

LG condoles loss of lives in Ramban Accident **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MAR 4

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has condoled the loss of lives in the tragic road accident in Ukhral area of district Ramban.

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Kashmir, Monday.

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"I am deeply saddened to learn of the loss of precious lives in an unfortunate road accident in Ramban today. I convey my heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and praying for the speedy recovery of those injured," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor has announced ex-gratia for the victims of Ramban road accident and those who had lost their lives in a tragic landslide in Reasi on Sunday. An ex-gratia of Rs.5 Lakh would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs.50,000.

### JKDMA issues avalanche warning for 5 districts of J&K

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MAR 4

Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authority (JKDMA) on Monday issued an avalanche warning in the higher reaches of five districts of Jammu and Kashmir in the next 24 hours, officials said.

An avalanche with a "medium danger" level is likely to occur above 2200 metres over Kishtwar in the Jammu division and Kupwara, Bandipora, and Baramulla districts of north Kashmir



mir's commercial Silage tion for transforming the more livelihood avenues the Union Territory. Unit, Krishi Radio and Agriculture and allied for the local farmers and sector of J&K and promot-Rural Internship - Student Rural Exploration ing innovation based Agri programme of J&K Gov- Startups.

ernment under HADP. In his address, Parshot- announced an Aqua park expressed gratitude to the tam Rupala, Union Minis- for J&K. He assured all pos- Union Minister and Govter for Fisheries, Animal sible support in upscaling ernment of India for their spirit of innovation and Husbandry and Dairying, the livestock production, support and cooperation resilience that defines our commended the Lt Gov- establishment of Modern in development of Agriculernor led UT Administra- Fish Market and creating ture and Allied sector of

pastoralists in the Union Territory.

The Union Minister also sion, the Lt Governor unlocking the potential of

He also appreciated the vital role of SKUAST-Kashmir in driving reforms in Speaking on the occa- Agriculture Sector and Jammu Kashmir. Today, we celebrate the

agricultural landscape. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

### J&K BJP plans 'majestic welcome' for PM Modi on March 7 in Srinagar

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Bhartiya Janata Party's people. It will be the first trict of Kashmir. (BJP's) J&K unit is all set public rally of PM Modi in Prime Minister Narendera rally at Bakshi Stadium in in J&K since February 20, Srinagar.

A BJP leader privy to massive public gathering work." the preparation plan told at Jammu where he inaunews agency-Kashmir gurated developmental the rally is open and projects worth Rs 3200 Cr. News Observer (KNO) that J&K BJP has already started mega preparations flags will be installed to give rousing reception across Srinagar right from listen to PM Modi at Bakshi to PM Modi on March 7. the airport to the rally "There will be a grand venue. There will also be he or she doesn't need any welcome for PM Modi at 1000 banners and hoard- entry pass," he said, wish-Bakshi Stadium. We have ings displaying PM Modi's ing not to be named. devised a plan and our photographs with slogans workers are working on like "Ab ki baar 400 paar ers in Srinagar a day ahead that," he said. "This time, (this time, we will cross of the rally, over 100 it will be a unique welcome for our leader." PM Modi will address a KNO. He said that as per

mammoth rally at Bakshi the plan, 15000 people Stadium in Srinagar where including BJP workers will BJP is expecting two lakh be coming from each dis-

"Over 500 workers for a majestic welcome for Srinagar after abrogation have been tasked to fix of Article 370 in August hoardings, install banners Modi, who is arriving on 2019. This will be the and flags at various places March 7 to address a mega second rally of PM Modi across Srinagar," he said. "These workers are workthe day he addressed a ing overnight to finish the

A BJP leader said that nobody needs to approach "Over 10,000 party the BJP office for passes. "Everybody who wishes to Stadium is welcome and

To accommodate work-400 seats)," a source hotels, lodges and guest in the BJP disclosed to houses have

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### Modi govt is making efforts to transform the cooperative movement into a people's movement : Amit Shah

LG, Union FAH&D Minister inaugurate

**Technology Exhibition at SKUAST-K** 

in next 24 hours. My life an open book, 140 crore Rs 41,000 cr investment in city gas projects



people my family: PM Modi

### AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 4

Union Home and Coop- umbrella organization of National Urban Coopera- this occasion, Amit Shah eration and mutual prog-

tive Finance and Devel- stressed on strengthening opment Corporation the spirit of Cooperation Limited (NUCFDC), the among Cooperatives.

eration Minister Amit urban cooperative banks, Shah said that unless the Shah inaugurated the in New Delhi today. On strength to promote coop-

ress among cooperative institutions is provided, we cannot move forward.

He mentioned that after nearly 20 years of struggle, today the establishment of the NUCFDC is taking place, and this is a very auspicious day for all of us. The Union Cooperative Minister saidearlier the Cooperative Ministry and the cooperative sector were scattered among many ministries. He mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after 75 years of independence, In his address, Amit has established a separate Ministry of Cooperation, breathing new life

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### **CEO reviews preparations in Jammu** parliamentary constituency



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Monday chaired a meeting Jammu Parliamentary for Jammu, Samba and

Constituency. The meeting, among also held discussions on others, was attended electoral eoll Processes, Chief Electoral Officer by District Election Offi- logistical requirements, (CEO), Jammu and Kash- cers and SSPs of Jammu, manpower management, mir, Pandurang K Pole, Samba and Reasi Districts. risk management, EVM During the meeting, transportation, polling here to review the prepa- extensive deliberations staff and security arrangerations for upcoming Lok were held on District Elec- ments. The meeting also Sabha Elections, 2024 in tion Management Plans focused on allocating

Reasi districts. The new CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

A "high danger" level avalanche is likely to occur above 2200 metres over central Kashmir's Ganderbal district during the next 24 hours.

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

Upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received moderate to heavy snowfall recently prompting authorities to issue a fresh avalanche warning as a precautionary measure for the people on Monday.

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

### **Indian** army **Cheetah helicopter** makes emergency landing in Rajouri **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

An Indian Army Cheetah helicopter made a safe emergency landing in Rajouri district, Jammu and Kashmir, on Monday, March 4, due to a technical issue. The incident occurred at around noon in the fields of Hathal village, located in the Sunderbani tehsil. According to Indian Army officials, the pilots identified a technical issue and opted for a precautionary landing as a safety measure.

JI NEWS SERVICE ADILABAD (TELANGANA), MAR 4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi targeted the opposition coalition, INDIA bloc over nepotism and corruption during his address at Adilabad in Telangana on Monday.

PM Modi said that the 140 crore people in the country are his family adding that his life is an open book.

"The leaders of the INDI vad', they have started the country are my family. alliance, deeply engrossed saying that Modi has no Today, crores of daughin corruption, nepotism family," the Prime Minisand appeasement, are ter said. "My life is an open becoming nervous. When I question their 'Parivar- book, 140 crore people of

ters, mothers and sisters of the country are Modi's

family. Every poor CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

#### AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 4

Six north eastern states and two Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh will see Rs 41,000 crore investment in rollout of city gas network to retail CNG to automobiles and piped cooking gas to houses over the next few years, Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Monday.

Speaking at a function winners of 12th city gas distribution (CGD) bidding round, he said with the award of licences Nagaland, Sikkim and except the islands. for 8 geographical areas Mizoram and two Union

in North-East, Jammu and Kashmir: Puri

to award licences to the covering 103 districts in Territories of Jammu and six north eastern states Kashmir and Ladakh, of Arunachal Pradesh, the city gas network now Meghalaya, Manipur, covers the entire country "Anticipated invest-

ment for 12th CGD bidding round is Rs 41,000 crore generating considerable employment opportunities," he said.

While the consortium of Bharat Petroleum and Oil India Ltd won the city gas licence for Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana City Gas bagged the same for Meghalaya. State-owned GAIL (India) Ltd-promoted Tripura Natural Gas got licence for Manipur and Mizoram. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) in collaboration with OIL got the licence for Sikkim. BPCL won the licence for

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### Dr Jitendra launches first-ever 'science experience centre' at Hyderabad, dedicates it to startups

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HYDERABAD, MARCH 4

Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) for Science & Technology, Minister of State for PMO, PP/DoPT, Atomic Energy, Space and Vice President, CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the first-ever "Science Experience Centre" would contribute to realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat. after laying the foundation Ups of India.



The Minister was Centre" in the premises of of our nation and encouraddressing the gathering CSIR-IICT Hyderabad. He dedicated it to young stone of the first-ever "Sci- that the Science Experi- Ups. He further said that minds and potential Start- ence Experience Centre" ence Centre will definitely the culture and an exclusive "Biofuel inspire the young minds

age them to come up with Dr. Jitendra Singh said innovative ideas for Start-**CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4** 

### One-Way traffic restored on Jammu-Srinagar national highway

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

The vehicular movement a dozen places between was resumed for one-way traffic on the Jammu-Sriing Dalwas, Mehad-Cafetia and Hingni in Ramban, nagar national highway on Monday after a twothey said. da-long closure following gered by heavy rains and snowfall, officials said.

The 270-kilometre highway, the only all-weather Pather, only one-way ply against traffic plans in link connecting Kashmir traffic was resumed this view of the possible traffic with the rest of the coun- morning till the road gets congestion because of the try, was closed for traffic double land repaired," a narrow early Saturday following traffic police officer said.

landslides, mudslides and Traffic is moving norshooting stones, triggered mally from Jammu to Sriby heavy rainfall at over nagar today, he said. However, the traffic Nashri and Banihal includ-

department advised commuters to follow lane discipline and drive cautiously.

"In view of the single "Commuters are multiple landslides trig- lane and poor surface of advised to follow lane the road at Dalwas, Mehaddiscipline, overtaking can lead to congestion. cafeteria, Nachlana, Gangroo, Hingni, Kishtwari People are advised not to

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### World Wildlife Day-2024: Mega function held at Nature Interpretation **Center, Dachigam National Park**

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

A mega function was today organized at Nature Interpretation Center of Dachigam National Park to commemorate 'World Wildlife Day- 2024', celebrated every year on 4th March.

The function, organized by the Central Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife Protection was presided over by chief various schools attended cial role of technology in guest, Regional Wildlife Warden, Kashmir, Pradeep Chandra Wahule.

Conservation.'

Director, PHAAG Dev. servation Management. Forum; Ali Mohammad ers and students from sion) highlighted the cru- modalities in disease among Paryavaran Mitras.

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the event.

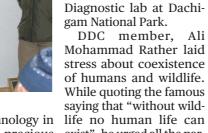
Addressing the event, wildlife and promoting the chief guest highlighted harmonious coexistence This year the theme of the power of digital inno- with nature. Further, he 'World Wildlife Day' was vation using drones for added that increase in Planet, exploring digital social media for educa- worth rewarding but is a innovation in Wildlife tional outreach. He also challenging endeavor. emphasized the collab-

Dr. Mohsin Ali Gazi, orative nature of digital life experts and Research-Wildlife Veterinarian, conservation efforts and ers to work in scientific besides other invitees mentioned about partner- way for Habitat Improveincluding Executive Direc- ships and initiatives with ment, Enrichment of Predtor, WCF and learned non-government organiza- ator Prey base, Genetic Amicus Curiae, Head Wild- tions, local communities, Diversity and Reproduclife SOS; Members of Wild resourceful persons and tive Health etc. Life Trust of India, WRCF; students in Wildlife Con-

Earlier in the inau- Ali Gazi, Wildlife Veteri-

DC chairs Preparatory meeting

for SANJY-2024 at Ganderbal



protecting our precious exist", he urged all the participants to play proactive role in saving the nature and natural resources.

About 250 participants 'Connecting people and anti-poaching, engaging the Hangul population is irrespective of age, gender, profession participated in the programme.

Animal Health Care cum

He laid stress on Wild-Further a debate and Quiz competition was also held among the school students who participated in celebration of World Wildlife Day, 2024.

The chief guest awarded trophies among the A detailed presentation winners/ runner ups, was given by Dr. Mohsin while participation certificates were also distributed Rather, DDC Member; stu- gural session, Pervaiz narian emphasizing the among all the participants. dents of Darul-Uloom Kou- Ahmed Wani, DCF (Wild- importance of wildlife, Certificates of recognisaria, researchers/ teach- life Warden, Central Divi- highlighted the latest tion were also distributed

### **One-day Spring Exhibition** showcases Artisanal brilliance at Ganderbal



ments offered valuable

information about their

craftsmanship of District

his appreciation for the

efforts of the Department

of Handicrafts and Hand-

looms in organizing such

an event. He emphasized

the importance of sup-

porting local artisans and

promoting their work to a

viduals who contribute

Speaking on the occa-

broader audience.

The DC expressed

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services, contributing to The Department of Handthe overall informative icrafts and Handlooms, and engaging atmosphere Ganderbal today hosted of the event. a vibrant one-day Spring This initiative seeks to Exhibition at Mini-Secrenot only showcase the tariat, here. artistic expertise of the artisans but also serve as

The event was inaugurated by the Deputy Coma platform for preserving missioner (DC) Ganderand exploring the unique bal, Shyambir. The exhibition, which Ganderbal.

drew a significant crowd, featured an impressive array of handcrafted items from various departments, including NRLM and DIC. Attendees had the opportunity to explore and appreciate the skilled craftsmanship of local artisans and weavers.

The diverse range of sion, the DC said that such products on display highexhibitions play a crucial lighted the rich cultural role in fostering a connecheritage and artistic tal- tion between the commuents prevalent in District nity and the skilled indi-Ganderbal.

DC Anantnag reviews arrangements

for Maha Shivratri festival

In addition to the exhi- to the cultural fabric of bition, various depart- Ganderbal.

### **04 Days Training** programme for Pani Samitis commences at Kulgam

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** KULGAM, MARCH 4

A four days training pro- Engineer PHE Division gram for Level -3 community stakeholders/ Pani Bhat; Project Manager tor (MD), Jal Jeevan Mis- department were also sion (JJM), Dr.G N Itoo at present and shared their Rest House Kulgam. The program is being gramme.

an empaneled agency.

their respective villages.

"Everyone who partici-

Among other participants, SE JJM Anantnag Circle, F.R. Bhagat; Ex. Kulgam, Nawaz Ahmad Samitis under Jal Jeevan DPMU Kulgam, Er. Ajaz Mission was today kick- Ahmad Keen and other started by Mission Direc- officials of Jal Shakti views about the pro-

organized by Mission Earlier the KRC-Directorate JJM J&K UT in HIFEED briefed the parcollaboration with KRC - ticipants about the 4 days Himalayan Institute for training programme. Environment, Ecology &

78 participants of Pani Development (HIFEED), Samitis (VWSC's) from selected GPs of every Speaking on the occa- block of Kulgam District sion, the MD laid empha- were present and have sis on the participants to also registered to attend be the change makers in the 4 days training programme.

The team of experts pates in such orientation of KRC- HIFEED, besides programs learn from the other experts will cover experts on various topics all the sessions/modules connecting them to the under JJM guidelines for initiatives of WASH under roles and responsibili-Jal Jeevan modules," he ties of Pani Samitis (Pre, said, while appreciat- Post Implementation and ing the Asha's and PRI Operations & Mainte-Women representatives nance (O&M) of the Water who shared their expe- Supply Schemes) and rience during the pro- WASH during the training programme.

DC B'la reviews progress of PM-Vishwakarma & other key agendas

**JI NEWS SERVICE** BARAMULLA, MARCH 4

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa today convened a meeting at Dak Bungalow, here to discuss multiple key agendas including review of the progress of PM-Vishwakarma scheme, procurement of nutrition supplies through ICDS, honorarium of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers and zation of allocated funds, construction of ramps at

polling stations. The meeting primarily plies. focused on reviewing the

aiming for 100% procurement of nutritional sup-

Minga Sherpa informed progress of PM-Vishwa- the meeting that BDOs karma scheme in the dis- of the concerned blocks trict, for which the train- have been delegated the



several departments, the promptly for the timely DC instructed the CEO completion of pony reg-The meeting began SDA to share a list of govistration before the Yatra with an in-depth review ernment accommodations begins. of action plans submitted available at Sonamarg for Following a detailed discussion, the DC issued

by various departments, judicious utilization. focusing on key areas such SSP Ganderbal shared necessary instructions to as sanitation, flood pro- valuable feedback to all departments associtection, lighting, parking, ensure the seamless exe- ated with the Yatra via the

**JI NEWS SERVICE** ANANTNAG, MARCH 4 The Deputy Commis-

sioner (DC) Anantnag, SF.Hamid today chaired a comprehensive meeting to meticulously review the arrangements for the celebration of upcoming festival of Maha Shivratri in the district.

During the meeting, the DC issued directions to various departments to ensure the seamless execution of all essential arrangements for the tricity supply in all areas ment was instructed to



community during the predominantly inhabited ensure uninterrupted festival. He instructed by the Pandit community supply of electricity, and

were tasked with conducting sanitation drives in and around temples where major congregations are expected during

the festive days. The Food Safety department has been directed to conduct thorough market checks in all major markets of the district to ensure the quality and safety of food products

during the festival. Furthermore, the Executive Engineer, Power Development Depart-

gramme.



mobile connectivity, con- cution of SANJY-2024. Baltal route, emphasiz-

Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra-

2024 (SANJY).

provided updates on prep- Yatra. arations and the progress SANJY-2024.

dation concerns raised by instructed to mobilize staff departments.

cesses, and overall infra- ous years, offering suggesstructure development. tions to enhance essential Heads of Departments services for a successful

tingency plans, RFID card Officers drew upon their ing the enhancement of issuance, registration pro- experiences from previ- various essential services during the Yatra period. The meeting was attended by Additional

District Development The Border Roads Commissioner, Mushtaq of works related to the Organization was direct- Ahmad Simnani; ADC, Yatra. The DC stressed the ed to assess crash barrier Gulzar Ahmad; CEO SDA, importance of early execu- requirements along the Farooq Ahmad Baba; CPO, tion to ensure a seamless Yatra route and identify ACD, Executive Engineers and foolproof execution of areas needing road resur- of various wings, DFO facing. The Animal Hus- Sindh Forest Division, and Addressing accommo- bandry department was officers from other line

concerned departments to enhance the festival the Jal Shakti department munity.

He highlighted the ample supply of fish, vegetables, including Lotus Stems (Nadroo), spinach, walnut, cheese, and other Floriculture Department to a joyous and hasslebasic necessities such as LPG cylinders, K-oil, rice, sugar, and flour.

Moreover, he stressed the importance of unin- Municipality and Rural terrupted water and elec- Development Department heads.

to ensure the availability experience for the com- was directed to ensure of essentials for the com- munity. Fisheries depart- adequate drinking water ment were also directed facilities at all venues to to deploy fish-carrying prevent any inconveneed for ensuring an mobile vans in Pandit nience to the devotees. Community areas of the DC expressed confi-

> district. dence that these mea-In addition to this, the sures would contribute was directed to ensure an free celebration of Maha abundant supply of flow-Shivratri for the entire ers at prominent locacommunity.

> tions. Simultaneously, the The meeting was attended by all sectoral

ing batches have already power to approve supply been going on since the orders and sanction paylast month.

concerned officers to close DC further instructed the about 650 cases pending relevant CDPOs to ensure with them so that train- that Anganwadi workers ing can be scheduled for and helpers receive their those individuals. He also honorarium within 3 days directed the Community after their attendances are Service Centers (CSCs) to properly vetted. deploy their representatives at 26 Block head- elections, the DC was

applications.

ments for procurement of The DC directed the nutritional supplies. The

In preparation of the quarters of the district to informed that 14 poll locafast-track the submitted tions have been identified where ramps need to be The meeting further done. The DC directed discussed the progress the ACD to ensure that towards procurement of ramp work is completed nutrition supplies through in a week's time and fur-ICDS, emphasizing the ther directed deputy DEO need for comprehensive to coordinate with BLOs action. The DC directed to identify any buildings the District Program Offi- where ramp work may cer to ensure the full utili- further be needed.

