.

BJP rule witnessed erosion, encroachment and usurpation of routine power of Panchayats by ruling class making the existing Panchayat Raj system virtually defunct and non-existent," Bhalla said here today. He said that the even developmental plans of Panchayats were altered, interfered and even MGNREGA and BADP funds were allocated without taking into confidence the panchayat members, thus encroaching upon the autonomy and normal functioning of Panchayats, Bhalla added.

## INDIA Bloc to clean sweep upcoming Lok Sabha Polls: Tony

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Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Congress and DDC Member Suchetgarh, has boldly proclaimed that the INDIA Bloc is poised to achieve a resounding victory in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, signaling a seismic shift in the political landscape of Jammu & Kashmir.

Interacting with people of South Constituency here today, the senior Congress leader asserted that the INDIA Bloc will sweep the upcoming polls in the country, delivering a decisive blow to the Safron Party and its strategy of repeat candidates who have failed to address the pressing issues facing the region. He emphasized that the repeated nomination of ineffective candidates reflects the party's disdain for genuine representation and accountability.

Tony highlighted the negligence of two-times sitting Members of Parliament towards pressing concerns such as the clo-



sure of hundreds of government schools, imposition of property tax, and the installation of smart meters in the Jammu region. He emphasized that instead of addressing these issues, the BJP has opted to repeat old candidates, demonstrating a blatant disregard for the electorate.

"The BJP's repeated selection of the same candidates indicates their cavalier attitude towards the people of Jammu. The sitting Members of Parliament have failed to represent the voices of daily wage earners and have merely offered empty promises that have never

materialized." The senior Congress leader criticized Prime Minister Modi for making lofty guarantees that have consistently fallen flat, labeling them as mere rhetoric devoid of substance. He pointed out the palpable discontentment among the populace, evident in the widespread dissatisfaction expressed on social media platforms.

"The people of Jammu have been let down time and again by hollow promises and superficial gestures. The BJP's insistence on recycling ineffective candidates only reinforces their disconnect from the ground realities of J&K,"

he said. Tony expressed confidence in the INDIA Bloc, predicting a resounding victory in the upcoming elections. He called upon the electorate to reject the BJP's tokenism and embrace a new era of governance that prioritizes genuine progress and accountability.

"In 2024, the INDIA Bloc will usher in a new dawn for Jammu & Kashmir, one where the voices of the people are heard and their concerns are addressed," Tony said, adding that it's time to reclaim our future and demand the leadership that we deserve."

## Rajnath Singh to inaugurate DefConnect 2024 to encourage indigenous defence innovation

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NEW DELHI, MAR 3

Taking a giant leap forward towards promoting indigenous innovation and facilitating partnerships to address the evolving security challenges, Innovations for Defence Excellence-Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO), under the aegis of Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, is organising DefConnect 2024 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on March 04, 2024. The event will be inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.

DefConnect 2024 represents a significant milestone in the country's defence innovation land-

scape, bringing together key stakeholders including the Armed Forces, defence industry leaders, start-ups, academia, and policymakers. The event aims to facilitate meaningful engagements, showcase cutting-edge technologies and is poised to be a transformative platform for fostering collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship in the defence sector. The event will attract a large number of innovators and investors from India's leading industries in the defence sector.

The iDEX framework allows military personnel to work with innovators in a co-development model. They serve as end users, nodals and

domain experts. This collaboration helps guide innovation and smoothly integrate advancements into existing platforms by leveraging expertise and insights of the end user.

Till date, iDEX has launched 10 rounds of Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) and 11 rounds of Open Challenges (OC), receiving more than 9,000 applications from individual innovators and start-ups against challenges from the Tri-Services, Defence Space Agency, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Indian Coast Guard, Border Roads Organisation and other agencies. The event will also witness an All-Women Panel Discussion on 'Women as

Drivers of Change' ahead of International Women's Day on March 08, 2024.

The showcase of cutting-edge technologies developed by iDEX winners is going to be the key attraction for all the visitors. It will offer a unique opportunity to meet iDEX start-ups and understand their innovative technologies.

The iDEX, launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2018, essentially provides a unified platform for various stakeholders in the defence and aerospace sectors. It acts like an umbrella organisation to oversee technology development and potential collaborations in this specific field.

## Dimple joins 3 days polio drops campaign, giving polio drops to children along with doctors, health, anganwadi staff

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JAMMU, MAR 3

Sunil Dimple president mission statehood Jammu Kashmir along with the director health, CMO, Janipur medical staff Dr Indu & with the anganwadi workers inaugurated polio booth, participated in polio drops and started three days polio drops utsav, function at booths on Janipur high court road in ward number 16, 17, 18, new plot, sarwal & on Janipur high court road.

Thousands of children along with parents came to the polio booths and took polio drops.

