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## LG condoles loss of lives in Ramban Accident

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SRINAGAR, MAR 4

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

"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

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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, Banderpora, and Baramulla districts of north Kashmir in next 24 hours.

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.

## LG, Union FAH&D Minister inaugurate Technology Exhibition at SKUAST-K

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SRINAGAR, MAR 4

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Parshotam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated the two-day Technology Exhibition-cum-Seed Mela at SKUAST Kashmir, Monday.

The event witnessed the inauguration of various works and programmes including SKUAST Kashmir's commercial Silage Unit, Krishi Radio and Rural Internship - Student Rural Exploration programme of J&K Government under HADP.

In his address, Parshotam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, commended the Lt Governor led UT Administra-



tion for transforming the Agriculture and allied sector of J&K and promoting innovation based Agri Startups.

The Union Minister also announced an Aqua park for J&K. He assured all possible support in upscaling the livestock production, establishment of Modern Fish Market and creating

more livelihood avenues for the local farmers and pastoralists in the Union Territory.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Union Minister and Government of India for their support and cooperation in development of Agriculture and Allied sector of

the Union Territory.

He also appreciated the vital role of SKUAST-Kashmir in driving reforms in Agriculture Sector and unlocking the potential of Jammu Kashmir.

Today, we celebrate the spirit of innovation and resilience that defines our agricultural landscape.

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

JI NEWS SERVICE  
SRINAGAR, MAR 4

Bhartiya Janata Party's (BJP's) J&K unit is all set for a majestic welcome for Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is arriving on March 7 to address a mega rally at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar.

A BJP leader privy to the preparation plan told news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that J&K BJP has already started mega preparations to give rousing reception to PM Modi on March 7. "There will be a grand welcome for PM Modi at Bakshi Stadium. We have devised a plan and our workers are working on that," he said. "This time, it will be a unique welcome for our leader."

PM Modi will address a

mammoth rally at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar where BJP is expecting two lakh people. It will be the first public rally of PM Modi in Srinagar after abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. This will be the second rally of PM Modi in J&K since February 20, the day he addressed a massive public gathering at Jammu where he inaugurated developmental projects worth Rs 3200 Cr.

"Over 10,000 party flags will be installed across Srinagar right from the airport to the rally venue. There will also be 1000 banners and hoardings displaying PM Modi's photographs with slogans like "Ab ki baar 400 paar (this time, we will cross 400 seats)," a source in the BJP disclosed to KNO. He said that as per

the plan, 15000 people including BJP workers will be coming from each district of Kashmir.

"Over 500 workers have been tasked to fix hoardings, install banners and flags at various places across Srinagar," he said. "These workers are working overnight to finish the work."

A BJP leader said that the rally is open and nobody needs to approach the BJP office for passes. "Everybody who wishes to listen to PM Modi at Bakshi Stadium is welcome and he or she doesn't need any entry pass," he said, wishing not to be named.

To accommodate workers in Srinagar a day ahead of the rally, over 100 hotels, lodges and guest houses have

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

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, MAR 4

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Urban Coopera-

tive Finance and Development Corporation Limited (NUCFDC), the umbrella organization of urban cooperative banks, in New Delhi today. On this occasion, Amit Shah

stressed on strengthening the spirit of Cooperation among Cooperatives.

In his address, Amit Shah said that unless the strength to promote cooperation and mutual prog-

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 said earlier the Cooperative Ministry and the cooperative sector were scattered among many ministries. He mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after 75 years of independence, has established a separate Ministry of Cooperation, breathing new life

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## CEO reviews preparations in Jammu parliamentary constituency

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, Monday chaired a meeting here to review the preparations for upcoming Lok Sabha Elections, 2024 in Jammu Parliamentary

Constituency. The meeting, among others, was attended by District Election Officers and SSPs of Jammu, Samba and Reasi Districts. During the meeting, extensive deliberations were held on District Election Management Plans for Jammu, Samba and

Reasi districts. The new also held discussions on electoral eoll Processes, logistical requirements, manpower management, risk management, EVM transportation, polling staff and security arrangements. The meeting also focused on allocating

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## My life an open book, 140 crore people my family: PM Modi

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 alliance, deeply engrossed in corruption, nepotism and appeasement, are becoming nervous. When I question their 'Parivar-



vad', they have started saying that Modi has no family," the Prime Minister said.

"My life is an open book, 140 crore people of

the country are my family. Today, crores of daughters, mothers and sisters of the country are Modi's family. Every poor

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## Rs 41,000 cr investment in city gas projects in North-East, Jammu and Kashmir: Puri

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 roll-out 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 to award licences to the winners of 12th city gas distribution (CGD) bidding round, he said with the award of licences for 8 geographical areas



covering 103 districts in six north eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim and Mizoram and two Union

Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the city gas network now covers the entire country except the islands.

"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

AGENCIES  
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. He dedicated it to young minds and potential Start-Ups of India.