### Awareness programme/ demonstration on EVMs & VVPATs for sanitation workers held at SMC

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

them with a first-hand experience of the voting process and familiarity On the directions of Diswith the machines. trict Election Officer, Sri-

During the demonnagar and ahead of Lok stration program, ERO Sabha elections, 2024, 23-Chanpora electoral the Electoral Registration constituency, Mudasir Officers of 23-Chanpora Chaudhry said that the and 21-Habbakadal Elec- awareness programme toral Constituencies (ECs) organized today focuses today conducted aware- on imparting knowledge ness programme cum about the basic features demonstration on EVMs of EVMs and VVPATs, eluand VVPATs for the sanita- cidating the step-by-step tion workers at Srinagar procedure of casting votes Municipal Corporation and educating our sanitation workers on how

The programme was to verify their choices organized to provide through the VVPAT slip.

DG Rural Sanitation tours Ganderbal, assesses progress, utilization of SBM-G assets



Pledge Ceremony under 'Mera Pehla

Vote Desh Ke Liye' held at GDC Ajas

#### JI NEWS SERVICE **BANDIPORA, MARCH 4**

Monday organised pledge ceremony under the cam-Desh Ke Liye'

about the importance nation. of voting and to encour-

electoral process. Assistant Professor,

College (GDC) Ajas on administered the pledge to the participants.

actively participate in the and staff from various departments of GDC.

Lone highlighted the Government Degree Saleem Ahmed Lone importance of such events in fostering civic engagement and instill-He provided a brief ing a sense of duty and paign 'Mera Pehla Vote introduction, emphasiz- responsibility among the ing the significance of youth besides promoting The aim of the event each individual's vote in democratic values and was to raise awareness shaping the future of the empowering its students and staff to be active par-

The pledge ceremony ticipants in the democratage students and staff to was attended by students ic process.

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** GANDERBAL, MARCH 04

Director General Rural Sanitation, Anoo Malhotra today toured several Panchayats of Ganderbal district to assess the progress Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G).

During her visit, the DG interacted with locals satisfaction over progat Nagbal, Nunnar, Lar, ress made under SBM-G Wussan, Kangan, and Mammar areas of the district.

other stakeholders, she user charges, which would during the visit

directed the officers to definitely benefit the sociaddress grievances relat- ety for a larger goal. ed to SBM-G on priority.

She emphasized on the importance of community participation in main-

and encouraged locals and utilization of Swachh to actively participate in keeping their surroundings clean.

The DG expressed

of local authorities and urged them to continue working towards achiev-During the visit, the DG was briefed on the mis-

in Ganderbal district. Ganderbal, ACP Gander-She highlighted that it is bal, BDOs of Ganderbal, remarkable to know that Lar and Kangan and Proj-While interacting the people are paying the ect Management Unit team with local officials and door-to-door collection also accompanied the DG

taining the infrastructure ing goals of the mission. .

sion's continuous efforts to improve rural sanitation and hygiene in the district. Deputy Director Rural Sanitation, Kashmir, ACD

(SMC).

She praised the efforts

### Students receive grand welcome on their Ist day to school after Winter Vacations in Srinagar

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

Director School Edu-

cation Kashmir, Dr. Tasa- enthusiasm. duq Hussain Mir personally extended a warm sweets and chocolates welcome to the students were distributed among of GMS Kothibagh and the students, leaving GGHSS Kothibagh Sri- everyone with smiles on nagar.

His words of encouragefor excellence.

even more memorable, personally greet and weldifferent gifts were distrib- come the students made uted among the students, this grand welcome even creating an atmosphere more remarkable. of excitement and joy. It

students

**Chief Education Officer** Srinagar, Abdul Hamid The Education Depart- Fani welcomed students ment went all out to wel- in several schools across come the students on their different Education Zones. first day back to school He engaged the students after the winter vacations. in various activities, fostering their creativity and

As a delightful surprise, their faces.

The participation of all ment and support moti- the Principals and Zonal vated the students to set Education Officers of the their goals high and strive district Srinagar, who visited one school in their To make the occasion respective cluster/zone to

The students were was a heartwarming ges- thrilled to interact with



ture to instill a sense of their mentors and express memories from the winter teachers and non teaching them back with open both academics and extrabelongingness among the their experiences and vacations. The HOIs, staff warmly welcomed arms, creating a support- curricular activities.

ive and nurturing environment for their continued growth and learning.

The overwhelming response from students and parents was a testament to their happiness and contentment. They expressed their appreciation for the grand welcome and the dedicated endeavors of the entire Education Department in making the day special.

The schools were beautifully adorned, creating an atmosphere of celebration, and various engaging activities were organized to further enhance the students' experience. The grand welcome on the first day back to school after the winter vacations sets the stage for a promising academic year, motivating and inspiring the students to reach new heights in

DC reviews Maha Shivratri festival arrangements in Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 4

ties and deployment of fire tenders. Assigning different

Deputy Commissioner tasks to stakeholder Udhampur, Saloni Rai departments, the DC today chaired a meeting directed concerned heads in the Mini Conference to make all necessary Hall of DC Office Com- arrangements in advance plex Udhampur to review to avoid inconvenience to the arrangements for the the people. She emphaupcoming Maha Shivratri sized proper sanitation festival. The meeting was around temples, on the attended by Additional auspicious occasion of Deputy Commissioner Maha Shivratri. Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Additional SP Baljit Singh, and other senior officers Shakti and PDD to ensure from various depart- augmentation of drinkments.

Detailed discussion rupted power supply. She were held on the arrange-stressed the importance ments for adequate drink- of collective efforts from ing water supply, uninter- all stakeholders to facilirupted power supply, tate a spiritually enriching cleanliness, sanitation, Maha Shivratri celebrasecurity, Medicare facili- tion.

public issues

The DC instructed Executive Engineers of Jal ing water and uninter-

### 'Mera Pehla Vote, Desh ke Liye': GDC **Ramban hosts series of SVEEP Activities**

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** RAMBAN, MARCH 4

In a proactive step towards fostering civic responsibility regarding the electoral process among its students, Government Degree College Ramban organised a series of innovative activities under the banner of Liya' and 'Chunav ka Parv peers. 'Mera Pehla Vote, Desh Desh ka Gaurav,' the place ke Liye' campaign. Under serves as a visual reminder tualized by Prof. Ram Parthe guidance of District of the power and respon-Election Officer, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary these initiatives aimed at instilling the importance enthusiastic participation Kumar, Principal in charge of electoral participation among the youth.

the NSS volunteers and voters. students of GDC Ramban



to nurturing democratic

It highlights the pivotal

This initiative, concepkash and executed by Dr. sibility vested in the act of Sanjay Kumar, NSS Program Officer, under the voting.

The event witnessed mentorship of Prof. Satish from students, faculty of the college, underand staff members, many scores the institution's As part of this endeavor, of whom were first-time unwavering commitment

Through the act of cap- values and promoting initiated a commend- turing selfies at the desig- civic engagement among able effort by establish- nated point, participants the youth. ing a designated 'Selfie not only celebrated their Point' within the college newfound role as active role educational instipremises. Adorned with citizens but also propa- tutions play in shaping vibrant paintings and gated awareness about the responsible citizens and impactful taglines such as significance of electoral strengthening the demo-'Mera Pahela Vote Desh ka engagement among their cratic fabric of our nation.



#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Department of Horticulture Jammu today organized one-day awarenesscum-interaction program with special emphasis on plantation schemes, at village of Bishnah constituency which was coordinated by Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&KUT Ritika Trehan. Prominent among those present on in). She advised them to the occasion include Anju avail incentive available on Bhat Scientist of Bosch University, Dheeraj Horti- Hiring Centres and culture Development Offi- Farm Machinery Banks cer, DDC Bishnah Block Darminder Kumar, Panch Suman, Naib Sarpanch employment generation Ashwani, Naib Jagdev and earning good income. Singh. The programme Ritika said that under area was managed by Praveen Kumari . The event wit- Capex budget has been tal schemes/programs nessed active participation formulated to achieve the presently under implefrom farmers across the objective of enhanced pro- mentation in the district district, reflecting their duction and productivity with special emphasis keen interest in adopting and raising the income of on Revised Modified modern agricultural prac- farmers and reasonable High Density Plantation tices and enhancing their amount wull be depos- Scheme, Holistic Agriculfarming capabilities. The interactive question and answer sessions facilitated meaningful discussions, expressed gratitude allowing farmers to seek clarification on doubts and exchange valuable insights with experts and fellow practitioners. Participants were provided with to further agricultural booklets, and educational resources containing valu-

able guidelines and best

practices for sustainable



tives available through online portals viz Jansugam (jansugam.jk.gov.in) and HADP (hadp.jk.gov. establishment of Custom under centrally sponsored scheme SMAM for expansion scheme under

port.The programme was meticulously designed to empower farmers with the latest insights and techniques, featuring a comprehensive agenda aimed at addressing various aspects of Horticulture sustainability and productivity, added Ritika.

Anju Bhat Scientist of Bosch University while addressing the participants educated them about various departmen-



Zeeshan leads delegation

to DC Poonch, highlights

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, MARCH 4

Zeeshan Rana, Additional Spokesperson of Jammu and peace in the Pir Panjal & Kashmir National Con- area. He warned against ference, led a delegation any attempts by certain today to meet with the elements to disrupt the Deputy Commissioner of peaceful atmosphere and Poonch. The delegation reassured that the Nationhighlighted the pressing al Conference would stand issues confronting the firm against such efforts. residents of various areas Asserting the party's in the absence of a popu- disciplined approach,

lighted the National Conference's unwavering commitment to preserving communal harmony

larly elected government Zeeshan Rana reiterated

### **DTO Kathua hands over Truenat Machine to CHC Bani**



#### JI NEWS SERVIC KATHUA, MAR 4

In a significant develop-Centre (CHC) Bani.

Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. Dev Raj Mishra.

the unavailability of such in the region. ment aimed at enhancing advanced diagnostic facil-

of Chief Medical Officer Kathua, Dr. Dev Raj Kathua, Dr. Vijay Raina. Mishra, Block Medical the near future. Under their directives, Officer of Bani, acknowl-District Tuberculosis edged the significance of sents a significant mile-Officer Kathua, Dr. Radha this initiative in provid- stone in the healthcare Krishan, handed over the ing essential diagnostic infrastructure of District Truenat machine to Block services to the doorstep Kathua, with CHC Bani Medical Officer Bani, Dr. of the needy patients in becoming the first-ever

The provision of the sized that the availability District to have access to Truenat Machine marks of such advanced testing such advanced diagnostic the fulfillment of a long-facilities locally would technology.

standing demand of Block alleviate the burden on Bani, which had previous- patients and improve ly faced challenges due to healthcare accessibility

Dr. Radha Krishan healthcare facilities in the ities locally. Prior to this DTO Kathua, reiterated region, Truenat Machine initiative, patients were the commitment of the (Molbio Diagno TVsticgs) compelled to travel to health authorities to has been provided to GMC Kathua/DTC Kathua extend similar advancethe Community Health for Truenat testing. This ments to other Blocks in often posed logistical the District. She assured This crucial step comes and financial burdens on that efforts would be as a result of the persis- the patients, particularly made to introduce techtent efforts of the State those from remote areas. nologies capable of rap-Expressing gratitude idly detecting Mycobacte-Poonam Mahajan, and towards the District rium Tuberculosis Comthe unwavering guidance Health Administration plex Bacteria (MTCB) and Rifampicin resistance in

> This initiative repre-Tehsil Bani. He empha- Block headquarters in the

ited in their accounts who ture Development Program (HADP), CAPEX and become part of scheme. In her address, Ritika SMAM.

towards, PRIs, and the local farmers for making the event a success. She such programs in the area to apply for availing incen- with the necessary sup- schemes.

Dheeraj Horticulture Development Officer briefed participants in detail about fruits plants pledged to conduct more cultivation and impressed upon them to adopt its cultivation as they are informative pamphlets, development. Addition- highly remunerative cash ally, she emphasized the crops and moreover a importance of diversifying healthy incentive of in horticulture in the region cash per kanal is availby cultivating different able for its cultivation. fruits based on feasibility. He advised them to keep Ritika Trehan while She urged the field func- close liaison with the field speaking on the occasion tionaries of the depart- functionaries of the Horbriefed the farmers about ment to maintain close ticulture Department to the plantation schemes cooperation with the local take maximum benefit available and guided them farmers, providing them from the departmental

for over five years.

During the meeting, readiness to collaborate Zeeshan Rana emphasized with the administration the manifold increase in to ensure peace and harpublic grievances owing mony throughout Jammu to the prolonged absence & Kashmir. He also urged of a popular government the Deputy Commissioner in Jammu & Kashmir. to enforce accountability Discussions were held in among district officers to detail on the poor power alleviate the suffering of scenario, deplorable con- the people. dition of roads, non-availability of ration and lack sioner attentively listened of basic amenities affect- to the delegation's coning several areas including cerns and assured them Sangarra, Balnoi, Manja- of his commitment to kote, Balakote, Mendhar, addressing the aforemenand others. The delega- tioned issues. tion also stressed the crucial need for regular water prised of Adv Nazir Husand power supply, partic- sain, Mian Sheeraz, Mauularly in anticipation of lana Mohd Iqbal, Mohd

the National Conference's

The Deputy Commis-

The delegation comthe upcoming Holy month Azam, Riyasat Choudhary and other senior leaders

Zeeshan Rana high- of the party.

of Ramzan.

### Mandeep Kaur assesses progress of works on waste treatment facility at Kot Bhalwal

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

agriculture.

Commissioner Secre- missioner Secretary tary Housing and Urban on progress of Mate-Development Department rial Recovery Facil-(HUDD), Mandeep Kaur ity for handling dry today inspected the Waste waste and explained Disposal site of Jammu plan for upcoming Municipal Corporation Bio-digester for han-(JMC) at Kot-Bhalwal here dling wet waste. to assess the progress of works on under construc- Secretary expressed tion waste treatment facility.

During her inspec- and directed NAFED tion, the Commissioner representatives to Secretary was apprised intensify their efforts about site plan and progress made till date on deadlines. She also Integrated Solid Waste visited the waste dump site by NAFED.

informed the Com-

The Commissioner her displeasure over slow progress of work to meet the project



Management project of and assessed the require- sioner Secretary also vis- in place. She advised the officers also accompanied 350TPD being developed ment of bio remediation ited Central Jail Kot-Bhal- Jail authorities to devise a the Commissioner Secreof the waste accumulated. wal to examine the waste solid waste management tary during the visit.

plan that could be sustained internally. Interacting with officers on the occasion, she emphasized on the importance of training inmates in waste management techniques, fostering an environment of self-sufficiency and rehabilitation.

Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioner JMC North, Health Officer JMC, Executive Engineer, AEE (M), representatives of

Later, the Commis- management practices NAFED and other senior

The representa-

tives of NAFED also



### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

### LG, Union FAH&D...

exchange, technology dissemination, and market link- work on making our boundaries broad and inclusive. ages, empowering our farmers to embrace modern He stated that if we want to expand the cooperative practices while preserving our age-old traditions, the Lt Governor said.

With the theme "From Green and White Revolution to Blue Revolution: Cold Water Fisheries a Game ing system for Urban Cooperative Banks to conduct Changer in J&K," this year's Mela heralds a new era of business across the country. He mentioned that we agricultural transformation, where the bounty of our currently have a collective strength of 11,000 branches water bodies enriches the lives of all, he said.

culture including livestock, and fisheries sectors hold (SGDP), underscoring their pivotal role in our economic prosperity. With its diverse climate, fertile lands, nor observed.

He reiterated the commitment of the government to harness the potential of Agriculture and allied sector tion stated that the organization inaugurated today is

'We are making dedicated efforts to extend the benefits of insurance scheme to livestock sector. Effective implementation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana and satura- is through Urban Cooperative Banks. He said that tion of Kisan Credit Card is being ensured. By June this when the Prime Minister talks about becoming the year, tap water connectivity will reach every household in J&K," the Lt Governor said.

KVK Ganderbal reflects our efforts to promote fodder forward with this concept, we need to promote youth conservation and livestock productivity. Silage, made and startups in every village and city, and there is no from fermented green fodder, serves as a nutritious and way other than UCBs for this. Amit Shah said that this cost-effective feed option, especially during periods of scarcity, he observed.

Similarly, the launch of the Krishi Radio for the farming community signifies our recognition of the power of there will be further progress in our work. communication in driving agricultural transformation, the Lt Governor added.

"Government is implementing Holistic Agricultural Development Programme (HADP) in Jammu Kashmir. agri-economy and to create agri-business ecosystem. HADP will promote inbuilt risk management through diversification and resilient and smart agricultural practices. HADP's projects will put agricultural economy on a new trajectory of growth," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the efforts of the UT Administration, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for the empowerment of farmers, Gujjar-Bakerwals, Pahari and other tribal communities.

relief to Seasonal Teachers. The working period of as door-to-door campaigns. Seasonal Teachers will be extended from 6 months to 9 months," the Lt Governor said.

on Pastoralism in India was also released by the dignitaries.

Alka Upadhyay, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, GoI; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department J&K; Prof. Nazir A. Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Kashmir, senior officials of Government of India and UT Administration, farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers and students were present. KNO

### J&K BJP plans 'majestic...

and regulators, and work on improving communica- the gathering. This event serves as a platform for knowledge tion. He emphasized that the organization needs to movement, it is the responsibility of the umbrella organization to strengthen urban cooperative banks.

Amit Shah said that it is essential to establish a clear-

of 1,500 banks, with deposits of 5 lakh crore rupees In the unique context of Jammu & Kashmir, Agri- and loans totaling 3.50 lakh crore rupees. Amit Shah said that this is a significant strength, and the goal even greater significance. Together, they contribute a should not only be to enhance it but also to collectively staggering 51% to our State Gross Domestic Product utilize it to strengthen the entire Urban Cooperative Banks system. He added that the Urban Cooperative Banks in the country have reduced their Net NPA rate and abundant water resources, our region is ideally to 2.10% and there is a need for further improvement. a capacity of 800 MW energy generation. This will suited for agricultural development, particularly in He emphasized that the umbrella organization should livestock rearing and fisheries activities, the Lt Gover- work hard over the next three years to lay its foundation.

The union Home minister and Minister of Cooperato create a brighter tomorrow for generations to come. not just an umbrella organization but also a gateway to solve all our problems. He mentioned that the only way to progress in the lives of the common people world's third-largest economy, it reflects his belief that economic development should be inclusive and com-He said the inauguration of the Silage Making Unit at prehensive. He emphasized that if we want to move umbrella organization for Urban Cooperative Banks is a security shield for small banks, which will increase the confidence of our depositors, and in the coming days,

### **CEO reviews preparations...**

sufficient human resources, implementing SVEEP The 29 projects of HADP are aimed at transforming plans at the booth level, creating comprehensive matesubsistence agriculture into sustainable commercial rial management plan, secure route mapping and developing an extensive training program for AROs, AEROs and designated nodal officers.

> Addressing the officers during the meeting, the CEO instructed DEOs to establish robust control rooms in their districts to monitor various aspects, including EVM-carrying vehicles, communication from polling stations and emergencies.

To enhance public participation in elections, the CEO instructed AROs to implement awareness campaigns at "Individual rights under Forest Rights Act will be the booth level, involving BLOs, sports personalities, handed over to the remaining eligible beneficiaries in government employees, youth icons, influencers and next two months. We are also going to provide a great organizing sports events, rallies, competitions as well

Emphasizing on the importance of Adequate Minimum Facilities (AMF), the CEO instructed welfare offi-A Start-Up Studio was unveiled and a publication cers to ensure clean washrooms, drinking water, first aid and electricity for polling staff and security personnel on election day-(KNO)

### My life an open book...

no one, they also belong to Modi and Modi belongs to them. They say 'Nene Modi Kutumbam' (I'm Modi family)," he said.

been booked in advance for smooth flow of workers people from across the country write to me asking me

PM Modi dedicated NTPC's 800 MW (Unit-2) of Telangana Super Thermal Power Project in Telangana's Peddapalli and dedicated 660 MW (Unit-2) of North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand's Chatra.