Dr Indu announced that no polio case has been deducted in recent last years and for all this the credit goes to the medical staff who are involved in the mission of eradication



of polio from India.

Dr Indu said joint efforts of Drs of director health, family welfare, staff, CMO, dispensary, anganwadi, aasha workers, had done hard work to eradicate Polio by giving Polio drops at doorstep.

Sunil Dimple president mission statehood addressing and inaugurating the polio drops utsav said this polio utsav will be

celebrated for three days in Jammu Kashmir.

He said today is the first day the polio drops will be given to all at polio booths.

Dimple said on the second day tomorrow the polio drops teams will go to the children and will be given door to door at houses. The polio drops to the children will be given to those who left on the

first day.

He said on the third day the polio drops teams of anganwadi, aasha, health department will cover all lanes, houses, slum basties, to give polio drops to the laborers basties to the children.

Dimple appealed to the parents to get their children polio drops to make India a strong nation.

Dimple also gave polio drops to few small children.

The others are Dr Indu, Ekta, Sunil Dimple, Alam Khan, Rakesh Kumar, Mrs Veena Sharma, Vaishno Sharma, Anita Devi and many others.

## Joining program by Shiv Sena at Shuhma and Chadoora

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In major boost to the party joining program was organised by Naseer Ahmad Lone at District Ganderbal & Mohammad Rafi Najjar at District Budgam where scores political member & Youth of different Political Parties joined Shiv Sena in the presence of Sh. Bilal Ahmad Sheikh Kashmir Division General Secretary (Organisation) & Majeed Ahmad Dar District President Baramulla.

Sh. Ashwani Gupta State President, Sh. Sanjay Bhat State Secretary (Organisation) /Prabhari & State Youth President Ajay Dhar joined the joining program through Video Conferencing. Sh. Ashwani Gupta welcomed the new member in the party fold to work with respect to the teachings of Bala Sahib and Eknath Shinde. He further asked them to reach to public and bring the genuine problem in the notice knowledge of administration, so that relief to be provided.

While addressing the function Sh. Sanjay Bhat said Shiv Sena party is for the public and development is our main agenda &



further he emphasized SKILL DEVELOPMENT programs in the Districts for the benefit of the youth.

Bilal Ahmad Sheikh said we the Shiv Sena has to fight for the rights of public & asked all members to work for the betterment of the society.

While addressing the function State Youth President Sh. Ajay Dhar said that ShivSena is rapidly expanding its base in JKUT and the party will have approach every where in the state. He further appealed the youth to aware people about

the importance of taking part in electoral process as every vote matters.

Newly Nominated Vice President Kashmir Division Naseer Ahmad Lone thanked the Party Leadership for giving me chance to serve the people.

The others who were present in the joining program are Mohd. Rafiq, Ali Mohd. Yatoo, Lagtee Ahmad Ganie, Laftee Ahmad Teli, Nazeer Ahmad Malla, Ab. Gani Ganie, Mohd. Sheri Ganie, Mohd. Saleem Ganie, Parvaz Ah Bakshi, Irshad Ah Reshi, Altaf Ah shiekh & many more

## Bukhari urges admin to provide compensation to people affected by rain, and windstorms

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SRINAGAR, MAR 3

Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari, on Sunday urged the administration to provide compensation to the people who have suffered significant losses due to the recent rainfall and gusty windstorms in several areas across Jammu and Kashmir.

He emphasised the urgency of dispatching official teams to conduct a thorough assessment of the damage caused in the affected areas.

Gusty winds and heavy rainfall caused damage to the property in various parts of Jammu and Kashmir during the past 2 days.

"I am deeply saddened to know that the recent adverse weather has wreaked havoc in many areas in the valley and Jammu. Hundreds of houses, orchards, and trees have suffered significant damage due to the gusty winds and heavy rainfall. I urge the administration to step forward with necessary assistance and provide adequate compensation to the affected people", Bukhari said in a statement.

**Khelenge Betiyaan Khilenge Betiyaan**  
**Wushu Sisters Ayeera, Ansa clinch Gold Medal at Russian Moscow Stars Wushu International Championship**



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SRINAGAR, MARCH 3

Wushu Sisters, Ansa Chishti and Ayeera Chishti Great brought laurels to India, especially Jammu & Kashmir by clinching Gold medals in Russian Moscow stars Wushu International Championship going on in Moscow from 28 February until 5th March 2024. Both players performed exceptionally in their respective weight categories of 52 and 56. They

beat their Russian opponents in the finals and made their fans proud as well as the entire sports fraternity of J&K. This is the 3rd International medal for Ayeera as she won Gold in Georgia and Bronze in World championship at Indonesia earlier. Now it's 3rd consecutive medal in international Wushu Championship for her and last year she was also shortlisted for State Award. Ayeera is the 1st Wushu Female Athlete

who was shortlisted for this prestigious award. Similarly, Ansa won 2nd Medal in international Wushu Championship, earlier she won Silver in Georgia International Wushu Championship. With today's medal, she has won her 1st Gold medal in international championship. Notably, both players are National Champions in their weight category as they won many medals in National championships.