The Minister was addressing the gathering after laying the foundation stone of the first-ever "Science Experience Centre" and an exclusive "Biofuel

Centre" in the premises of CSIR-IICT Hyderabad.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that the Science Experience Centre will definitely inspire the young minds

of our nation and encourage them to come up with innovative ideas for Start-Ups. He further said that the culture

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

JI NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

The vehicular movement was resumed for one-way traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Monday after a two-day-long closure following multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains and snowfall, officials said.

The 270-kilometre highway, the only all-weather link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, was closed for traffic early Saturday following

landslides, mudslides and shooting stones, triggered by heavy rainfall at over a dozen places between Nashri and Banihal including Dalwas, Mehadi-Cafeteria and Hingni in Ramban, they said.

"In view of the single lane and poor surface of the road at Dalwas, Mehadi-Cafeteria, Nachlana, Ganguro, Hingni, Kishtwari Pather, only one-way traffic was resumed this morning till the road gets double land repaired," a traffic police officer said.

Traffic is moving normally from Jammu to Srinagar today, he said.

However, the traffic department advised commuters to follow lane discipline and drive cautiously.

"Commuters are advised to follow lane discipline, overtaking can lead to congestion. People are advised not to ply against traffic plans in view of the possible traffic congestion because of the narrow

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## Students receive grand welcome on their 1st day to school after Winter Vacations in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

The Education Department went all out to welcome the students on their first day back to school after the winter vacations.

Director School Education Kashmir, Dr. Tasaduq Hussain Mir personally extended a warm welcome to the students of GMS Kothibagh and GGHSS Kothibagh Srinagar.

His words of encouragement and support motivated the students to set their goals high and strive for excellence.

To make the occasion even more memorable, different gifts were distributed among the students, creating an atmosphere of excitement and joy. It was a heartwarming gesture to instill a sense of belongingness among the

students.

Chief Education Officer Srinagar, Abdul Hamid Fani welcomed students in several schools across different Education Zones. He engaged the students in various activities, fostering their creativity and enthusiasm.

As a delightful surprise, sweets and chocolates were distributed among the students, leaving everyone with smiles on their faces.

The participation of all the Principals and Zonal Education Officers of the district Srinagar, who visited one school in their respective cluster/zone to personally greet and welcome the students made this grand welcome even more remarkable.

The students were thrilled to interact with their mentors and express their experiences and



memories from the winter vacations. The HOIs, teachers and non-teaching staff warmly welcomed them back with open arms, creating a support-

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 both academics and extra-curricular activities.

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

JJ 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 'Mera Pehla Vote, Desh ke Liye' campaign. Under the guidance of District Election Officer, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary these initiatives aimed at instilling the importance of electoral participation among the youth.

As part of this endeavor, the NSS volunteers and students of GDC Ramban initiated a commendable effort by establishing a designated 'Selfie Point' within the college premises. Adorned with vibrant paintings and impactful taglines such as 'Mera Pehla Vote Desh ka



Liya' and 'Chunav ka Parv Desh ka Gaurav', the place serves as a visual reminder of the power and responsibility vested in the act of voting.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty and staff members, many of whom were first-time voters.

Through the act of capturing selfies at the designated point, participants not only celebrated their newfound role as active citizens but also propagated awareness about the significance of electoral engagement among their

peers.

This initiative, conceptualized by Prof. Ram Parkash and executed by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, NSS Program Officer, under the mentorship of Prof. Satish Kumar, Principal in charge of the college, underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to nurturing democratic values and promoting civic engagement among the youth.

It highlights the pivotal role educational institutions play in shaping responsible citizens and strengthening the democratic fabric of our nation.

## DTO Kathua hands over Truenat Machine to CHC Bani



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
KATHUA, MAR 4

In a significant development aimed at enhancing healthcare facilities in the region, Truenat Machine (Molbio Diagno TVStigs) has been provided to the Community Health Centre (CHC) Bani.

This crucial step comes as a result of the persistent efforts of the State Tuberculosis Officer, Dr. Poonam Mahajan, and the unwavering guidance of Chief Medical Officer Kathua, Dr. Radha Krishna, handed over the Truenat machine to Block Medical Officer Bani, Dr. Dev Raj Mishra.

The provision of the Truenat Machine marks the fulfillment of a long-

standing demand of Block Bani, which has previously faced challenges due to the unavailability of such advanced diagnostic facilities locally. Prior to this initiative, patients were compelled to travel to GMC Kathua/DTC Kathua for Truenat testing. This often posed logistical and financial burdens on the patients, particularly those from remote areas.

Expressing gratitude towards the District Health Administration Kathua, Dr. Dev Raj Mishra, Block Medical Officer of Bani, acknowledged the significance of this initiative in providing essential diagnostic services to the doorstep of the needy patients in Tehsil Bani. He emphasized that the availability of such advanced testing facilities locally would

alleviate the burden on patients and improve healthcare accessibility in the region.