The Prime Minister emphasised the development works taken up for Telangana by the Centre.

"Today, everyone is talking about India's pace of development. Over the past 10 years, how work gets done has changed in India. Our government has taken special care of Telangana. For us, development means the progress of the marginalised," he said.

"Telangana is going to complete 10 years of its formation. The Central government is trying its best to fulfil the aspirations that people had back then. We have inaugurated the second unit of NTPC which has enhance Telangana's energy production capabilities and provide solutions for other related issues," the Prime Minister said.

He also dedicated the Fly Ash Based Light Weight Aggregate Plant at Sipat, Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh; STP Water to Green Hydrogen Plant at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

Further, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project, Stage-III (2×800 MW) in Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh; Flue Gas CO2 to 4G Ethanol Plant at Lara, Raigarh in Chhattisgarh; Sea Water to Green Hydrogen plant at Simhadri, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; and Fly Ash Based FALG Aggregate Plant at Korba in Chhattisgarh.

"National highways have also been inaugurated today. Enhanced connectivity through railways and highways will further enhance Telangana's pace of development. It will not only reduce the time taken for travel but also boost the tourism and hospitality sector, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the region," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation of Bundelkhand Saur Urja Limited's (BSUL's) 1200 MW Jalaun Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in Jalaun, Uttar Pradesh.

He inaugurated three solar power projects of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) in Jalaun and Kanpur Dehat in Uttar Pradesh and also Naitwar Mori Hydro Power station along with associated transmission line in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi.

PM Modi inaugurated ReNew's Koppal-Narendra Transmission Scheme for evacuation of 2500 MW power from Renewable Energy.

Ambari - Adilabad - Pimpalkhuti rail line to the nation. He also laid the foundation for two major National Highand Telangana with Chhattisgarh through NH-353B and he added. NH-163. (AGENCIES)

### Rs 41,000 cr investment...

### J&K and Leh/Ladakh.

Puri said the government is promoting use of natural gas as a fuel for transport, and cooking gas as well as in industries to transform India into a gas-based economy.

The initiatives to develop a gas-based ecosystem opened up new avenues for investment of about USD 67 billion," he said adding "India is committed to continuously improve the policy and regulatory environ-

### **Manifesto Committee of** Apni Party meets in Jammu



Nagar

In this meeting of the

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Manifesto Committee, A meeting of the Mani- the Party leaders held festo Committee of Apni detailed discussion on Party was held today at various issues, especially the Party Office, Gandhi the political situation in Nagar in Jammu and Jammu and Kashmir and requested the people to the suffering of the people send their suggestions to in the absence of an electthe Party till March 10, ed Govt post-August 5, 2024. 2019.

the Party.

These suggestions can The Party leaders also be emailed at the official discussed the slow pace email of the Apni Party of development and ignori.e., apnipartymediacell@ ing of certain areas in both gmail.com till March 10, the regions. 2024, so that they can "During the meeting, it

be considered and made was resolved that before part of the manifesto of the Party frames its manifesto, it solicits sugges-To discuss the exist- tions from the desired and ing political scenario in interested people. They Jammu and Kashmir, the can send their suggestions Apni Party leaders includ- at the above given email ing Vice President of the address of the Party," said Party, Choudhary Zulfkar Choudhary Zulfkar Ali.

Ali, Vice President, Zaffar After getting the sug-Iqbal Manhas, General gestions, the Party's Mani-Secretary of the Party, festo Committee will again Vijay Bakaya - who was meet on March 11, 2024, co-opted as a member, to finalize the draft of the Provincial President of manifesto for its further the Party, S. Manjit Singh consideration following and others met here in the discussion by the said the Party office, Gandhi Committee.

CSIR and NCSM with their proven expertise in their Prime Minister dedicated the newly electrified respective areas and having overlapping objectives to promote science as a culture, and joining hands to setup Science Experience Center at CSIR-IICT's premway projects connecting Telangana with Maharashtra ises at Hyderabad, is an immense need of the country,

The Minister said that CSIR addresses national needs through its innovative research, strong fundamental science, industry partnerships, entrepreneurship, translation research, capacity building, and policy making. He further said that some of the significant contributions of CSIR in the past decade include the development of an indigenous two-seater Hansa-NG aircraft for pilot training, Bio-jet fuel for sustainable aviation, developing India's own footwear sizing system, person in the country is my family. Those who have of gas infrastructure (over the past few years) have earth-quake resistant structures for seismic zone IV and V and India's first fuel cell driven automotive.

Besides pioneering work in these areas, CSIR today has established many societal benefit programs that "The countrymen know and understand me very ment to support the development and make cleaner target marginalized communities, including women well, keeping track of my every moment. Sometimes and sustainable fuel accessible and available to public such as; aroma mission, sea weed cultivation, first ever when I work till late night and the news is out, lakhs of at large." Promotion of natural gas is part of the Prime demonstration of Heeng cultivation and the Purple Minister's vision to increase its share in India's energy revolution in Jammu and Kashmir, he added. Dr. Jitendra Sigh said that the Government has been "This will translate into an increase in the gas con- taking all the initiatives for the development of a culture sumption by about three-fold, from the present level of science in the country. Events like the pandemic have only stressed the need to be equipped with science and technology and create awareness of society for Counting the major policy reforms in the gas sector, science and scientific thinking, he said. In this regard CSIR had played a crucial role in fighting against covid, particularly CSIR-IICT's role in developing adjuvant for Covid vaccine is highly appreciated. India is promoting "In absence of these decisions, gas prices would have experience-based learning and CSIR is one of the forerunners, he added. Saying Hyderabad Pharma City (HPC) under making is the world's largest integrated cluster in Hyderabad, Dr. Jitendra Singh said that for pharmaceutical industries with thrust on R&D and manufacturing and the cluster has been recognized as National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) by Government of India, given its national and international importance. Developed at international standards, Hyderabad Pharma City will harness the true value of symbiotic co-existence across the pharmaceutical value chain, he added. Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the agrochemical industry widely acknowledges the fact that it is the technologies developed by CSIR-IICT that heralded development of the agrochemical industry in India. CSIR-IICT demonstrated the Pheromone Application Technology (PAT) can be used as both monitoring and surveillance tool in Integrated Pest Management (IPM). CSIR envisages a vision of CSIR@2030 as to "Enhance grid of India," he said. "I am also aware that as per quality of life of the citizens of India through innovative Science and Technology, globally competitive R&D, by developing sustainable solutions and capacity building to fulfil dream of Atmanirbhar Bharat". This vision of CSIR is aligned to the Government of India's vision for the next 25 years 'Amrit Kal' when independent India becomes 100 years old. In this endeavor, creation of Science Centers and Science Cities in the country will also form the basis in nurturing future scientists of the country.

and people towards the venue.

"To ferry workers and common citizens from districts, over 1000 vehicles have been hired (by the to fulfil the dreams of the people. party)," the source in the BIP said.

will remain present at the venue. "It will not be a mere tion," he said. rally but a huge morale booster for the BIP cadre across Kashmir ahead of the Lok Sabha polls slated for April-May," they said. KNO

### Modi govt is making...

into the cooperative sector. He stated that the cooperative movement has been given an umbrella, in the form of the Ministry of Cooperation.

with the support of the government system, it will PM Modi said. progress rapidly and achieve respect in the country's economy. He mentioned that efforts are being made to transform the cooperative movement into a people's movement. Minister of Cooperation emphasized that in a vast country like India, the parameter of development significant parameter of how many people participate in the country's development.

Amit Shah said that this umbrella organization was for self-regulation. He said that after the formation of this organization, the development of Urban Cooperative Banks in the country will increase manifold. He emphasized the crucial need for our credibility it is very necessary that we upgrade ourselves and adhere to all the regulations of the Reserve Bank of India. He Atmanirbhar Bharat!," he said. stated that if we fail to do so, we will not be able to sustain the competition in the times to come. Amit Shah highlighted a major role for the umbrella organization, to the nation multiple development projects worth which is to prepare small banks for compliance with the more than Rs 56,000 crore in Telangana's Adilabad BR Act. He said that our goal should be to open urban cooperative banks in every city as we move forward.

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that the umbrella organization should establish a system for converting credit societies that perform well in cooperative finance into banks. He mentioned that one of the objectives of NUCFDC should be to expand the services and numbers of credit societies and urban cooperative banks. There is a need to create a time-bound program on how to establish an Urban Cooperative Banks in every city. He said that to keep the cooperative move-

not to work so much, take some rest," he said.

The Prime Minister affirmed to continue his 'fight'

"I live with feelings Mera Bharat, Mera Parivaar. I Sources in the BJP said that all leaders, district presi- am living for you, fighting for you and will continue dents and lower and middle-rung leadership of BJP to fight for you, to fulfill your dreams with determina

> He further highlighted the development intiaitives taken up by the central government in the last 10 years of its governance.

> 'To date, over 15 lakh people have sent their suggestions for the Viksit Bharat Action Plan. Over 3,75,000 stakeholders have become active participants in this plan. Also, 3,000+ meetings have been held on the Viksit Bharat vision till now," he said.

"Around 11 lakh youth from across 1,200 universities Amit Shah added that for 125 years, the cooperative have also become part of this journey. And this way, we sector struggled and preserved its existence, but now, are moving ahead to build a Viksit Bharat, together!,"

> PM Modi listed the development projects completed in short span of time while criticising those questioning the projects labelling it as 'election baits'.

"Those labelling the development projects as a 'Chunavi' tactic must be given an account of the last 15 days. cannot be just numbers, it should be judged through a In the last 15 days, we have inaugurated 2 IITs, 1 IIIT, 3 IIMs, 1 IIS and 5 AIIMS," he said.

"In the last 15 days, we inaugurated the world's largest storage scheme for farmers. 18,000 cooperaa necessity of the time and marks a new beginning tives were computerised. Over 2000 railway projects have been inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for. Moreover, it was also during the last 15 days only that projects worth over 1.5 lakh crore for the oil and gas sector have been dedicated to the country. The list doesn't end here. These 15 days have built the

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, laid the foundation stone of and dedicated on Monday.

The multiple projects related to power, rail and road sector have been launched by the Prime Minister today.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, State BJP chief and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, Telangana governor Tamilisai Soundarajan were also present at the event.

"Today the land of Adilabad is witnessing many development trends not only for Telangana but for the entire country. Today I got the opportunity to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of more than 30 development works here. These projects worth more ment alive, it must be made relevant and expanded. than Rs 56 thousand crore will write a new chapter of The umbrella organization will provide various facili- development in many states of the country including nization with about 8000 S&T staff, is an innovative ties to small banks, facilitate dialogue between banks Telangana," the Prime Minister said while addressing engine of the country.

basket from around 6 per cent to 15 per cent by 2030.

of around 185 million standard cubic meters per day to over 500 mmscmd by the year 2030," he said.

he said changing the pricing of locally produced gas has laid foundation of a sustainable, affordable, and secure energy future.

been uncompetitive to alternative fuels and hindered the expansion of the gas-based economy," he said.

Also, sector regulator Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has brought out amendments in its natural gas pipeline tariff regulation and implemented a unified tariff last year. "The objective of these changes was to provide access to natural gas in the far-flung areas at competitive and affordable rates." Giving a snapshot of the natural gas infrastructure of the country, the minister said over 33,753 km of natural gas trunk pipelines are authorized in the country. Out of this, around 24,623 km of pipeline are operational.

Prior to the award of licences under the 12th bid round, there were 300 geographical areas (GAs) authorized in the country for city gas, covering 98 per cent of the population and 88 per cent of its area, he said adding 1.21 crore domestic PNG connections have been given till date and 6,258 CNG stations set up.

"All this has been possible due to the robust gas minimum work plan submitted by CGD entities, India will have around 17,500 CNG stations and around 120 million piped natural gas connections by 2030." It will help in development of ancillary industries in various segments (CGD meters, compressors, and dispensers) for fulfilling the dream of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

"Our nation is heralding a profound shift towards energy accessibility and development," he said. (Agencies)

### Dr Jitendra launches...

will not move without science and science will not be fully accomplished without culture.

Science Experience Centre is primarily engaged in spreading the culture of science in the society especially among students with a motto of 'Communicating Science to Empower People' by developing Exhibits/ Exhibition/Galleries etc. and also organizing Interactive Science Education programs. He further said that on rains and snowfall damaged the arterial road at several the other hand CSIR, the largest scientific R&D orga-

### **One-Way traffic restored...**

carriageway between Nashree and Banihal on the highway," the officer said.

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

Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar highway has been restricted to one way since February 26 and was being used alternatively from Jammu and Srinagar after heavy places last week. (Agencies)

### Implement 27% OBC reservation at earliest: K L Basotra

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

All the Jammu & Kashmir years old and has not O.B.C organizations whose attended his office castes /classes are identi- since long time and has fied by Mandal commission prepared his report in detailed that the Jammu & a closed room under Kashmir Govt. and Union the Political influence Modi Govt. are playing a of B.J.P Govt. Morepolitical games keeping in over the chairman of view the LOK-Sabha elec- this commission has tions by murdering the not followed propmasses of castes/commu- erly the parameters nities identified by Mandal for the identification Commission as "Socially of SEBC's (OBC's) set & Educationally Backward by the Supreme court

CATIONALLY BACK-WARD CLASSES COM-MISSION" who is 92

West Pakistan Refugees Further the Chairman of Services. (including upper castes), this commission has not



Classes so called "Other of India in its Judgment lords and very very rich their grievances. Moreover sion for induction in the we request Prime Minister Backward Classes"(OBC's) dt.16.11.1992 on Mandal and have their Ministers/ there are certain castes the lists of JK-UT OBC's are Sh.Narinder Modi and LG by inducting the castes commission Report-1978 M.L.A's since long time induction of their in cen- not identified as Socially Manoj Sinha that the rec-Gadda Brahmins, Dubda- vide paragraph 6, 247, and have very good repbay Brahmins, Koli, Sunar, 652 of A.I.R 1993-94. resentation in the Govt.

Also It is pertinent to India. Acharya Brahmins, Jat, visited any area during mention here that before Saini, Paddri Tribe, Paha- his three years tenure to the recommendation of vation is meant for castes MISSION-1978 and not court of india in its judgeriEthnic group, Chris- access the actual posi- these castes for induction and communities other identified by the Jammu & ment dt.16.11.1992. Moretian, Bojru, Decount, tion of these castes which this commission chairman than Schedule castes and Kashmir Backward Classes over the supreme court Ghirath, Bhattiand etc in are to be inducted. The has not issued any public the lists of IK-UT OBC's Chairman recommended notification and those man of this commission set up by the erstwhile Judgment that the comas recommended by the castes/classes who do not filed any objection regard-Chairman Justice(Retd) carry the Stigma of Social ing the induction of newly G.D.Sharma of pres- Backwardness and are not castes has not given any ent "SOCIALLY & EDU- KAMEENS and are Land- opportunity for pleading lists of OBC's. This shows Justice A.S.Anand com- report as NULL & VOID.

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tral OBC lists have been & Educationally Backrejected twicely by the ward Classes(OBC's) by Hon'ble Supreme court of

When EWS 10% reser-OBC's then why the Chair-

discrimination mittee-1977, Jammu & behaviour with Backward Classes Backlower castes ward Classes Commisis still alive in sion-1995 set up by the the mind of President of India by issu-Sh.G.D.Sharma ing an ordinance as then in order to dilute Jammu & Kashmir was the OBC reser- under President Rule and vation. So Govt. then not by the Jammu & Should remove Kashmir Backward Classes such type of Commissions from 1997 person from the to 2019 keeping in view post of chairthe Judgment dt.16.11.1992 of Supreme court of man. The castes india mentioned in para-

recommended graph number 123A of by this commis-A.I.R=1993-94. In the end ommendation of this Present SEBC's commission for National "Kaka Kalelkar induction of these castes is Commission-1955", nor not as per the parameters by the MANDAL COMset up by Hon'ble Supreme committees/commissions has also mentioned in its has recommended upper Jammu & Kashmir Govern- mission report is an ordicastes especially Brahmins ments "Justice Janki Nath narily binding on the Govt. for induction in the JK-UT Wazir Committee-1969, Sowe appeal to treat this

**Rajouri: DLSC recommends Rehber-e-Khel teacher** cases for final selection

JINDRAH IMAGES

JAMMU, MARCH 06, 2024 TUESDAY



JI NEWS SERVICE **RAJOURI, MARCH 4** 

In a significant development, a meeting of the District Level Selection mended that the cases be Committee was convened forwarded to the Director today under supervision General of the Youth Serof Deputy Commission- vices and sports Departer Rajouri, Om Prakash ment for further action. Bhagat. The primary The recommendation agenda of this meeting would pave way for the was to deliberate on the selection of aspirants as pending cases of Rehber Rehber e Khel teachers.

e Khel teachers.

tion process ensured and officers. NCC conducts B& C Certificate **Exams at GCW Udhampur** 



### DDC Doda reviews progress of JJM works

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** DODA, MARCH 4

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, who is also Chairman of the Jal Jeevan Mission, today reviewed the progress made under Jal Shakti Mission in the district.

The meeting was informed that as many as 185 projects being executed in the district at a total tender cost of Rs 748.31Crore, are at different stages of progress. ments.

After a thorough in the district.



DC directed all depart-Different components ments to collaborate review, the DC stressed of the works, such as the closely and expedite the on the importance of dug wells, installation of implementation process timely completion of the hand pumps, bore-wells, to achieve the mission's Jal Shakti Mission projects sand filtration tanks, slow objectives within the stipto provide safe and sus- sand filtration tanks, and ulated timeframe. tainable drinking water maintenance of existing supply to all households infrastructure, were dis- directives to concerned officers and officials cussed in detail.

The meeting was The officials presented asking for maintainattended by key officials a comprehensive report ing proper household from the JJM, Public on the progress made so records, completion of fil-Health Engineering far and highlighted the tration tanks, restoration Department, Rural Devel- challenges encountered of dysfunctional hand opment Department and during the implementa- pumps and tapping into other concerned depart- tion of the mission. The natural water resources.

### Dr Karan Singh, Ranvijay pay obeisance at Raghunath ji Temple; pray for peace prosperity of J&K

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

Chairman Trustee of J&K Dharmarth Trust, Dr Karan Singh along with R.K Ranvijay Singh, Trustee today paid obeisance at the Shri Raghunath ji Temple here and prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity of the Union Territory.

On the occasion, Brig R.S Langeh, President of the Trust, Ashok Kumar Sharma (SSP Rtd), Secretary and employees of the Trust gave a warm welcome to the Chairman Trustee by presenting him a bouquet amidst chanting of Vedic Mantras by the Temple Priests.

Dr Karan Singh along with R.K Ranvijay Singh performed Aarti at the nath ji Temple. He also and Trust's employees to performed Pooja at Natraj work with more zeal and ji Temple and also visited dedication and make all Singh also inspected the the premises of Shri Raghunathji Temple. Dr Karan Singh along with R.K Ranvijay Singh went through the Mandir Complex and enquired about the facilities being by his presence, eagerly provided to the devotees. shared their experiences



Main sanctum of Raghu- Trustee asked Pujaries rience.