**Judicial Academy's 2 day orientation program on "Wildlife and Forest Conservation Laws" concludes**

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MARCH 3

The two day orientation programme on "Wildlife and Forest Conservation Laws", organised by J&K Judicial Academy in collaboration with WWF-India, for Judicial Officers and J&K Forest Department concluded here today at J&K Judicial Academy, Janipur. The brain storming deliberations of day one had already set the tone and tenor of the second day orientation.

On the second day, the first session was jointly conducted by Moulika Arabhi and Tejas Singh Kapoor, CEL, WWF-India, who gave a legal and policy overview on Environment, Forest and Wildlife. They said that there have been three forest policy announcements in independent India; the Forest Policy of 1952, the National Commission on Agriculture, 1976 (NCA) and the 1988 Forest Policy. The policy emphasised scientific conservation and emphasis was laid on conversion of low value mixed forests to high value plantation of commercial species.

Rohit Rattan, Associate Coordinator, Western Himalayas Program, WWF-India, chaired the second session.

The resource person deliberated on conservation issues and challenges



in Jammu. He said that the twin UTs of J&K and Ladakh are divided into three main geographical regions namely the Pir Panjal, the Zaskar and the middle mountain of Lesser Himalaya. It supports the vegetation from sub-tropical zone to alpine zone and forms a complex habitat which supports a number of rare, endemic and threatened plants, he added. He said that the local inhabitants over exploits some of the commercially viable medicinal plants for personal gains which are traded either in the local or outside the UT markets. He emphasized that Central and UT/ State Governments have attempted for the in-situ conservation of biological resources all over India and at present, the UTs of J&K and Ladakh comprises of one Biosphere Reserve, 4 National Parks and 15 Wildlife Sanctuar-

ies for the in-situ conservation of biological diversity. These protected areas cover different altitudinal zones ranging from tropical to alpine. He stated that development of conservation technologies of threatened/economically important plants will not only help in promoting mass cultivation in farmers fields but also, help in reducing pressure on wild stock.

All the sessions were interactive during which all the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the worthy resource persons.

The programme concluded with Yash Paul Bournay, Director, J&K Judicial Academy presenting vote of thanks.

**LG inaugurates 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship 2023-24 (Men & Women) at Srinagar**



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SRINAGAR, MARCH 3

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today inaugurated the 23rd All India Police Water Sports Championship 2023-24 (Men & Women), at Srinagar. The Lt Governor welcomed and extended his best wishes to all the sportspersons, organizers and sports enthusiasts for a very successful and memorable championship.

He congratulated the J&K Police for hosting the prestigious tournament and lauded its significant contribution in promoting sports and the holistic development of youth.

Over the last two decades, besides maintaining public order and tackling insurgency, the J&K Police has made a landmark as a host, for organizing 17 prestigious and high-profile All India Police Championships in a professional manner, the Lt Governor said.

"Sports, and in particular, water Sports, embody the spirit of discipline, teamwork, and resilience. These qualities resonate with the principles that our law enforcement agencies uphold in their duty to safeguard our communities. The lessons learned during the competitions are a testament to the values that shape our professional lives," he said.

**Aziz Ahmad Rather assumes charge of ADC Handwara**



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KUPWARA, MARCH 03

Aziz Ahmad Rather on Saturday assumed the charge of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara.

He was given warm welcome by Tehsildar Handwara, Zeeshan Khan and other officers of various departments.

After assuming the charge, the ADC called an introductory meeting of officers and enjoined them to work diligently towards the welfare of the people besides emphasizing on the redressal of public grievances.

On the occasion, he was apprised with the situation and arrangements put in place owing to inclement weather conditions and snowfall.

Later, the ADC visited several villages of Handwara Sub-division to assess the snow clearance operation to open roads for public transportation and restoration of services.

I am confident the visiting players and team members will enjoy the warm hospitality and magnificent sights of Jammu Kashmir and return as a brand ambassador of UT of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor further added. On the occasion, the

Lt Governor also paid homage to the brave hearts of Police and security forces for their selfless service to the nation.

A total of 30 teams (20 Men & 10 Women) comprising about 500 players and 60 Technical officials, Team Managers are partic-



icipating in the tournament. RR Swain, DGP; Sh Vijay Kumar, ADGP, Armed, Law & Order, Sh Aftab Malik, Chairman, District Development Council Srinagar,

senior officials of Police, Security Forces and UT administration, eminent sportspersons and sports enthusiasts were present at the inaugural ceremony.



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