Later, Dr. Karan Singh along with R.K Ranvijay

the most deserving and qualified candidates as per merit were consid-

> ered for the positions. The committee recom-

Officers who attended were pending has been Director of Employment, completed, and all docu- Zaheer Kaifi; District ments have been found to Youth Services and Sports be genuine and in order. Officer (DYSSO), along The meticulous verifica- with other concerned

### It was informed that the meeting were the the verification of the two Chief Planning Officer, candidates whose cases Maqsood Ahmed; Deputy



### Pulse Polio immunization program 45000 children administered Polio Doses in Doda District on day 1



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

OPD Associate Hospital, polio dose. Government Medical College Doda (GMC). The event coincided with the celebra- maximize their participation of National Pulse Polio tion in the pulse polio cen-Day. Warmly welcomed by ters. The presence of key the CMO Doda, alongside officials such as the CMO, medical professionals and District Immunization Offirepresentatives from the cer, Doctors, and represenment, the Deputy Commis- Health Department under-It was disclosed that tion goals.

about 45 thousand chil-

dren below 05 years of age organized at various locareceived pulse polio doses tions throughout the disacross the district, facili- trict to provide pulse polio Deputy Commissioner tated by 507 pulse polio vaccinations to children Doda, Harvinder Singh immunization booths. below the age of 05 years. spearheaded a significant A significant turnout of At Government Medical inauguration of the Pulse people, accompanied by College Ghat, the Addition-Polio immunization pro- their infant, actively par- al District Development gram the other day at the ticipated in receiving pulse Commissioner (ADDC), Pran Singh, made a signifi-

The Deputy Commis- cant visit to participate in sioner urged the public to the pulse polio immunization program. Additionally, at the Public Health Centre Bhagwah, ADC Doda, Sudershan Kumar, inaugurated the pulse polio immunization program. The wide-Medical Health Depart- tatives from the Medical spread participation across 507 pulse polio immunizasioner administered pulse scored the collaborative tion booths indicates a polio drops to numerous effort towards achieving strong community comchildren during the event. cent percent polio eradica- mitment to safeguarding

the health and well-being Similar programs were of children in the district.

various temples situated in possible efforts in provid- ongoing renovation works ing adequate facilities to at Rani Samadhi's complex the visiting pilgrims.

The devotees, inspired tions

He expressed satisfaction about their visit to this has briefed the Chairman over the facilities and gave ancient temple. Amidst Trustee about the ongoing necessary instructions on the sacred ambiance of the renovation works at the the spot. The Chairman temple, the devotees took Samadhi's complex.

### **Private Schools plying buses** asked to follow SC Guidelines

### JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MARCH 4

The Education Depart- India. ment has asked the Managements of Private Schools to ply their School the Supreme Court of India

In this regard, Chief be printed yellow, School Education Officer (CEO), Parkash Lal Thapa today convened a virtual meeting of Heads of All the Private Schools who ply School vehicles in the District.

The meeting was held to enforce the follow-up of Supreme Court guidelines for school buses as Sr. Superintendent of Police be a fire extinguisher in gerous driving etc. cannot Traffic NHW Ramban, the bus. School Name and be employed. in his office communication, CS/TPO/NHW/ cir/10/24/340-55, Dated doors of the Bus should be responsibility of which 02/03/2024, has observed fitted with reliable locks. will rest on the managethat most of the Private To keep the school bags ment of defaulting institu-Institutions in the District safely, there should be tions.

the guidelines laid down seats. There must be a by the Supreme Court of qualified attendant in the bus to attend to children.

CEO Doda impressed Any parent or guardian situpon all the HOIs of Pvt. ting in the bus or a teacher Institutions in the District may also travel to ensure Buses in accordance with to follow the Supreme these safety norms. The the Guidelines issues by Court guidelines in letter driver should have at least and spirit. 05 years of experience of

> School Buses should driving heavy vehicles. A driver who has been Chal-Bus must be written on laned (fined) more than the back and front of the twice in a year for offensbus. If it is hired, the bus es like red light jumping, " On School Duty" should violation of lane Discipline be clearly indicated. Bus of allowing unauthorized should have a First Aid person to drive cannot Box, be fitted with a speed be employed and a driver governor of specified stanwho has been Challaned dard. Windows of Bus (fined) even once for the should be fitted with horioffence of over speeding, zontal frills. There should drunken driving and dan-

> telephone Number must Any non compliance be written on the Bus. The will invite action, the

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R.K Ran-

vide hassle-

grimage expe-

in Jammu. He directed the He also interacted with officials accompanied to the devotees, graciously ensure that the cultural listening to their concerns. heritage of the site is safeguarded for future genera-

Earlier, the Secretary

### UDHAMPUR, MARCH 4

The National Cadet Corps Girls Bn, worked tirelessly (NCC) today conducted to ensure the smooth conmaiden B and C certificate duct of the examinations, exams here in Govern- upholding the highest ment College for Women standards of integrity and (GCW). The historic event professionalism. marked a significant step forward in promoting Mahajan congratulated

youth development and the cadets, appreciated leadership in the region. the efforts of the ANO, The examinations, Lt (Dr) Kamal Deep Kaur, held under the auspices and said, "The successful of the NCC, saw enthusi- completion of the B and astic participation from C certificate exams at cadets from Udhampur GCW Udhampur reflects and adjoining areas of the growing influence and Ramnagar, Reasi, Sarah reach of the NCC in the Baggah, eager to dem- region. It underscores the onstrate their skills and organization's efforts to

Principal, Prof. Anjali knowledge acquired empower young men and through rigorous training women with essential life skills, instilling in them a The event showcased sense of duty towards the

momentous occasion.

The college administra-

tion, along with 2 JK NCC

the commitment of both nation and society." the cadets and the NCC authorities towards foster- mitted to nurturing the ing a culture of discipline, potential of India's youth, patriotism, and service guiding them towards a among the youth.

and dedication.

lege for Women (GCW) tives like these, it aims to Udhampur, known for its shape responsible citizens academic excellence and and future leaders who commitment to holistic will contribute positively development, provided to the progress and prosthe ideal venue for this perity of the nation.

The NCC remains compath of excellence and Government Col- service. Through initia-

### Power shutdown

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, MARCH 4

Executive Engineer, Electric Division-III, JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Roop Nagar Enclave and its adjoining areas will remain affected on March 05 and 07 from 9 am to 12 noon.

have not implemented a space fitted under the



### **EDITORIAL**

### Will Congress relinquish claim on Ladakh seat?

n stark contrast to the highly-discussed alliance among the partners of the INDIA bloc, the leadership of the Congress party in Ladakh Union Territory remains indecisive about forming any alliance with the National Conference in Lok Sabha election. Although the Congress high command is trying to evolve a formula to accommodate the PDP in the seat-sharing through surrendering the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat to the NC, local Congress leaders are opposed to the idea of an alliance with the NC, fearing it would be detrimental to their prospects in the future. There are reports that the Congress leadership in Jammu and Kashmir is attempting to persuade the NC to cede the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat to the PDP to avoid a contest among the INDIA bloc constituents in Jammu and Kashmir. Congress leaders in Jammu and Kashmir are willing to go as far as giving up the lone Lok Sabha seat in Ladakh to the NC. If the National Conference agrees to vacate the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary seat for the PDP, the Congress will relinquish its claim on the Ladakh seat. The Congress is prepared to sacrifice its interests to ensure unity among opposition parties. Local leaders from the Leh division of the Congress, however, have communicated to the party's high command their strong opposition to the idea of conceding the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat to the National Conference. Congress party is a significant force in the Ladakh region with strong support in both districts, Leh and Kargil. Any decision to ally with the National Conference would have significant political implications in the region. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, BJP candidate Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, who was then the sitting Chairman-cum-CEC of LAHDC Leh, secured an impressive victory margin of 10,930 votes over the joint candidate of NC, PDP, and Islamiya School Kargil, Sajjad Kargili. Namgyal polled 42,914 votes compared to Sajjad Karigili's 31,984 votes. Two other candidates in Ladakh were Haji Asgar Karbalaie, former Congress MLA from Kargil, and Rigzin Spalbar (Congress), who finished third and fourth with 29,365 and 21,241 votes, respectively. Karbalaie had contested the election as an Independent candidate. Notably, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), comprising leaders of the National Conference, Congress, and other political parties, have united to achieve the larger goal of Statehood and Sixth Schedule for Ladakh. Despite their differences, the leaders of different political parties agreed to work together for two key demands: Statehood for Ladakh and the region's inclusion in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. Any unity between the NC and the Congress in the upcoming Lok Sabha election will definitely pose a challenge for the BJP to retain the lone parliamentary seat of Ladakh, despite fulfilling the decades-long demand of Ladakhi people for UT status. Both parties (NC and Congress) have strong support bases in both districts, and it will not be easy for the BJP to retain the Ladakh seat. The Central leadership of the Congress has intervened to reach a consensus among the constituents of the INDIA bloc in Jammu and Kashmir to avoid the division of opposition votes. Amid repeated statements from the NC leadership against leaving any Parliamentary seats in the Kashmir Valley for coalition partners, some senior Congress leaders are mediating to initiate dialogue on seat-sharing between two regional parties. The BJP is still indecisive about announcing the name of its candidate for Ladakh. The political battle lines are drawn in Ladakh and the coming days are to be politically interested in the cold desert.

### The inspiring saga of the Goat Bank

PARAG ACHARYA n a remarkable feat of lion tonnes of skin in India, rural innovation, Kalagoats have immense ecohandi couple Jayanti nomic potential. As goat Mahapatra and Biren Sahu farmers strive for financial have earned praise from inclusion, recognising and Prime Minister Narendra investing in the goat sector Modi for their groundcan lead to substantial ecobreaking agri-tech startup nomic upliftment, making located in the remote it imperative for the goat Salebhata village. Their to take centre stage in national agricultural and unique Goat Bank, recognised in 'Mann Ki Baat,' economic planning. breaks traditional bank-Traditionally, successing norms, empowering ful livestock development

local farmers and uplifting strategies have heavily the community's sociorelied on providing credit economic status through to empower underprivileged individuals to acquire innovative rural solutions. Goats often referred to or replenish their livestock. as the "ATM" or "poor man's This not only marks the cow," play a pivotal role initial foray into livestock in India's livelihoods and ownership but also serves nutritional security. Their as a pivotal step towards popularity stems from breaking free from the factors such as low capishackles of poverty, paving tal investment, adaptabilthe way for a more secure ity, early maturity, prolific and prosperous life. In breeding, superior chevon the evolution of livestock quality, and steady returns. development strategies, Amid changing agro-climatthe traditional reliance on ic conditions, goats emerge credit to empower underprivileged individuals has as the 'Future Animal' for national prosperity. Goat given rise to an innovative approach embodied by the meat commands a premium in the market and Goat Bank

Welcome to the innovagoat milk offers therapeutic benefits. Despite contive realm of the Goat Bank, stituting 27.80 per cent where farming dreams of the total livestock and come alive with a unique contributing significantly twist. Instead of conventional cash, the bank offers to the national economy with annual revenue of aspiring farmers a lifeline fosters accountability, Rs 38,590 crores, the goat in the form of a pregnant sector often operates in female goat. It's not a the informal and untaxed giveaway; a deal is struck. market. The goat, however, Deserving farmers receive deserves serious attention guidance on scientific and investment. Contrib- goat rearing, along with in land, and education, directed towards veteri- The success stories from

uting 3% of milk, 13.8% of support for vaccinations, goat meat, and 0.18 mil- deworming, ear tagging, and premium concentrate feed during pregnancy. In return, farmers commit to caring for the goats and returning six to eight kids to the Goat Bank.

The math magic unfolds as goats, with a 7 to 8-month kidding interval, yield two or three kids in each kidding cycle. Over two years, farmers find themselves with an impressive twelve to fourteen kids from just two does. Beyond personal gain, these farmers extend the goat family, nurturing them and, when the time is right, selling them for a lucrative profit. This cycle of goat generosity creates a symbiotic relationship, with benefits flowing from the Goat Bank to the farmers and ultimately reaching the market. It's a win-win

scenario, shaping a pathway for sustainable farming practices and economic prosperity. In Maharashtra's Akola district, Naresh Deshmukh's visionary Goat Bank, launched in July 2018, redefines empowerment. Aspiring farmers pay a nominal Rs 1,200

registration fee, entering into a loan agreement to return four lambs within 40 months. This innovative scheme

propelling a sustainable growth cycle. Women participating in goat rearing anticipate significant prof-

and celebrating life's milestones.

In Salebhata village, Kalahandi district of Odisha, the Goat Bank, spearheaded by Jayanti Mahapatra and Biren Sahu, offers needy farmers two adult female goats, hailing from the resilient breeds of the goats exhibit their prolific nature, birthing bank retains six of these has now woven a network across 50 villages.

In the undulating agroclimatic expanse of western Odisha, encompasspada districts, the author's research illuminates a endure temperatures soaring up to  $48^{\circ}$ C.

These robust creatures are meticulously managed in modest holdings under semi-extensive systems, relying solely on roadside grass and tree leaves as their primary sustenance, achieving impressive averfor females. The elegance lies in its simplicity, relying and enhancing the overall on family labour and miniits, enabling investments mal investment, mainly community in the area.

negligible expenditure, witness substantial profits.

males after four years commands prices between Rs. 25,000 to 30,000, while change. As Prime Minister females are priced slightly lower. During the Chatar Parab festival (a local fesnative Kalahandi or Black tival), prices experience Bengal. During two years, a commendable surge, contributing to an annual income of approximately impressive 9-10 kids. The Rs. 100,000 from goat of serious investment. The sales. Through extensive Goat Bank model shownewborns, channelling the interviews, the author cases a sustainable cycle rest back to the same fami- uncovers a burgeoning of growth, from the bank lies dedicated to goat farm- interest among landless to the farmers and eventuing. This sustainable cycle farmers to engage in goat ally to the market, fostering rearing, signalling a desire economic upliftment and connecting 1,000 farmers for expansion. However, financial inclusion. The these aspiring farmers Goat Bank revolution is not articulate a need for essen- just about goats; it's about tial elements like proper housing, quality feed, and ing rural economies, and ing Kalahandi and Nua- a superior breeding buck to unleash the full growth similar innovations across potential of their goat the country. As more farmstriking reality: 95% of herds. While existing state ers join such schemes and goats thrive as indigenous, government schemes pro- receive the support they hardy, uniquely adapted to vide very good assistance need, the potential for furto many goat farmers in this ther improvement of goat zone, the author still posits farming practices in native that pioneering initiatives tracts becomes promising. like a goat bank have the The winds of change are potential to include more indeed blowing, and the landless, downtrodden resonant call for serious farmers in the journey. attention and investment Such innovative concepts in the goat sector is no could substantially contribute to the financial stability reality that holds the promage adult body weights of and prosperity of a broader 35 kg for males and 30 kg section of farmers, offering a promising avenue of this agricultural practice for uplifting native goats

nary care. Farmers, with Salebhata village in Kalahandi and Sangavi Mohadi village in Maharashtra illus-The sale of castrated trate how the Goat Bank is not merely an institution but a catalyst for positive Narendra Modi rightfully recognises the transformative power of such initiatives, it becomes evident that the goat, often overlooked, deserves centre stage as a species worthy changing lives, revitaliscreating a blueprint for longer a distant bleat but a ise of a brighter and more prosperous future for rural India. (The writer is a scientist

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at Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhawanipatna; views are personal)

### The menace of a toxic work environment

### SAKSHI SETHI

on how well and healthy its work environment is. The workplace is in schools, colleges or busi-

organisation engage in bullying, manipulation, he success of any and favouritism, which organisation rests permeate throughout the company's structure.

At the same time, their behaviours create an a very sensitive place, be it environment that builds walls and crushes creativness organizations. The ity and loyalty. Toxicity in employees and workers the workplace is a pervaneed to be motivated by sive and serious issue that their principals and bosses affects employees at all to do their work properly levels of an organization. else they get demoralised. At the same time, it is also However, when a a combination of dysfunc-

engulfs an organisation, it leaders that causes them



toxic work environment tional behaviours among trickles down. There is no to a growing sense of ing a lettered standard. By peace and sanity that is denying the fact that toxic alienation and frustration fostering open communi- worth more than dealing

work-related stress put ferentiation is missed. together is created.

well-being of the farming

ronment encourages a people who have a desire cutthroat competition, to share their knowledge where colleagues undermine and sabotage each other, instead of valuing environment will tarnish the teamwork. Also, being the organisation's repuoverworked and overbur- tation. Negative employdened can lead to severe ee experiences spread burnout and even cause through word-of-mouth resentment.Organisations and social media, discourand other workplaces aging potential candidates should allow room for cre- from joining the organizaativity for more than meet- tion. It's the individual's

Teachers become teachers The toxic work envi- because they are creative with others.

> Remember, a toxic work organisation into an abyss of failure.

can have disastrous con- to conduct unhealthy leadership leads to a toxic amongst the workforce. cation, promoting empa- with organisations that sequences for both the organisational practices. environment. One of the Even the teachers and edu- thy and encouraging a don't value them enough employees and the organ- Organisational toxicity is reasons for toxicity in the cators in schools and col- supportive culture, organ- to stop the bad behaviour. isation at large. A recent driven by disempowering study found that around practices, individuals with 40 per cent of people in a mentality of personal the US have left jobs due entitlement and resistance to an overly stressed work to change. It is an insidienvironment. ous problem that can be

Workplace violence has difficult to recognise, yet existed throughout his- its effects on the mental little room for the honest job insecurity, fear and diverse-using their inditory. The toxic behaviours and physical well-being have been allowed to fester of employees can be devunchecked. A few influen- astating. When the work ed in unheard voices of that is more crippling for lessons organically, then

Nowadays, new execu-

tives have adopted a top-

that include anger, irritatial individuals within the environment is toxic, it the employees, leading employees than all other the entire concept of dif-

work environment is a lack leges are also the victims isations can build an envi- One needs to protect their of true diversity and inclu- of the same. Employees ronment where employees mental health at work at sion followed by a lack of have started to experi- can thrive thereby leading all costs. Various factors effective communication. ence emotional responses to increased productiv- are responsible for brewity, creativity, and overall ing a toxic culture, the bility, cynicism, distress, success. Simultaneously, results of which are catadown approach, leaving psychological strain, if teachers cannot be strophic and can sink the exchange of ideas and shame. In other words, an viduality, uniqueness and feedback. This has result- atmosphere of behaviour creativity-to diversify the

increase.

ing countries first sign long-

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

### **Qatar's gas push has a hidden motive – murdering coal**

### JAVIER BLAS

The energy transition zero-sum game – for renewables and fossil fuels. But even within the fossilcoal are fighting for supremacy. And one nation is seeking to tip the scales in favor of the former.

Supporters of gas brand it a "bridge fuel" - a stepworld to decarbonize electricity generation by replac- high. ing coal-fired power sta-

tions with gas-fired plants.

Problematic methane leaks aside, gas faces two obstacles to dethrone king coal: prices and ubiquity. Coal is dirt cheap and plentiful at home in many devel-

Unsurprisingly, Asian will eventually be a countries such as Bangladesh, Pakistan and Thaione energy source to win, land that once viewed LNG another must lose. The as a not-so-difficult and notobvious battle is between too-expensive way to decarbonize are having second thoughts. China and India, fuel camp, natural gas and which together account for about one-third of the world's population, have leaned on coal more heavily in recent years, emphasiz-

Ukraine.

ing its energy security attributes. That's propped up ping stone to allow the coal consumption, which last year reached an all-time

Enter Qatar, the tiny Middle Eastern emirate that sits atop of one of the world's biggest fossil-fuel prizes – trillions of dollars worth of natural gas reserves. Qatar may be fossil fuel-rich, but it paradoxioping countries; gas, mean- cally has a vested interest while, must be imported in making the energy transiin liquid form and, in the tion work-depending how past two years, became we define victory. For Qatar prohibitively expensive fol- - and many other players in

energy and climate debate to developments in Asia a more aggressive build-up: but rather by volumes. – success would be first and foremost about replacing coal with gas.

Viewed through this lens, it's easy to understand why Qatar, the world's thirdlargest LNG exporter, is rushing through a massive expansion of its production capacity, even when many believe that would overwhelm demand. Saad Al-Kaabi, the country's energy minister, explained why Qatar was moving ahead so quickly in simple terms: "The only thing that

would stop us announcing more projects is if we don't believe there is a market," he said on Feb. 25.

The Qatari announcement just a month after the White House's decision to pause approval of domestic LNG projects had prompted some conspiracy theorists to suggest that Doha was taking advantage of Washington. I don't think so. The reality is that Qatar

the emirate isn't saying publicly, but every gas con-

sumer can work out for themselves, is that by flooding the market, the Middle Eastern country is hoping to make LNG plentiful and

cheap enough to stimulate demand. Put simply: Qatar is trying to reassure Asian nations they can count on bridge to kill coal without risking either their finances term contracts with buyers, or their energy security.

capacity to export about construct the project. Qatar globally behind the US and US additions, that would can take a long-term, stratehave been enough to tip gic view of the market. the LNG market into over-

supply. But on Feb. 25, measure of victory won't be

lowing Russia's invasion of the realpolitik camp of the has been paying attention Qatar announced plans for determined by gas prices, - and it's reacting. What an increase of 85 per cent Qatar, which quit the OPEC to 142 million tons before oil cartel in 2019, is clearly 2030. "That's an enormous interested in expanding quantity," is my euphemis- the gas market, even if tic interpretation of how that results in lower prices. industry participants have In Asia, benchmark LNG described the planned prices have fallen below \$10 per million British thermal

Not only is Qatar flooding unit, from an all-time high the gas market, it's rewritof more than \$70 in miding the playbook of how 2022. LNG export facilities are

The worst-case scenario gas providing the necessary built. Typically, gas-export- for a gas-rich nation is that memories of the scarcity and high prices of recent and use those commit- years encourage a pincer Qatar currently has the ments to finance and then movement against LNG, with countries retaining 77 million metric tons of is pressing ahead without coal as their baseload fuel LNG annually, making it any contracts, reaching into for electricity generation the third-largest supplier its deep pockets to build the while they build up solar facilities and find buyers for and wind capabilities. Not Australia. Until a few days the output later. It helps everyone agrees with using ago, it was aiming to lift its that the nation is probably LNG as a bridge to combat capacity by about 60 per the lowest-cost producer; as the climate crisis. But given cent to 126 million tons. a sovereign, rather than just that every lump of coal dis-Coming on top of expected a commercial enterprise, it placed by gas molecules is a win for the planet, the world has a big stake in Will Qatar succeed? The Qatar's plan succeeding.

**Bloomberg Opinion** 

### JINDRAH IMAGES JAMMU, MARCH 05, 2024 TUESDAY

### GDC Vijaypur organises seminar on importance of voting in Democracy



#### JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MARCH 4

College Vijaypur, in col-(KHIDMAT) of the college in a democracy. and under the banner College

dred college students the occasion stated that Renuka Kundal.

and NSS volunteers par- voting and taking part

of Voting Awareness with the welcome address Campaign, organised a by Dr. Naseem Chow-

ticipated in the seminar in the electoral process with great enthusiasm, is more than a right and Department of Educa- fervour and zeal. The made sure that all the stution, Government Degree aim of the event was to dents of the college regeducate students about ister themselves for the laboration with NSS Unit the importance of voting upcoming elections. It's a responsibility that each The seminar started citizen holds to select

their leaders The event was coorseminar on the theme, dhary. She briefed the dinated by Prof. Mamta "Importance of Voting in students that voting in a Gupta, Dr. Anoop Bhagat, a Democracy" under the democracy are of utmost Prof. Ritu Bhagat and supervision and guidance importance as it lets citi- Dr. Naseem Chowdhary of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana zens choose their repre- and co-ordinated by Dr. Gupta, Principal of the sentatives in forming the Priyanka Ganjoo, Dr. government. Dr. Radhika Radhika Rasyal, Dr. Gun-More than one hun- Rasyal while speaking on jeet Mahiwal and Prof.

### Warm Welcome to Students, visit by ZEOs mark First Day of school reopening in district Kishtwar

### **DC Bandipora chairs** DRAC meeting; approves 07 cases

#### JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MARCH 04

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Monday chaired a meeting of District Rent Assessment Committee (DRAC) at Mini Secretariat, here to finalize the rent assessment cases of different departments.

During the meeting, 07 cases of rent assessment pertaining to various departments, including Handicrafts, Education, Health and ISM were taken up for consideration. The committee discussed the fixation of rent of structures in which government offices are functioning. The DC held a detailed discussion with officers of different departments that are functioning from rented accommodations in the district and with the owners of these buildings before approving rent assessment cases. After threadbare discussions, the committee approved all the 07 cases.

The meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Chief Planning Officer, Superintending Engineer R&B, CMO, CEO, Executive Engineers and other concerned officers of various

**DLSA Ganderbal** conducts Pre Lok-Adalat

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MARCH 04

Ritesh Kumar Dubey, Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal today inaugurated Pre-Lok Adalat sitting in connection with upcoming National Lok-Adalat for amicable settlement/compromise of disputes/cases pending in the courts and at pre-litigation stage.

Apart from the Chairman DLSA, Ganderbal; Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Ganderbal; Mohammad Waseem Mirza, Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Ganderbal; Mehnaz Qadir, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Ganderbal; Ld. Advocates and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

### Amit decides way forward for setting-up **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Ladakh**

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An important meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Administrative Secretary of Information Technology Deaprtment, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma meeting to deliberate upon the implementation strategy for the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters the implementing agency



Secretary Amit Sharma (2.0) Scheme, aimed at fos- responsible for the execu- emphasized the need for tering innovation and eco- tion of the Electronics a proficient and dedicat-

tainable development. The meeting concluded

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KISHTWAR, MARCH 4

The district Kishtwar wit-

nessed a joyous return

of students to schools on

the first day after a rejuvenating winter break

and challenging weather

conditions. Teachers and

school staff extended a

warm welcome, setting a

positive tone for the aca-

In a noteworthy devel-

opment, the Zonal Admin-

istrators of the Education

Department in Kishtwar

under the supervision of

Chief Education Officer

Kishtwar R K Vesheshta

conducted surprise visits

to schools under their

Deputy CEO Masood

Hussain Qazi, who also

oversees the role of ZEO

Kishtwar, embarked on

an unannounced visit to

Kasturba Gandhi Balika

Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Kisht-

Simultaneously, ZEO

Nagseni Nizam-ud-din,

along with ZEPO Nag-

seni Shahnawaz Hus-

sain Sheikh, undertook

surprise visits to Middle

School Huller, GPS Huller,

aimed at fostering a

positive and encourag-

ing atmosphere for both

events underscored the

profound significance

and GPS Bandarna.

purview.

war.

demic resumption.

with a strategic roadmap for proceeding with the implementation of the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters Scheme and the decision to hold next meeting soon under the chairpersonship of Advisor to Hon'ble LG so that important decisions can be taken in it.

envisioned objectives.

Tashi Namgyal, Execu-

tive Engineer of SIDCO;

Kumar Amit, IT Consul-

Participants expressed confidence regarding the

### **Deputy Commissioner Poonch reviews** preparedness of stakeholder departments

POONCH, MARCH 4

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin M.Choudhary today chaired a meeting to review and discuss the arrangements and preparations made by stakeholder departments for the Secondary and Senior Secondary Examina-

staff, emphasizing the any necessary improveof education and reiter- pivotal role of education ments, underscoring the ing the standards of eduated the government's in shaping the nation's commitment to enhanc- cation in the region. **Annual Board Exam** 

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steadfast commitment future. They reiterated ing the overall learning learning environments. During these visits, education officers engaged These surprise visits with students, teachers, and administrative staff, conveying heartfelt appre-

ciation for their dedicastudents and staff. The tion and hard work. The

to provide accessible and dents.

high-quality education to all segments of society. Deputy CEO Masood winter vacation, these Hussain Qazi, during his visits by education officers visit to KGBV, took note of the existing facilities collective effort towards and infrastructure. He creating an enriched eduofficers addressed the pledged full support for cational environment for

to ensuring high-quality the unwavering resolve experience for the stu-



team, IT Department and infrastructure. SIDCO officials.

main were the selection of in Ladakh.

nomic growth in the Union Manufacturing Clusters. ed Agency in the form of collective resolve and con-Territory of Ladakh in his Another critical agenda a Special Purpose Vehi- certed efforts to surmount office chamber's VC hall in item centered around cle led by SIDCO as the challenges and realize the the Civil Secretariat, Leh the identification of suit- Project Implementation today alongwith multiple able land equipped with Agency and underscored stakeholders from EMC essential connectivity the importance of ensur- attended by Sonam Norbo,

During this important connectivity for the realize the objectives of Meeting, important dis- smooth operation of man- the Scheme. cussions were held on var- ufacturing cluster, collecious crucial aspects of the tive insights were given sized the significance of success of the Electronic and experts contributed leveraging initiatives like Angmo, Project Manager Manufacturing Cluster to a comprehensive dis- the Electronics Manufac- of IT; Sajad Hussain, Proj-2.0 Scheme. Among the course aimed at address- turing Clusters Scheme 2.0 critical points taken up ing the multifaceted chal- to stimulate local entrein this meeting led by IT lenges inherent in the preneurship, generate er, Finance of SIDCO and Secretary and MD, SIDCO establishment of Electron- employment opportuni- Sanjeeta Hemraja, STPI Ladakh, Amit Sharma, ics Manufacturing Clusters ties, and propel the region attended same through

ing seamless co-ordination Senior Manager of SIDCO; Recognizing the road and efficient execution to

Amit Sharma emphatant; Skalzang Dawa, Project Manager of IT; Stanzin ect Manager of IT, while Dr Safdar Ali, General Managtowards a trajectory of susvirtual mode.

### Neelam Langeh extends congratulations, support to Jugal Kishore Sharma as BJP candidate for Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Neelam Langeh, State President of BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha and former MLA accompanied by a team of party members, extended heartiest congratulations to Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma on being chosen as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency for the third consecutive this occasion.

Expressing his full ing Lok Sabha polls and Gill, State Secretary Shri the unwavering dedica- tory for the BJP. tion and commitment Notable attendees at



Ashwani Chadha.

time. In a symbolic ges- of the entire community the event included both sion marked the unity ture, Shri Langeh present- towards Shri Jugal Kishore cabinet ministers, Shri and solidarity within the ed him with a turban as a Sharma's candidacy. He Gulshan Bhagat and Shri gesture of goodwill during further emphasized the Adarsh Jatthiar, State Vice embark on a successful significance of the upcom- President Shri Vijay Anand

party as they prepared to electoral campaign. Shri Langeh's words echoed support on behalf of the urged all party members Rakesh Dev, Office Secre- the sentiments of the scheduled caste commu- to mobilize their efforts to tary Shri Hans Raj Loria, scheduled caste communinity, Shri Langeh pledged ensure a resounding vic- and Media Incharge Shri ty, assuring complete support for Shri Jugal Kishore This auspicious occa-Sharma

tions being conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE). The meeting was

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik, Chief Education Officer, Bishamber Dass, DEPO, Narinder Mohan Suri, Deputy Chief Education Officer HQ Mendhar, Mohammad Latief, Assistant Secretary JK BOSE Sub Office Poonch, Rakesh Kumar besides heads of Educational institutions of district Poonch were present in the meeting.

The meeting focused on ensuring a seamless and fair examination process, with thorough deliberations on various aspects, including the deployment of competent personnel and Invigilators.

ing, the Deputy Com- ing the examination halls papers.

### **DDC Member Kupwara call on LG**



tion of J&K Community Reshi, Social and Political

#### JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

Advocate Ulfat Mushtaq, Member District Development Council, Ramhall, Kupwara called on Lieutenant Governor Mehraj, Ex Sarpanch Governor on her entre-Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Halqa Nesbal, Bandipora preneurial venture in the Bhawan, today A delega- and Mohammad Faheem fisheries sector.



importance of maintain- of the process.

ing a secure environment Additionally, the for the examinations. He Deputy Commissioner emphasized that schools highlighted the signifilacking a compound wall cance of adequate lightshould have robust secu- ing during the examirity arrangements in place nations. He underlined to prevent unauthorized that all examination halls individuals from entering should be equipped with the premises and engag- proper lighting arrangesuch as Superintendents, ing in disruptive activities. ments to eliminate any Deputy Superintendents Furthermore, he stressed inconvenience or discomthe need for stringent fort faced by the students Speaking at the meet- checks on students enter- while attempting their

Ms Sadia Imam, Fish

One Pre Lok-Adalat bench was constituted for the amicable settlement of cases.

The bench took-up 366 matters, out of which 314 cases were amicably settled/compromised and Rs 18,35,056 realized as settlement amount.

**GHS Gara Satura** students embark on exciting learning adventure JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 4

Students from Government High School Gara Satura, Zone Sallan had an exciting learning adventure as they visited the famous Atal Setu Bridge in Basohli today.

The tour will encompass various educational and recreational activities, offering students a unique opportunity to expand their knowledge beyond the confines of the classroom.

This trip was all about making learning exciting and helping students grow smarter and more curious about the world.

Accompanied by their teachers, the students got to see firsthand how bridges like Atal Setu are built and why they're important. This trip is part of the school's effort to make learning more fun and practical.

Development and Empow- activist also called on the erment Foundation called Lt Governor. on the Lt Governor and put forth various welfare farmer met the Lieutenissues of Shia community. ant Governor Shri Manoj Later, Sh Rather Sinha and briefed the Lt



# Bhalla cautions people against BJP's 'jumlas' creating false narratives to secure votes

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

up for Parliament electhe upcoming Parliament Shashi Syal and others. elections besides discussing the burning issues of the people.

ant Khajuria, Satpal Spolia, Ram Prakash Magotra,

Uttam Singh, Aman Bawa, KPCC Working President Baldev Singh Wazir, Har-Raman Bhalla today asked jeet Singh Bhagi, Sandeep his party cadres to gear Dogra Sonu, Sunil Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Janak Raj, tions. According to a press Dimpa Singh, Balwinder release, he was addressing Singh Rinku, Block Presia meeting of District Con- dents Bushan Kumar gress Committee Jammu Reddy, Sanjeev Katal, Urban organized by Dis- Latish Sharma, Gurmeet trict President Th. Man- Singh, Rakesh Kumar, mohan Singh. The meet- Neeraj Kumar, Gurdeep ing was held to take stock Singh, Hera Singh, Rishu of the preparations for Kumar, Yashpal Sangrha,

Bhalla in the meeting took stock of the preparations for the Parliament Prominent among those elections and asked the present on the occasion party cadres to gear up include Vice Presidents for these elections. The Tarlok Singh Bajwa (Ex party sought input from MP), Ved Mahajan(Ex- Block and Ward Presidents MLC) Hari Singh Chib, Vice regarding the activities of President and Treasurer the party. Bhalla criticized JKPCC Rajnish Sharma ( those parties who have ies Michael Wazir, Parveen people of the communal vested interests.



Mian) and Surinder Singh been exploiting the sen- communal, divisive and rule has ruined the coun- the people of J&K by down-

functionaries Dr. Ramak- the nefarious designs of ernment in its ten years of right of jobs and land from unemployment is increas- back to the faces of people. it will continue to fight for

Channi, Smt. Kanta Bhan, timents of the people on separatist forces." He try in every field. "Every grading a full-fledged state PCC General Secretaries various emotional issues complimented the people section of the society is suf-Narmata Sharma, Amrit for vote bank politics but of Jammu region for believ- fering due to its wrong pol- property tax, toll plazas, Bali, Satish Sharma, Suresh utterly failed to deliver. He ing in togetherness and icies and wrong decisions. smart meters, unemploy-Dogra, Rajesh Sadotra, asked the party function- religious harmony despite The people of Jammu and ment has added more in Gurmeet Singh, Secretar- aries to "make aware the grave provocations by Kashmir are the most suf- the miseries of people ferers. The Modi govern- of Jammu and Kashmir," Singh, Pawan Bhagat, DCC agenda of BJP and defeat Bhalla said that BJP gov- ment has snatched the Bhalla added. He said that

into Union Territory. The

ing day by day. "The govwith common people were BJP in J&K," Bhalla said.

Bhalla said. Asserting that of power. Congress is the only secular party in J&K, he said Manmohan Singh said and gear up for the parliathat only Congress's rule Congress Party has fought ment elections and ensure

Bhalla expressed con- restoration of democratic ernment in J&K, run by the cern for the "overlooked set up and safeguarding administration led by Lieu- plight" of the people in just rights of people, he tenant Governor Manoj Jammu. He pointed out added and told the BJP Sinha, has proved to be an that the region, with its Govt to shun the path of utter failure on all fronts unique cultural and strate- confrontation with the gic significance, had often people, who are feeling left to fend for themselves. been sidelined in national isolated and disappoint-The people crumbled due discourse. He highlighted ed over the way they are to multiple miseries under infrastructural gaps, inad- being treated by the Govt. the proxy government of equate social services, and He said BJP is treating economic disparities that people of J&K as enemies Bhalla said that the have persisted over time. resulting in they have been people of Jammu region, He stressed the neces- left unrepresented and who were "promised the sity of tailored policies unheard in every respect. moon" by the BJP, today to address these specific He slammed the Govt for feel betrayed by the party challenges and ensure the failing to address extreme as it never proceeded holistic development of joblessness, economic beyond 'jumlas' creating Jammu. He said Congress losses, lack of developmerely false narratives Party shall continue to ment, failed back to back to secure votes. He said fight against the anti-peo- village initiatives after even the BJP leaders know ple policies of BJP Govt spending huge amount quite well that people of and vigorously fight for and many anti people this region are waiting to restoration of democratic measures in terms of teach them a lesson. BJP setup in J&K.BJP is set to imposing taxes, toll plazas fears losing the elections face humiliating defeat in and new drama of installwhenever they are held. the upcoming elections, ing smart meters and said This is the reason that the as that, BJP's divided and people are being punished government has adopted rule policy and mislead- on one pretext or the other delaying tactics even in ing politics stands exposed aiming to hide utter failure holding of the panchayat with the result people have on the part of BJP Govt. On and ULB polls in J&K," decided to throw BJP out this occasion Singh exhort-

in the UT can bring smiles for the rights of people and Party's victory.

ed the Party cadres to get District President Th. connected with the people

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### Three Days Qasida Training Class in Goma Minjee, organized by HCHF concluded successfully

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The Three Days Qasida Training Class, organized by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation in collaboration with Maktab e Sahab Zaman Gonma Minjee and supported by Stringmo Group of the nessed a Qasida Competi- Hussain S/o Mohd Ibrahim Young Artist of Kargil, tion where 9 top Qasida achieved the 3rd Position. concluded on a high note Khawans selected during Miniee.

Hujjatul Islam Sheikh



their talent.

Hassan Minjee graced Scholar Sadiq Hardassi, to Anayat Ali Shotopa for standing and apprecia- cessful culmination of a the occasion as the Chief along with Renowned hosting the program in tion among participants. culturally enriching event. Guest, while Historian, Naat Khawan Murtaza their Village. He urged Engaging sessions led by Author, and Scholar Mohd Fazili and Scholar Prof the continuation of such knowledgeable instruc- itage Foundation is dedi-

cifically focusing on genres gifts for the participants. like Naat, Manqabat, and Lamentation. Recognizing Master Mohd Ibrahim, the significance of these literary forms in religious Zaman, Taqi Khan Nayab, gatherings, the foundation Former Sarpanch Ali Naqi, seeks to pass on this tradition to the new generation.

Sheikh Hassan Minjee workshop aims to impart at Imam Bargha Goma the Training, showcased expressed his congratu- knowledge and skills relatlations to the organizers ed to Islamic literature, Historian, Author & and extended gratitude fostering a deeper under- dents, marking the suc-

aiming to preserve and and Team Leader of Team promote the rich heritage Stringmo, for their unwavof Islamic literature, spe- ering support in arranging

Others Present include, Chairman Maktab E Sahab Senior Citizens, Parents and Children participated The proposed training in the programme. The Chief Guest pre-

sented gifts and

prizes among the stu-

Himalayan Cultural Her-Sadiq Hardassi adorned Nasir Uddin Khafi, graced initiatives to preserve the tors, practical exercises, cated to preserving and

**PM Vishawkarma Scheme Training Batches start at GPW, Jammu** 



#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

One Batch in Barber (Naai) Trades under PM Vish- program launched by the objections of PM Vishwa-

Department, J&K were the cipal, Govt. Polytech-Chief Guest and Guest of nic for Women, Jammu Honour respectively.

welcomed the Guests The training, a Flagship highlighted the aims and

skillfully conducted by event. experts Mohd Sadiq Harshan.

dren aged 10 to 20, was during this memorable preservation.

Ali Akbar S/o Ahmad Convenor of Himalayan dassi, Taqi Khan Nayab, Ali claimed the 1st Posi- Cultural Heritage Founand Akhone Baqir Zee- tion, Ahmad Raza S/o dation for Kargil district, Hadi Ali secured the 2nd highlighted the motive The concluding day wit- Position, and Muzammil behind the program,

the event as the Guest of the occasion as judges, heritage of Qasida, Mar- and contemporary teach- promoting the rich cultur-Honour. The training pro- adding their expertise to siya, and Bahar e Taweel, ing methods are integral al heritage of the region, gram, catering to 40 chil- the Qasida Competition contributing to language components to make the with a focus on Islamic Anayat Ali Shotopa, appealing to the new gen- art forms. Through varieration.

tude was extended to strives to pass on these Kaneez Fatima D/o Ghulam traditions to future gen-Hyder Andoo, President, erations.

workshop accessible and literature and traditional ous initiatives and collab-An expression of grati- orations, the foundation

shan Kumar, JKAS, Direc- system. tor, Skill Development

Khara-Balli witnesses first ever Photo Exhibition, CEO

wakarma Schemes was Ministry of Skill Develop- karma Schemes. started today in Govt. ment & Entrepreneur-Polytechnic for Women, ship, GoI, are specially acting with the beneficia-Jammu. On this occasion, designed for the skilled ries hoped that they will Ms. Leena Padha, JKAS, person in order to upskill take maximum benefit Mission Director, Skill them so that they can of the schemes and also Development Depart- become entrepreneur and extorted them to spread ment, J&K and Sh. Suder- contribute in Skill Eco- the message to the eligible

The Guest while interbeneficiaries so that they

Er. Suket Gupta, Prin- can be benefited.

### Shiv Sena launches "Pahale Adhikaar Phir Sarakaar" campaign

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Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit has announced to take out Jan Sampark Yatra in all the five Lok Sabha seats of Jammu and Kashmir under the "Pahale Adhikaar Phir Sarakaar" campaign on 9th March from Srinagar (Kashmir). didates in the upcoming cation, health etc. Lok Sabha elections with and Kashmir and rein-

statement of locals. organized at the Press not fulfilled. Club of Jammu today, of the state was taken made to them. away along with dividing



didates are gearing up to

ty's high command. On

Along with this, it has ment, huge investments, be organized at the disannounced to field its can- employment, better edu- trict level. After Kashmir division, the yatra will

The beginning of a be organized in Jammu the resolution of granting new political era was also on March 16. Answerspecial status to Jammu promised. Despite a long ing a question regarding gap of four and a half taking part in the upcomyears, the above promises ing Lok Sabha elections, In a press conference made to the people were Sahni said that our can-

Sahni said that in the contest the elections with State Chief Manish Sahni upcoming Lok Sabha elec- the resolve to restore the said that with the abro- tions, the people have a rights of the local. people gation of Article 370 on better chance to seek and are waiting to get the August 5, 2019, the status answers to the promises green signal from the par-

Sahni said that from this occasion president the erstwhile Jammu and March 9, will flag off the mehila wing Meenakshi Kashmir state established Jan Sampark Yatra under Chhibber, Vice president by the Dogra rulers into the "Pehele Adhikaar Sanjeev Kohli, President two parts. With its early Phir Sarkar" campaign Kamghar Raj Singh, Orgareturn, the people will from the Press Enclave of nizer Imran Shekh were be given peace, develop- Srinagar. This yatra will present.

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Chief Education Officer Jammu Sh. Jagdeep Padha today inaugurated a 2-day Photo Exhibition on different Centrally Sponsored Schemes organized by the Central Bureau of Communication (C.B.C) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office Jammu/ Kathua/Samba. The Multimedia Photo Exhibition is a part of various outreach activities being organised by C.B.C in UTs of J&K and Ladakh.

bition showcases the functioning structure and Mission LiFE, Ek Bharat working of C.B.C in the tion has been dedicated He also briefed the audito "Agniveer Scheme" in ences about various outorder to attract young- reach activities that will sters of the area towards be organised during the the army.

welcome address gave a various benefits of various by the common masses. presented details about Sharma Senior Artist.



Jammu inaugurates 2-day Photo Exhibition

the government.

event. Sh. Sharma said

The 2 day photo exhi- detailed overview of the public welfare schemes of tive measures, the knowl- was carried out by. Two

Sh. Suraj Singh DDC and practices of different Sh. Ajay and sh. Ravi from Shrestha Bharat etc. A spe- twin U.Ts of Jammu and Vide Chairman Jammu states & UTs will lead to an JAKLI who are resident of cial section in the exhibi- Kashmir and Ladakh. urged the masses to take enhanced understanding the area hosted a quesmaximum benefit of cen- and bonding between the tion answer session on trally sponsored schemes states, thereby strength- the "Agniveer scheme" so that the dream of devel- ening the unity and integ- and cleared the doubts of oped India is fulfilled. rity of India. Col Anil the audience especially With regard to online Abhram of Indian Army youngsters related to the Rajesh Sharma in that these programmes system, he presented encouraged the youth for scheme All the particicharge Central Bureau of are being organised with many real life examples to taking maximum benefits pants were honoured on Communication Jammu/ an aim to disseminate the prove how the services are of Agniveer scheme. He the spot. The event was Samba Kathua in his information regarding received at their door step along with Lt Col S.K.Jena coordinated by Mrs Ritu

In his address the welfare programmes Sh. Jagdeep run by Indian army in the Padha appreci- area.

Expert lectures from ated the efforts of the Central the representatives of vari-Bureau of Com- ous department viz Dr Asif munication J&K from Animal Husbandry, in organising the Mrs Nisha Sharma from exhibition and NRLM - Umeed, Sham Lal urged people to from Sheep Husbandry visit the venue delivered detailed lectures which will be on the different centrally open to public sponsored schemes being at large for two implemented by their days. Regarding respective departments. With regard to the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat "Agniveer Scheme" a

initiative he especially dedicated sessaid through sion was organised and these innova- threadbare discussion edge of culture tradition newly recruited Agniveers

### **Tejinder asks Party's youth brigade to** gearup for upcoming polls in J&K

### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Under the visionary guidance of the Provincial President YNC Ajaz Jan and former MLA. Sardar Tejinder Pal Singh (Aman) District President Jammu Urban YNC, the youth brigade of the party convened a strategic meeting to prepare for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the J&K.

Chaired by Sardar Tejinder Pal Singh (Aman) fulfilled. His impassioned the people to address critical electoral process.

He emphasized that only of Jammu and Kashmir. through the inclusive and



at Shastri Nagar Jammu, call to action resonated their issues. He called for the meeting aimed to gal- strongly with the youth unity among the people vanize the party's youth leaders present, igniting and urged their support wing in anticipation of the a sense of purpose and for the J&K National Condetermination to work ference in the coming Lok In his address, tirelessly for the party's Sabha elections. Adhayan S.Tejinder Pal Singh reit- cause. He also asked the Sharma, District Vice erated the pivotal role of party workers to gear up President Jammu Urban the Jammu and Kashmir for upcoming Lok Sabha JKYNC, who spearheaded National Conference in elections and ensure the the organization of the realizing the aspirations of victory of party in the gen-meeting, underscored the the people of the region. eral interest of the people importance of unity and

Nitish Gowsami Pro- party's grassroots support. progressive policies of the vincial Secretary YNC He urged party workers to JKNC could the diverse Jammu in his address, redouble their efforts in Vishal Sharma, Ashish needs and hopes of Jammu asked the party cadre to expanding and consolidat- Khajuria, Aryan and and Kashmir's populace be remain present among ing the party's base across others.

the region. Sharma's rallying cry inspired a renewed commitment among attendees to uphold the values and principles of the JKNC while actively engaging with the electorate. The meeting served as a platform for constructive dialogue and strategic planning, with attendees exchanging ideas and formulating action plans to enhance the party's outreach and influence. As the political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir undergoes transformation, the youth brigade of the JKYNC stands poised to play a pivotal role in shaping its future trajectory.

Those who were present in the meeting included:-S. Manjeet Singh Ward President 44, Abinav Choudhary, Rahil Jatt, Fazhan, Amit Sharma, diligence in fortifying the Farhan, Abid, Pratham, Subham Sharma, Mayank, Vansh Jethi, Jatin Verma,

### Eminent Sculptor Ganesh Sharma conferred "Int'l Life Time Achievement Award"



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Well known eminent senior contemporary internationally acclaimed Sculptor Ganesh Kumar Sharma has been Conferred "International Life Time Achievement Award" by Golden Palm International Academy of Art and Literature Hungary. The award presented to Ganesh Kumar Sharma virtually by the President, Ilona Ka Uri Kovács of the Academy.

The International Acad-Hungary organised Inter- est congratulations and than forty five years.



national Art Exhibition best wishes to Ganesh and invited entries from Sharma for this Internaacross the globe. Among tional achievement. It the selected entries, is mentioned here that Ganesh Kumar Sharma's the Golden Palm Inter-Sculpture, titled "Abstract national Academy of Art Composition" mix media, and Literature Hungary is got selected for "Interna- organizing regularly Intertional Life Time Achieve- national art and literature ment Award" by the Inter- activities on its global platnational Jury Members form. appointed by the manage-

Sculptor Ganesh Sharma son of the soil, The President Ilona ka State, National and Uri Kovács, Vice Presi- International awardee, dent Maria Lipták and attached with numerous Issam Qarni Kamel Tanac- art organizations and sado, Chief Executive doing for development of emy of Arts and Literature Officer conveyed hearti- art and culture from more

**SSP** Crime Jammu adheres rank to newly promoted Pvt. Secy

### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh adhered rank to the newly promoted Private Secretary -DySP (S) Puran Pandita in an impressive ceremony held here today.

Senior officers of Crime Branch Jammu were present on the occasion who showered well wishes upon the highly professional Police Officer of Ministerial (S) Cadre Puran Pandita, recently promoted to the well-deserved prestigious gazetted rank of Private Secretary.

SSP Crime Jammu appreciated the role of Puran Pandita as PA to SSP Crime Branch

Jammu and congratulated the promoted officer & his family on elevation to the dignified rank.

### Nat'l workshop cum Faculty Devp Program on 'Techniques for Wildlife PM Modi inaugurated incomplete projects eyeing elections: Vikar Rasool Monitoring in Himalayas,' commences in Bhaderwah Campus

#### JI NEWS SERVICE BHADERWAH MARCH 4

One week National workshop cum Faculty Development Programme on 'Techniques for Wildlife Monitoring in the Himalayas,' was inaugurated in Bhaderwah today.

The workshop is being objectives. organised by Institute of Centre (MMTTC), University of Jammu.

inaugural function lauded are facing and invited the methods. the efforts of Institute of participation of common



shop will meet the desired Chief Conservator of For- tial investment is made on

Prof J P Singh Joorel address highlighted the Mountain Environment, Rector, Bhaderwah importance of monitoring Bhaderwah Campus in col- Campus in his remarks wildlife for conservation laboration with Malaviya highlighted the signifi- planning and manage-Mission Teacher Training cance of such workshops ment and emphasized that especially in the sectors such workshops pave way which are important to for the researchers and Prof. Rahul Gupta, Reg- all the stakeholders. He conservationists to better istrar, University of Jammu, highlighted the issue and understand the correct the Chief Guest in the concerns the Himalayas protocols and analytical

Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Mountain Environment in masses in addressing Head IME and Organizing organising such scientific those. He complimented Secretary while introduc- ticipating in this week long with special reference to outreach programmes on the Institute of Mountain ing the theme highlighted workshop. issues of significant con- Environment and urged the importance of monicern. He appreciated the the researchers to map toring and emphasised

ests, Jammu in his keynote their implementation and data collection. The purpose of the workshop is to provide the participant trainees with an appreciation of range of methods, techniques, and tools available for the assessment and monitoring of wild mammals, birds, and butterflies, he added. About 50 participants across different states and union

territories of India are parothers included Mr. tor, Science and Conserva-

### FPF, Heads of different departments of Bhaderwah Campus including Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Chhering Tandup, Mohd. Avais faculty members from different departments, Assistant Registrar, Bhaderwah Campus and members of non-teaching staff.

Formal vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Chhering Tandup, Head Geography, IME. The proceedings were conducted by Ms. Vandana Dutt and Nitika Khullar.

Two technical sessions were held on day one, where Dr. M.K Kumar deliberated on Human Wildlife conflicts and the their preventive strategies Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Those present among Koustubh Sharma, Direc-

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ment of the Academy.

JKPCC President Shri Vikar Rasool Wani today took a dig at the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for inaugurating incomplete projects, in the run up to the general elections, eyeing votes, while Dr Manmohan Singh ji had not inaugurated the Udhampur - Katra railway line despite complete, without final technical clearance of the same.

BATOTE/ UDHAMPUR, MAR 4

Addressing the meetings of party leaders & functionaries at Udham-Doda, Kishwar, Ramban districts Shri Vikar Rasool media publicity. Wani said that Prime Min-



bridge was in progress and the seats but they will face still incomplete except the like India Shing situation small portion of Sangal- and defeated this time due pur & Batote today, rep- dan to Banihal but inau- to failures to check price resenting 12 assembly gurated pre maturely for rise & large scale unemsegments of Udhampur & election's to mislead the ployment besides other people outside J&K by issues.

PCC President asked Similarly the AIIMS proj- party leaders to gear up ister was in hurry in view ect is incomplete and even their activities and go for of coming elections to OPD could not be started mass contact programs

and hoped that the work-

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participation of faculty the hitherto lesser studied that careful consideration Chandrashekhar, Wildlife tion, Snow Leopard Trust, Dr. M.K Kumar (IFS), programs before substan- Majad Bashir, Director sampling.

members and research- mountain flora and fauna is given to the design and Warden (Chenab), Sh. Vijay Kyrgystan talked about analysis of monitoring Kumar, DFO Kishtwar, Sh. PAWS case to the basics of

not started yet. Union Govt. playing political games with JK OBC: Bansi Lal Choudhary

# from Udhampur - Katra, ity hunger.

He said the work on link including the highest ing media hype about the gi.

projects like Railway line tion which was promised and apprise the positive from Katra to Banihal & by 1st March. The people agenda of Congress expostion for getting AIIMS proj-

the base camp of Mata this is for the first time dent & Chief Spokesper-Vaishno dev, was com- that Prime Minister of son PCC, AICC coordinapleted by Congress the country is inaugurat- tor Udhampur lok Sabha government headed by ing incomplete projects Ravinder Sharma, Vice Dr Manmohan Singh ji for elections and mis- President& AICC coorbut not inaugurated by leading the people of the dinator Naresh Gupta, him, despite fully com- country on the issue of Ex - Legislators Krishan pleted, due to lack of development in Jammu & Bhagat, Dina Bath Bhagat, final technical clearance. Kashmir where as it was Ashok Dogra, Sham Lal Just after a month after Congress led UPA govern- Bhagat, Mahila President taking over as PM, Shri ment brought about mas- Shameema Raina, Pawan Modi inaugurated the said sive development. Twenty Raina,,Shakeel Shah, PL project as a result the train years ago in 2004, Dr Man-Shan, Balbir Singh, Riyaz with passengers remained mohan Singh ji announced Sheikh DDC, Sanjeev struck up on way for full a package of 24000 crores Panda, Rajveer Singh, DCC day, due to Modiji public- which swelled to 36000 cr Presidentd ,Vinod Khajuupto completion.

ria, Sheikh Mujeeb, Parvaiz

### Mahant Rejash Bittu released the devotional song Om Namah Shivay

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On the auspicious occa- is Narayan Bharti. While that we have a lot of talent sion of the upcoming the video of the song is by hidden here but there is a Mahashivratri, Mahant The RV Films, Music-Ask is need to provide them the Rajesh Bittu, President directed by RV Ricky, Assis- right platform. I wish the Religious Tourism and tant Director Mohit Singh entire team all the best for Heritage Cultural Trust DOP, Piyush Chadhak and creating such a melodious and Secretary Rotary Club Shiv Team Yograj Sharma. bhajan Om Namah Shivay Helping Hand, Jaswinder Other dignitaries present and hope that this bhajan Singh Kuku released the on the occasion were Ashok gets immense love all over devotional song Bhajan Om Jangam Baba, Surinder, the world.

Namah Shivay in a program Kaushal. Congratulating organized here today.

The singer of this song

the entire production team, Mahant Rajesh Bittu said

All the Jammu & Kashmir O.B.C organizations whose castes /classes are identified by Mandal commission detailed that the Jammu & Kashmir Govt. and Union Modi Govt. are playing a political games keeping in view the LOK-Sabha elections by murdering the masses of castes/communities identified by Mandal Commission as "Socially & Educationally Backward Classes so called "Other Backward Classes"(OBC's) by inducting the castes West Pakistan Refugees influence of B.J.P Govt. lords and very very rich



Gadda Brahmins, Dubda- not followed properly the and have very good rep- than Schedule castes and bay Brahmins, Koli, Sunar, parameters for the identi- resentation in the Govt. OBC's then why the Chairfication of SEBC's (OBC's) Services.

(including upper castes), set by the Supreme court Acharya Brahmins, Jat, of India in its Judgment mention here that before castes especially Brahmins india mentioned in para-Saini, Paddri Tribe, Paha- dt.16.11.1992 on Mandal the recommendation of for induction in the JK-UT riEthnic group, Chris- commission Report-1978 these castes for induction lists of OBC's. This shows tian, Bojru, Decount, vide paragraph 6, 247, this commission chairman discrimination behav- we request Prime Minister Ghirath, Bhattiand etc in 652 of A.I.R 1993-94. has not issued any public iour with lower castes Sh.Narinder Modi and LG the lists of JK-UT OBC's Further the Chairman of notification and those filed is still alive in the mind of Manoj Sinha that the recas recommended by the this commission has not any objection regarding Chairman Justice(Retd) visited any area during the induction of newly G.D.Sharma of present his three years tenure to castes has not given any So Govt. Should remove induction of these castes is "SOCIALLY & EDUCATION- access the actual posi- opportunity for pleading such type of person from not as per the parameters ALLY BACKWARD CLASS- tion of these castes which their grievances. Moreover the post of chairman. ES COMMISSION" who is are to be inducted. The there are certain castes the 92 years old and has not Chairman recommended induction of their in cen-mended by this commis-ment dt.16.11.1992.Moreattended his office since castes/classes who do not tral OBC lists have been sion for induction in the over the supreme court long time and has pre- carry the Stigma of Social rejected twicely by the lists of JK-UT OBC's are has also mentioned in its pared his report in a closed Backwardness and are not Hon'ble Supreme court of not identified as Socially Judgment that the comroom under the Political KAMEENS and are Land- India.

Moreover the chairman and have their Ministers/ vation is meant for castes National "Kaka Kalelkar Sowe appeal to treat this of this commission has M.L.A's since long time and communities other Commission-1955", nor report as NULL & VOID.

man of this commission Also It is pertinent to has recommended upper of Supreme court of Sh.G.D.Sharma in order to ommendation of this Presdilute the OBC reservation. ent SEBC's commission for

& Educationally Back- mission report is an ordi-When EWS 10% reser- ward Classes(OBC's) by narily binding on the Govt.

identified by the Jammu & Kashmir Backward Classes committees/commissions set up by the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Governments "Justice Janki Nath Wazir Committee-1969, Justice A.S.Anand committee-1977, Jammu & Backward Classes Backward Classes Commission-1995 set up by the President of India by issuing an ordinance as then Jammu & Kashmir was under President Rule and then not by the Jammu & Kashmir Backward Classes Commissions from 1997 to 2019 keeping in view the Judgment dt.16.11.1992 graph number 123A of A.I.R=1993-94. In the end

set up by Hon'ble Supreme The castes recom- court of india in its judgeinaugurate in incomplete fifteen days after inaugura- in their respective areas The railway project ect and not gift of BJP.

AIIMS etc which are still of Jammu region had held ing the divisive and misincomplete & even OPD a two months long agita- leading agenda of BJP. Several senior leaders addressed the meetings JKPCC Chief said that including Sr Vice Presi-

He said that BJP is mis- Wani, Asif Naqeeb, Bhanu Banihaal to Baramulla leading the people on Mahajan, Sumit Magotra, stretch was also complet- various fronts trying to Javed Lone, Prof Pardeep ed and train started by Dr take credit for large scale Bhagat, Irshad Sheikh Manmohan Singh ji gov- Congress projects and Jatin Raina Ashok Bakshi, ernment while the Work social welfare schemes by Rashid Malik, S Sohan on the Katra - Banihal changing names and creat- Singh, Mohan Lal Bhama-

ers across different states of the region.



long time, removal of Arti-

He highlights about

He said that it is 100

health card and other

### Kavinder flags off Shakti Vandan Marathon, Run for Nation Under Braham Jyot meets beneficiaries of Modi Govt Women have been given Utmost Importance: Rekha

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

In a significant celebration of women's empowerment, BJP District Jammu South organized the Nari Shakti Vandan Marathon, Run for Nation, Run for PM Modi in Satwari girls higher secondary school of Bahu Constituency as an important part of District Jammu South. The mega event was managed and organized by Mandal Pres-



ident and Vice Chairman Mahajan, Mahila Morcha South

Cantonment Board Bharat District President Jammu Bhushan. The Nari Shakti South and CoConvenor ed that under the vision-Vandan Marathon saw the of the program Divya ary leadership of PM esteem presence of BJP Jain, Morcha Prabhari Modi, the empowerment stalwart leader former Dy Geetanjali Mahajan and of women is the top pri-CM J&K Kavinder Gupta, other BJP team members ority of the government. District President Jammu of Gandhi Nagar Mandal In an interaction with South Rekha Mahajan, Seh including Mahila Morcha students of girl's higher Prabhari Jammu North unit were present on the secondary school at Sat-Vinay Gupta, District Vice occasion. Recognizing the wari. He said the govern-President, and Mandal "Nari Shakti Vandan Mara- ment will take all steps Prabhari Narinder Gupta thon" an "Ultra Marathon" for the full empowerment Koki, Mandal President named Nari Shakti Vandan of women in all fields. that the number of Rajni Gupta, Lovisha and Vice Chairman Can- Run was Flagged off today Kavinder Gupta assured tonment Board Bharat by BJP senior leaders in that Modi Sarkaar is com- is increasing and that the and Susheela Sharma Bhushan, Mahila Morcha Satwari Girls higher sec- mitted to the upliftment of number of girls studying were also present on the General Secretary Neha ondary school, Jammu women in every sector to up to high school and occasion.

Kavinder Gupta assert-

boost their morale. Kavinder elaborates India can move forward only by raising the levels of respect for women and by enhancing the sense of equality. I call upon all of you to move forward with the deter- women-centric schemes mination to remove every that focused on their obstacle coming in the development and empowway of all women, Kavin- erment. der said.

Rekha Mahajan stated

beyond has tripled in the last ten successful years of good governance under PM Modi. She highlights that the BJP-led government always making every possible effort to move forward the women's empowerment in every field. Rekha noted that 70% of Mudra loan beneficiaries are women. Also, women benefit from schemes for the promotion of collateral-free loans and other welfare schemes. Rekha Mahajan emphasized, that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the BJP government where women have been given utmost importance through various

Sargotra, Ritika Dhiman women compared to men Gupta, Priyanka Sharma,

Meetu Sharma, Bharti

PMAY, Ujwala Scheme at Jammu

### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

Braham Jyot Satti, BJP OBC Morcha Incharge Morcha office bearers hold a door to door public Awas Yojna ) and Ujjwala Garib Kalyan. Scheme at ward no 17, Iammu .

dent ambphala) . Ravi Mehra (vice President obc morcha), Perveen badyal on the occasion.

In the Program they interacted with beneficiainteraction program and opment works and Various schemes of Govern- BJP has made India a ity and we are doing our ment which are highly strong and Progressive best to provide basic beneficial and available for the betterment of employment opportuni- . He said central governpublic.

and raised slogans in the is blessed to have PM like schemes like Ayushman favour of BJP and said BJP Narendra Modi. is the only political party

Narendra Modi will swear tion of Ram temple which oath again as PM with full has been in dispute for a majority.

Speaking on the occa- cle 370 to connect Kashsion Braham Jyot said that mir in the main stream, along with BJP OBC from past 10 years PM Nar- ban on triple talaq for jusendra Modi led govern- tice to minority women. ment is working for the Our party has tried to interaction program and betterment of the public realize the slogan of Sabka met with beneficiaries of and giving true examples Saath, Sabka Vikas and PMAY (Pradhan Mantri of Sewa , Sushasan and Sabka Vishwas .

He said PM Modi ji is a schemes like Ayushman ground to earth personal- Bharat, Kisan Samman The program was ity and a very dedicated Nidhi yojna, cleanliness organised by Rakesh leader who works more campaign, Aawas Yojna, Pandey (mandal presi- than 18 hours a day for the Ujjwala gas scheme and well-being of Public . how their effect was vis-

He congratulated the ible on the ground and beneficiaries of PMAY- said that during the (Dist vice president OBC), Urban Scheme and Ujwala tenure of the BJP governand others were present Scheme and said every- ment, under the Jan Dhan one should take benefits Yojana, lakhs of people of government schemes. are being directly bene-

He said Prime Minister fited by connecting them ries of PMAY and Ujwala Modi is very dedicated and with banking facilities. and has launched various percent sure that PM Narbriefed about the achieve- beneficial schemes for our endra Modi will swear ments of BJP Government youth and has provided oath as PM for the third from past 10 years . They new carrier opportunities consecutive time because we are working for public

He said in past 10 years and Public is our priorcountry and created new amenities to our citizens ties for youth and working ment is running alot of People were very happy for all segments and India loan schemes, Health

He said that we have to various schemes espewhich is actually working deal with big issues like cially for Jammu Kashmir for our nation and citizens surgical strike to strength- and people should take . They also said that PM en the country, construc- benefits of them .

### **Union Health Minister launches Indian Public** Health Standards for AYUSH healthcare facilities

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

The time has come for Integrated Medicine, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya stated during the joint mega event organized by Ministry of Ayush and Health and Family Welfare. He added that Traditional of Avush for its remarkable tific research, promoting care innovations". journey in the last decade a synergistic approach and said Ministry of Ayush to healthcare. Strategic government is following an and Health and Family collaboration between integrative approach so as Welfare are integrated to Ayush and ICMR aims to to take the best practices ing research, and fostereach other.

grative Health Research innovations.



Healthcare will be new Ayush is extremely impor- traditional Ayush practices fashion trend of coming tant as it bridges the gap with modern medical scifuture. Union Minister also between traditional knowl- ence and take India to the Prime Minister Shri Narcongratulated the Ministry edge and modern scien- forefront of holistic health-

Highlighting that the advance Integrative Health from both the disciplines, ing innovation. Today, In today's joint mega Research, integrate tradi- Ayurveda and Allopathy, we are proud to launch a event, Dr. Mandaviya tional Ayush practices with the Union Health Minis- comprehensive booklet made announcement of modern medical science ter said that "the Union showcasing these decadal setting up of Ayush - ICMR and take India to the fore- Government is working achievements, which Advanced Centre for Inte- front of holistic healthcare towards providing qual- serves as a testament to the ity-oriented healthcare Ministry's commitment to

for all healthcare.

that since its inception in AIIMS. 2014, Ministry of Ayush has embarked on a journey and holistic healthcare, revolutionizing the Ayush sector. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble endra Modi Ji, significant in integrating evidencebased Ayush systems into public healthcare, driv-

ture, thereby enabling the Deopujari Chairman, public to avail the benefits NCISM, Dr. Atul Goel, of Ayush medical services Director General, DGHS Ms. Anu Nagar, Joint Sec-Secretary, Minister of retary, Dept. of Health Ayush, Vd. Rajesh Kote- Research, MoHFW Dr M cha, said in his speech Shrinivasan Director Delhi

During the event Vaidya Gurdip Singh, Jamnagar of resilience, innovation, (Gujarat), Dr. P. Madhavankutty Varrier, Kottakkal (Kerala), and Vaidya Vishnu Dutt Srikishan Sharma, Ajmer (Rajasthan) were honored with prestigious Lifetime Achievestrides have been made ment Award during the mega event for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

Schemes in a door to door down to earth personality also briefed about devel- to them .

nam'.

across the nation and that, "Collaborative needs of the people of vision for a healthier, more announcement on Mul- Research in Ayush is the country. In this direc- vibrant India. ticentre clinical trial on extremely important as it tion, Indian Public Health Anaemia. The inaugural bridges the gap between Standards (IPHS) for Ayush Public Health Standards session also witnessed the traditional knowledge Healthcare facilities were for Ayush Hospitals and launch of "Indian Public and modern scientific published by the Union Ayushman Arogya Mandir Health Standards for Ayush research, promoting a Health Ministry as a set Healthcare Facilities" and synergistic approach to of uniform standards to sukh Mandaviya in the digthe 27th Convocation & health care". "Ayurveda improve the quality of nified presence of dignitar-29th National Seminar of is a part of our culture, health care delivery. By ies like Secretary Ministry Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidy- heritage and tradition. It is adopting these reforms, of Ayush Vaidya Rajesh apeeth 'Ayurvedo Amrita- still being followed in our it is expected that the Kotecha, Vaidya Deveneveryday practice. This States/UTs will be able to dra Triguna Ex-president During his speech, Dr strategic collaboration develop Ayush healthcare Governing Body, Rashtri-Mandaviya added that aims to advance Integrative services with set standards va Ayurveda Vidyapeeth,

(AI-ACIHR) at select AIIMS Dr Mandaviya added in response to increasing holistic healthcare and its

Booklets on Indian was launched by Dr Man-

### Collaborative Research in Health Research, integrate and quality infrastruc- New Delhi, Vaidya Jayant Azad Calls for Unity to Safeguard J&K's Future

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

SRINAGAR MARCH 4

Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad, today addressed a large public meeting in Aishmuquam, Pahalgam, Kashmir. Encouraging unity among the people of Jammu and Kashmir, Azad invoked the timeless words of poet Allama Iqbal, and accelerate develop- 370 in Parliament, along However, he stressed the the region's abundant effort to combat poverty the revocation of Article their children, only to opment.



"tumhari dastan na hogi ment in the region, draw- with his vocal opposition dastanon mein," urging ing upon his track record to the CAA/NRC and mob people to rise above divi- of accomplishments as lynchings. He specifically sions and work collectively both Chief Minister and pointed out the silence of towards a brighter future. Union Health Minister. the MPs from the National Azad, rallied the people Azad said, "My sole aim Conference, expressing against divisive forces is to uplift the poor and concern over their failure seeking to oppress them. ensure peace. We are com- to speak up on these sig-He said, some elements mitted to revitalizing the nificant matters. He urged are attempting to suppress tourism sector." He lament- the people not to fall under the people, while others ed the untapped tourism the influence of political have succumbed to com- potential in South Kash- parties that seek to divide he vowed to uphold and promise, either in the past mir, pledging to address communities based on reli- enhance schemes like the or potentially in the future. this oversight and harness gion or region. urgent need for unity to opportunities for devel- plight of impoverished communities and providthwart these attempts. He opment. He reiterated his families who took out ing them with opportuni-

find their highly educated youth struggling to find employment. He pledged that his government would prioritize job creation and address the issue of un- and underemployment by regularizing casual laborers and adhoc employees. He also made commitments to initiate thermal power

projects and provide free electricity to impoverished households, aiming to alleviate the burden of utility expenses on those in need. Azad also pledged to introduce legislation to protect both land and jobs, ensuring the security of livelihoods for the people, also immediate restoration of statehood. Additionally, Roshni Scheme, aimed at Azad highlighted the empowering marginalized appealed for the collective staunch resistance against bank loans to educate ties for growth and devel-

### **MECHANICAL DIVISION RTIC JAMMU Notice INVITING TENDER**

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** 

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** 

#### 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

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 1. 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).
- 2. The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in
- 3. 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 4 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6 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.
- 7. 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
- 8. 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.
- 9 Other details can be seen inside the detailed tender document

### No: MDJ/RTIC/2028-31

Dated 29-02-2024

Sd/-**Executive Engineer Mechanical Division** RTIC, Jammu

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### **Kavinder slams INDI Alliance for** personal attacks on PM Modi

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, has strongly condemned the Indian National Developmental Inclusive (INDI) Alliance for its reprehensible remarks made by former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

rally in Patna, has stooped people of India. to new lows by making religiosity.

disrespect towards Prime inferiority complex stem- opment.

Pertinent to mention Minister Modi, who has here that Lalu Prasad devoted his whole life in the elections was a clear Yadav, during an INDI to serving the 140 crore

In a symbolic gesture, derogatory comments Gupta has updated his about Prime Minister social media profile to Modi's personal life and include "Modi ka Parivaar" Kavinder Gupta, in ing his unwavering sup- consecutive term as Prime response, stated that the port for the Prime Minis-INDI Alliance's narrow- ter and his vision for the mindedness is evident in nation. Kavinder termed their inability to perceive the opposition's remarks tions, Kavinder affirmed anyone beyond familial as indicative of their frusties, a fact underscored tration and desperation. mitted to advancing the by Lalu Yadav's offensive He condemned the trend remarks. He emphasized of resorting to personal all citizens, guided by the that the nation will not attacks, attributing them principles of good goverforget Yadav's blatant to jealousy, malice, and an nance and inclusive devel-

(Modi's family), highlight- Narendra Modi for a third Minister

ming from repeated electoral defeats. He asserted that such vitriolic rhetoric has no place in Indian politics and reflects poorly on the integrity of the opposi tion leaders.

Recalling the 2019 Parliamentary elections, Kavinder reminded that similar derogatory remarks were made against PM Modi with the "Chowkidar" comment. However, the resounding

victory of Narendra Modi rebuke to such negativity. He expressed confidence that the people of country would once again deliver a fitting response to the opposition by re-electing

As the nation gears up for the upcoming electhat the BJP remains comwelfare and prosperity of

### Frame Guidelines to issue ST **Certificates to Pahari Tribes: BADC**

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference(JK BADC), a registered organization working for the welfare of border residents & Schedule Tribes of J & K has urged the Jammu and Kashmir Government to expeditiously issue guidelines so that ST category certificates to Pahari tribes are also issued without last month but the necesany hurdle. Pressing for its demand the organiza- K administration for issution informed that though ance of ST category certhe Parliament of India tificates to newly inducted has passed the Constitu- communities are awaited. tion (Jammu and Kashmir) Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik, Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2024 and former Vice Chancel- certificates to the newly and have included the lor averred that his organi- inducted communities are Gadda Brahmin, Pahari zation (BADC) is receiving issued before the start of Ethnic tribe, Koli and dozens of queries on daily new academic session so Paddari community in the basis from the youth of the that they may avail the schedule list of tribal com- newly inducted communi- benefits of relaxations of munities, moreover the ties about the procedure, the same.

guidelines and check list of documents required to get their ST Category Certificates.

The BADC Chairman requested the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Secretary J & K, Secretary Social Welfare Department and administrative Secretary J & K Tribal Affairs department

to expedite the process and issue necessary guidelines in this regard so that the members of the newly inducted communities in the ST list are able to get their Category certificates promptly. The former VC asserted that it would be most appropriate and just that these ST Category

### People's Hut Foundation receives Award of **Excellence from Greenotsav Bengaluru**

gazette notification of the

said act has been published

sary guidelines by the J &

Chairman of the BADC

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

Greenotsav Forum Bengaluru has proudly unveiled People's Hut Foundation as the winner and has proudly presented them "Award of Excellence" in the NGO Category. This prestigious award serves as a beacon of hope, aimed and its associates regu-

only source of health care. more areas are catered in make a tangible impact on



lations. When coordinating crisis response, the People's Hut Foundation also arranges for mobile health care teams to go by foot, bike, moto, boat or vehicle which makes them unique for this award. She added these days the demand for mobile units for the marginalized and keeps are rising and we vulnerable communities. people, these mobile clin- should come forward By addressing the pressfor their support so that ing challenges, they aim to Mobile clinics offer flex- the terms of health.Good the health and well-being

to newly displaced popu- NGO's like People's Hut Foundation is strengthening healthcare indicators further through its programs to promote good health and healthy practices including awareness, education through campaigns, sanitation, hygiene support, and promotion

### **JU's Poonch Campus** organizes guest lecture for students of Sericulture



of cutting-edge research

within the realm of Seri-

culture. His engaging

presentation not only

ing of the subject matter

The event provided a

Director of Poonch Campus, Prof. Rakesh

Notable personali-

sion included Dr. Rubia

Bukhari, Dr. Jyoty Ango-

Vaid, extends gratitude

platform for collaborative

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The Department of Sericulture at Poonch Campus enriched the understandproudly welcomed Dr. Javed Iqbal, a distin- but also inspired students guished biotechnologist, to explore new horizons as the guest lecturer for within the field. students from the Department of Sericulture. Dr. Iqbal, renowned in the learning, fostering a spirit field, shared valuable of academic exchange insights and knowledge between the Department in an engaging discourse. of Biotechnology and the

Today's lecture wit- Department of Sericulnessed an enthusiastic ture. gathering of students and faculty members eager to benefit from Dr. Iqbal's expertise. His talk focused to Dr. Javed Iqbal for his on the intersection of valuable contribution to Biotechnology and Seri- the academic community. culture, emphasizing the significance of innovative ties present on the occaapproaches in advancing the field.

Known for his contri- tra, Dr. Palvi Sharma, Ms. butions to Biotechnology, Kalpna Sudan, and non-Dr. Javed Iqbal highlighted teaching staff of Poonch the practical applications Campus.

### Cybercrime Investigation Cell of **Distt Police Kishtwar recovers Online** Defrauded amount of Rs. 4,06,663

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 4

In a significant develop-Police Kishtwar has suc- social media apps. cessfully recovered a total victims.

that numerous complaints Through meticulous teamwere received regard- work and concerted efforts, ing various online scams. the CIC successfully traced These scams ranged from and recovered the entirety deceptive gaming apps like of the defrauded funds of YONO 777 to fraudulent Rs 4,06,663, ensuring that activities involving popu- justice was served and vic-

ensure fair, ethical LS polls: Suri

recharge App, Credit card bills, GSM recharge, Flipkart App, AnyDesk, Awas Yojna, Netflix, QR Code, ment, the Cybercrime and several other malicious Investigation Cell of District links circulated through

Upon receiving these amount of Rs. 4,06,663 in complaints, the dedicated online defrauded funds. team of the CIC of District This accomplishment Police Kishtwar promptly underscores the unit's initiated action. They colsteadfast commitment to laborated closely with combatting cybercrime concerned banks and and ensuring justice for UPI apps to gather essential details regarding the The reports revealed online defrauded amounts.

Sham Lal Sharma inaugurates New Look Bridal Studio at Dumi

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

Sham Lal Sharma, Former Cabinet Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, inaugurated New Look Bridal Studio at Dumi, Jammu. The event was graced by Pawan Sharma, Krishan Lal Sharma President Dogra Grameen Brahman Sabha, Madan Lal Sharma President Sudan Biradari, Naresh Sudan, Rahul Sharma and many others.

As the Chief Guest of the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma congratulated the owner of the studio, Arti



Sharma. He praised the forward to start their own assured the public of the entrepreneurial spirit of business in the desired best services at affordable the youth and highlight- field which will empow- prices. She said the sered their contribution to er them. Arti Sharma vices like bridal and party building a strong nation. explained that New Look makeup, beauty, hair and

Sharma and Mohinder and ladies should come studios in the area. She He said that there is a lot of Bridal Studio is going to be nail services etc will be

#### at nurturing and empowering non-profit organizations, while igniting their professional and administrative capabilities. While presenting the award the Founder of Greenotsav Forum Ms. Aarthi SAID People's Hut Foundation

larly deploy mobile clinics and medical teams to reach people cut off from access to health services under their Mobile Health Clinic Program. For many ics and teams may be their

ible and viable options for health and well-being are of communities, contribtreating isolated and vul- foundations upon which uting to a healthier and

### Empyrean 2024: A Magnificent celebration of Artistic Brilliance, Inspiration EC advisory on electioneering will

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Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, conducted its annual cultural and management extravaganza, "EMPYREAN'2024" from March 1st to 3rd, 2024. The event was formally inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri R.R. Swain, IPS, Director General of Police (DGP), Jammu and Kashmir, on 1st March 2024. As IIM Jammu unfolded three nity in celebration." action-packed days fest during Empyrean 2024, its annual cultural extravaganza, attendees experienced a diverse range of leaving an indelible mark on all attendees.

rean, the annual cultural from India and abroad." festival of IIM Jammu, our students for organizing involved." such a spectacular event



Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Aca- entertain participants. performances and events IPL Auction 2.0, followed and flair for fashion. during Empyrean 2024 by the thrilling Leadership have been truly outstand- Challenge, where students events and performances. ing, reflecting the incred-showcased their oratory an 2024, the Institute The second and third days ible talent and diversity of skills combined with leadof the cultural fest show- our student body. Empyre- ership skills and probcased captivating acts, an 2024 was a memorable lem-solving abilities and experience that brought judged by an esteemed the community together panel of media experts fea-Prof. B.S. Sahay, Direc- and showcased some of turing Shri Pardeep Datta, tor, IIM Jammu: "Empy- the best artistic talents Senior Editor at Times the event brought together

was an event that brought person, Student Affairs, ANI, Jammu along with Dr. together a diverse group IIM Jammu: "Empyrean Apurva Yadav, Co-Chairand appreciate the vari- ing success, thanks to and Dr. Gaana.J, Faculty, ous cultures represented the tireless efforts of our IIM Jammu. within the institute. The students, faculty, officers event has been an extraor- and staff. Their dedication ued with the Solo Singing dinary showcase of talent, and passion have made Competition, where talcreativity, and teamwork. this event a memorable ented vocalists mesmer-

The second day of tions. The highlight of commitment to lifelong vibrant culture of creativthat has brought together Empyrean 2024 featured the evening was the Envie connections and alumni the entire campus commu- a dynamic lineup of events Fashion Show, where stu- development.

designed to engage and dents strutted the runway in stunning ensembles, demics, IIM Jammu: "The The day kicked off with showcasing their creativity

On this momentous occasion of Empyrerecently hosted its annual alumni meet, "Samagam–The Annual Alumni Reunion," at its Jagti campus. Themed "Reconnect, Reunite, Revive!", Now, and Shri Sominder distinguished alumni, cur-Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chair- Koul, Senior Journalist, rent students, and faculty members for enriching interactions. Prof. B.S. of individuals to celebrate 2024 has been a resound-person, Student Affairs, Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, emphasized the importance of alumni their passion, creativity, The day further continnetworking, joined by and organizational skills. esteemed faculty mem- As Empyrean 2024 draws bers. The reunion cel- to a close, IIM Jammu ebrated shared experi- looks forward to build-I am immensely proud of experience for everyone ized the audience with ences and aspirations, ing on this momentum their melodious rendi- reinforcing the institute's and continuing to foster a

The second day concluded on a high note with a mesmerising performance by Bollywood sensation Shri Ankit Tiwari, known for his hit songs "Sun Raha Hai Tu" and "Teri Galliyan," enthralling the audience with his soulful voice and magnetic stage presence. The third day of Empyrean 2024 kicked off with mesmerizing performances by popular Bollywood singer Ms.Aditi Sharma, known for her hits like "Dilli" and "Golmaal" With exhilarating music and electrifying beats, Ms.Aditi Sharma kept the energy levels soaring, captivating the audience, and creating an unforgettable experience. The scale of Empyrean 2024 is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the students of IIM Jammu. From selecting and coordinating with artists to budgeting, execution, operations, and marketing, every aspect of the festival was meticulously

planned and executed by the student body (Student Affairs Office), showcasing

ity, innovation, and excellence on campus.

### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 4

Appreciating the election campaign advisory issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) J&K **Executive Member Raman** Suri today said that such steps initiated well in advance will ensure fair and ethical elections wherein political parties

will not use foul or abusive and abusive language, BJP nation.

these BJP leaders have party is going to people to with their own eyes. done commendable work in their respective condeserving candidates. Bharat to new heights.

political parties which, corruption-free adminis- paigners while using social out of frustration, use foul tration was put in place to media.



language, will not indulge believes in the politics of in mudslinging and, also ethics. The BJP leaders, adhere to the ethics of candidates or campaign- our worthy Prime Minelectioneering to ensure ers have always been seek- ister was made to listen that issue-based campaign ing votes for the develop- unethical words by the is undertaken for the good ment of nation and the opposition parties, BJP of society as well as the weaker sections of the is going to adhere to the society, irrespective of highest standards of elec-Raman Suri also hailed their caste, creed, region, tioneering and seek votes the candidature of Union or religion. It is due to based on development Minister in PMO Dr Jatin- the actual works done by and peace, which it has der Singh and MP Jugal the BJP government and restored in the troubled Kishore Sharma for the complete fulfilment of the areas of the country, and upcoming Lok Sabha points mentioned in elec- on the basis of prosperity, elections and said that tion manifesto, that the which people are seeing

seek the third term. stituencies and are most adhering to the advice of actions, or utterances that the ECI and party's moral may be construed as being Seeking public support values, BJP is going to repugnant to the honour for the BJP candidates, polls with the sole agenda and dignity of women Raman Suri said, their vic- of building a strong and will be adhered to and no tory will strengthen Naren- Viksit Bharat. It was unverified and misleaddra Modi's vision of taking because of the BJP govern- ing advertisements will be ment that, for the first time used besides utmost care He said, unlike other in the history of Bharat, a will be taken by our cam-

give justice to the people. Massive infrastructural development coupled with administrative reforms and global acceptance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership are the top few achievements on which people are going to give BJP a third term.

The BJP leader said, based on facts and figures besides BJP government's own achievements during the past ten years, the party is going to polls. He said, unlike past where

He said, ECI's advice to Raman Suri added that refrain from any deeds,





lege Prof. (Dr.) Seema Naz.

Towheeda Rasool, Dr

On this occasion,

encouraged the partici-

and Zaid Khan the Train-

Daljeet Kour, Dr

### **Schools reopen after 3-month** Winter break in Kupwara; students excited to return to classrooms

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** KUPWARA, MARCH 04

Schools in Kupwara district reopened today and sprung back to life after remaining closed for three months due to winter vacations.

A bright sunny day on Monday made a perfect ambience for the students to return to classrooms, as they looked enthusiastic and excited. Schools presented a fesstudents dressed in uniforms were seen headteachers.

On the directions of the of physical class work.

Accompanied by



ing sweets and interacting to respective schools ed with the students and in the morning, meeting staff. He congratulated and interacting with their students, parents and Kupwara, Abdul Majeed fellow students and the teachers and also inspected class room facilities.

Deputy Commissioner the students at Govern- UPS Gund Kuhroo. (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi ment Girls Middle School Sudan, ADC Handwara, Handwara, he said, "By Aziz Ahmad Rather vis- improving quality educa- conditions, and avaited various Schools of tion under the Aspiration- lanche warnings in Handwara to welcome al District Programme, the students and inspect the District Administra- authorities, the District the smooth re-opening of tion has added various Administration Kupwara schools and resumption infrastructure facilities has ordered extension in the schools".

Dy.CEO Kupwara and schools have become March 5, in avalanche ZEO Handwara, ADC model schools now. prone areas of Keran, visited various schools There is vast improveincluding, Government ment in education stan- Kumkadi, Machil and Boys Middle Schools dards in Kupwara district upper reaches of Karnah Handwara and Govern- and the District Adminis- Sub-division for the safety ment Girls Middle School tration will leave no stone of students and teachers.



the students by present- education infrastructure and facilities like playfields for the schools. Chief Education Officer

Dar visited BHSS Unisoo, BMS Unisoo and Primary While interacting with School Pohrupeth and Meanwhile in view of the inclement weather snowbound areas by the

of winter vacations for He said Government school-going children till Budnambal, Jumagund,

### **NRLM empowering women** through entrepreneurship



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

Nuzhat Jan, a member of National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) and part of Farhan Self Help Group (SHG) of Pulwama supported by NRLM, is breaking barriers and showcasing her entrepreneurial spirit.

Recently, Nuzhat estabarray of dry fruits and other products crafted Parade Ground in Panchkula, Haryana. Her stall not only displayed rich diversity of Kashmiri produce but also highlighted skill and craftsmanship nurtured within her SHG.

Despite hailing from a rural area in Pulwama, Nuzhat's determination and commitment to her craft have transcended geographical boundaries. Moreover, Nuzhat

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A four-day training for

functionaries under the

training Pani Samiti mem-

The program is aimed at ence.

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added a touch of Kashmi-

ri warmth by serving the with the help of Mission. famous Kashmiri Kehwa in Not only has she thrived traditional Samovars. This individually, but she has cultural infusion not only refreshed taste buds but husband in supporting also provided a glimpse into the vibrant heritage initiatives, amplifying the

of Kashmir. Through her initiative, Nuzhat Jan is not just selling products but she is Pulwama, Arsheed Ahmad representing community's resilience and transfor- journey serves as a beacon lished a stall featuring mative power of SHGs in of inspiration for other empowering women.

by her SHG at the Huda at Huda Parade Ground He remarked that her serves a testament to potential and capabilities of women entrepreneurs from rural areas, inspiring her own growth but has others to dream big and reach their goals. Nuzhat Jan stands as a peers.

testament to the transformative power of dedication and support within the NRLM in Pulwama. For the past four years, Nuzhat has been an inte-

gral part of NRLM, initiating her livelihood journey in Pulwama.

also actively engaged her and carrying out various impact of their efforts.

District Programme Manager (DPM), NRLM Bhat said that Nuzhat Jan's Self Help Group (SHG) The presence of Nusrat members in the district. unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit have not only enabled

> also fostered a sense of empowerment among her

The DPM highlighted that through her dedication and perseverance, Nuzhat exemplifies the core values of NRLM, uplifting not just herself, but also those around her

### **04 Days 'Martial Art Camp** for Women' begins at GCoE (IASE) Srinagar

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

Four days 'Martial Art Shaheena Rasool and Dr. Camp' for the female stu- Gousia Nissar were also dents of the Government present on the occasion. College of Education (IASE) M.A Road Srinagar Principal of the college commenced today.

The camp has been pating female students organized by the Depart- and also highlighted the ment of Physical Educa- importance of martial art tion in collaboration with and self defensive skills Women's Studies Centre, especially for women in Government College of day today life. She also Education (IASE) M.A encouraged Azmat Khan Road Srinagar. During the inaugural ers of the camp. A total

ceremony, the four day number of 31 female stucamp was inaugurated by dents participated on the the principal of the col- first day of the camp.

### Cong dream palace will collapse to ground in LS elections: Dr Manyal

**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

collapse to ground in LS elections. He said that dreams of only those polit- for the first time, Jammu ical parties come true, & Kashmir, got adequate which work on ground share in the develop-

Manyal was reacting to the government at the centre, claim of JKPCC president and moreover, the dis-Vikar Rasool that 'Con- crimination with Jammu gress will win Jammu Lok has been removed, J&K Sabha seat with thump- got two AIIMS, IIT, IIM, ing majority'. He said Bio-tech Park, medical that the Congress leaders collages at district levels, should make such state- better and modern faciliments after being prop- ties of road, rail, air conerly acquainted with the nectivity, reservation to ground realities. The state- OBCs, STs and also the ment is contrary to the economically weaker secreal situation, which indi- tions, Fasal Bima Yojana to cates that the Congress farmers, Kissan Samman and other parties will face Nidhi, end of terrorism, humiliating defeat as the record number of tourists BJP is going to win the arrival, successful conduct Jammu LS and other seats of international level event

#### the country from 2014 onwards", Manyal said and added that a com-Taking a dig at the Con- parison between the two gress for day dreaming of governments' achieveany miracle in the upcom- ments will make even a lay ing elections, Jammu And man to accept that Modi's Kashmir BJP General model of governance has Secretary & former min- been best in all matters ister, Dr Devinder Kumar and that the BJP should Manyal, said that dream be voted overwhelmingly palace of this party will to give pace to the development.

Dr. Manyal said that and not make false claims. ment projects and wel-Dr Devinder Kumar fare schemes from any

### **Reasi: JJM functionaries receive** DC B'pora chairs meeting regarding pending NHRC cases

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** BANDIPORA, MARCH 04

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Monday convened a meeting at Mini Secretariat, here regarding pending National Human Rights Cases (NHRC).

The meeting was convened in view of the instructions of the Chief Secretary to accord priority to the cases filed before





Delhi, covers JJM scheme urging them to work with

operations, financial man- the public to tackle water

agement and community challenges. He acknowl-

The DDC, in his with an open discussion

NHRC

On the occasion, various cases were discussed departments.

ment.

The DC underscored ting and thereafter the concerned.



in detail that were pend- the urgency of filing final submissions before ing for reply with different replies of the pending the NHRC.

complaints and directed The meeting was It was informed that all the concerned depart- attended by ADC, Umar 31 cases of Bandipora ments to submit the report Shafi Pandit; ASP Banare pending for detailed of pending cases, at an dipora, ACR, HoP KGHEP, reports and onward sub- earliest, so that the same NHPC, DSWO, Tehsildar mission to the Law Depart- are submitted to the Law Bandipora, EO MC Ban-Department for legal vet- dipora/Sumbal and other

chief guest.

Key Resource Centre New agement at the local level, Mohapatra with his team.

bers, self-help groups, address, emphasised the where participants shared Anganwadi workers and importance of these func- feedback and views. panchayat secretaries for tionaries in JJM scheme the operation and man-success and their role in occasion included Rakesh agement of JJM schemes. improving water supply District Development and sanitation in the dis- Circle Udhampur, Sunil Commissioner Vishesh trict. He encouraged them Koul Consultant JJM, Mahajan attended as the to apply the training to

mobilisation. The agenda

includes interactive ses-

Jal Jeevan Mission began sions, workshops and field and assured administra-

today at the DC Office. visits for practical experi- tive support.

enhance their skills. The training, a joint He also noted the role Kishor Kumar Mahajan effort by the Jal Jeevan of Pani Samities in water XEn MID Dharmari, the Mission and We the People conservation and man- DPMU Team and Ajay

edged the efforts of Pani

Samities in the district

The session concluded

Those present on the Mahajan SE Hydraulic Rakesh Gupta XEn Jal Shakti Division Reasi,

with record number of like G20, citizenship rights votes this time. Dr. Devinder Kumar flying of tricolor at Lal Manyal said that the BJP Chowk and other areas

has reached at the door- with full honour, free steps of the people with its houses, cooking gas conreport card of ten years, nections, toilets to poor wherein, the J&K UT too, families, health insurlike other parts of the ance of rupee five lakh for country, has scaled new every resident of J&K, are heights in development a few gifts of Modi governand public welfare.

Congress-led UPA under party is serving them with Prime Minister, Dr. Man- honesty. If anything Conmohan Singh, ruled the gress has to claim is that country from 2004 to it promoted dynastic rule, 2014 and BJP- led NDA corruption, nepotism, disunder Prime Minister, crimination with Jammu Narendra Modi, served and so on, he said.

to West Pakistan refugees ment and the people well

"Remote controlled understand as to which

### Fostering Civic Responsibility: IIM Jammu Encourages Voting Awareness with 'Mera Pehla Vote, Mere Desh Ke Liye" Campaign

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 4

urging students and fac- come." ulty alike to recognize occasion.

future of the nation. He emphasized, "Voting is not

just a right but a respon-The Indian Institute of sibility bestowed upon Management (IIM) Jammu, us as citizens of this great in its ongoing commitment nation. By exercising our to nurturing responsible right, we contribute to the citizenship, hosted the democratic process and "Mera Pehla Vote, Mere pave the way for a brighter Desh Ke Liye" campaign, future for generations to

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean and exercise their right Academics at IIM Jammu, of the nation. The event, cance of understanding tomorrow. held in the Vivekananda one's duties as citizens

of voting in shaping the exercise our vote and lead tial for each one of us to stand the significance of nation. In a democracy, Affairs Office.



Cmdr. Kesavan Bask-Classroom, saw robust and the power of collective karan, Chief Administra- towards the growth and ers us to shape the destiny participation from the IIM action, drawing parallels tive Officer of IIM Jammu, prosperity of our nation." Jammu community, reaf- with the impactful "Jaago mentioned about the firming their dedication to Re" campaign by Tata economic implications of person of Student Affairs ful speeches, a pledge for active civic engagement. Tea. He urged everyone voting by citing the GDPs of at IIM Jammu, shared his "Mera Pehla Vote, Mere responsible citizenship A series of videos focus- to pledge their commit- India, China, and the USA. personal experiences and Desh Ke Liye" was under- and contributing positively ing on the power to vote ment to vote, stating, "In a He urged everyone pres- urged students to recog- taken by all faculty, offi- to society. The event culwere showcased on the democracy, our duty goes ent to realize the power nize their duty towards the cers, staff members, and minated with the rendition beyond casting a vote; it of their vote in driving the nation. He emphasized, students of IIM Jammu, of the national anthem, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Direc- involves actively partici- nation towards progress, tor of IIM Jammu, under- pating in the democratic stating, "For a developed scored the importance process. Let us pledge to India by 2047, it is essen- for every citizen to under- democratic values of the coordinated by Student

to vote for the betterment emphasized the signifi- by example for a better exercise our right to vote. their vote. Voting is not Let us make use of this merely a choice but a opportunity to contribute responsibility that empow-Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chair-"Each vote cast is a voice reaffirming their commit- symbolizing unity, and heard, and it is imperative ment to upholding the patriotism. The event was

of our country.'

Following the insight-

the act of voting is not just a right but a solemn duty that empowers citizens to shape the future of the nation.

Through initiatives like 'Mera Pehla Vote, Mere Desh Ke Liye," Campaign, IIM Jammu strives to instill a sense of civic duty and encourage meaningful participation in the electoral process among its

students and faculty. The event served as a platform for fostering awareness and dialogue surrounding the importance of voting, reinforcing the institute's commitment to nurturing

### For Modi, nation is a family: Chugh

**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 4

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today said that for Prime Minister Narendra Modi the entire nation was a family. He said unlike many

opposition leaders trying are prompting their per to promote nepotism, sonal families, the prime Modi had owned up the minister has set a unique people coming from diver- example of adopting the gent sections and classes nation as his family, he as his family.

Chugh said all the welfare schemes launched entire opposition would by the prime minister are be exposed in days to targetted at his family as come and to establish how a nation.

leaders in the Opposition to build the entire nation led by the Gandhi family as a family.



said.

The agenda of the the prime minister has

At a time when all senior defeated divisive forces

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