Dr. Radha Krishna, DTO Kathua, reiterated the commitment of the health authorities to extend similar advancements to other Blocks in the District. She assured that efforts would be made to introduce technologies capable of rapidly detecting Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Complex Bacteria (MTCB) and Rifampicin resistance in the near future.

This initiative represents a significant milestone in the healthcare infrastructure of District Kathua, with CHC Bani becoming the first-ever Block headquarters in the District to have access to such advanced diagnostic technology.

## Ritika felicitates one-day awareness-cum-interaction program by Deptt of Horticulture

JJ NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

Department of Horticulture Jammu today organized one-day awareness-cum-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 the occasion include Anju Bhat Scientist of Bosch University, Dheeraj Horticulture Development Officer, DDC Bishnah Block Darminder Kumar, Panch Suman, Naib Sarpanch Ashwani, Naib Jagdev Singh. The programme was managed by Praveen Kumari. The event witnessed active participation from farmers across the district, reflecting their keen interest in adopting modern agricultural practices and enhancing their farming capabilities. The interactive question and answer sessions facilitated meaningful discussions, allowing farmers to seek clarification on doubts and exchange valuable insights with experts and fellow practitioners. Participants were provided with informative pamphlets, booklets, and educational resources containing valuable guidelines and best practices for sustainable agriculture.

Ritika Trehan while speaking on the occasion briefed the farmers about the plantation schemes available and guided them to apply for availing incen-



tives available through online portals viz Jansugam (jansugam.jk.gov.in) and HADP (hadp.jk.gov.in). She advised them to avail incentive available on establishment of Custom Hiring Centres and Farm Machinery Banks under centrally sponsored scheme SMAM for employment generation and earning good income. Ritika said that under area expansion scheme under Capex budget has been formulated to achieve the objective of enhanced production and productivity and raising the income of farmers and reasonable amount will be deposited in their accounts who become part of scheme.

In her address, Ritika expressed gratitude towards, PRIs, and the local farmers for making the event a success. She pledged to conduct more such programs in the area to further agricultural development. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of diversifying horticulture in the region by cultivating different fruits based on feasibility. She urged the field functionaries of the department to maintain close cooperation with the local farmers, providing them with the necessary sup-

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 departmental schemes/programs presently under implementation in the district with special emphasis on Revised Modified High Density Plantation Scheme, Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), CAPEX and SMAM.

Dheeraj Horticulture Development Officer briefed participants in detail about fruits plants cultivation and impressed upon them to adopt its cultivation as they are highly remunerative cash crops and moreover a healthy incentive of in-cash per kanal is available for its cultivation. He advised them to keep close liaison with the field functionaries of the Horticulture Department to take maximum benefit from the departmental schemes.

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

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JAMMU, MARCH 4

Commissioner Secretary Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD), Mandeep Kaur today inspected the Waste Disposal site of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) at Kot-Bhalwal here to assess the progress of works on under construction waste treatment facility.

During her inspection, the Commissioner Secretary was apprised about site plan and progress made till date on Integrated Solid Waste Management project of 350TPD being developed by NAFED.

The representatives of NAFED also informed the Commissioner Secretary on progress of Material Recovery Facility for handling dry waste and explained plan for upcoming Bio-digester for handling wet waste.

The Commissioner Secretary expressed her displeasure over slow progress of work and directed NAFED representatives to intensify their efforts to meet the project deadlines. She also visited the waste dump site and assessed the requirement of bio remediation of the waste accumulated.



Later, the Commissioner Secretary also visited Central Jail Kot-Bhalwal to examine the waste

## DC reviews Maha Shivratri festival arrangements in Udhampur



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 4

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting in the Mini Conference Hall of DC Office Complex Udhampur to review the arrangements for the upcoming Maha Shivratri festival. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Additional SP Baljit Singh, and other senior officers from various departments.

Detailed discussion were held on the arrangements for adequate drinking water supply, uninterrupted power supply, cleanliness, sanitation, security, Medicare facilities and deployment of fire tenders.

Assigning different tasks to stakeholder departments, the DC directed concerned heads to make all necessary arrangements in advance to avoid inconvenience to the people. She emphasized proper sanitation around temples, on the auspicious occasion of Maha Shivratri.

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## Zeeshan leads delegation to DC Poonch, highlights public issues



JJ NEWS SERVICE  
POONCH, MARCH 4

Zeeshan Rana, Additional Spokesperson of Jammu & Kashmir National Conference, led a delegation today to meet with the Deputy Commissioner of Poonch. The delegation highlighted the pressing issues confronting the residents of various areas in the absence of a popularly elected government for over five years.

During the meeting, Zeeshan Rana emphasized the manifold increase in public grievances owing to the prolonged absence of a popular government in Jammu & Kashmir. Discussions were held in detail on the poor power scenario, deplorable condition of roads, non-availability of ration and lack of basic amenities affecting several areas including Sangarra, Balnoi, Manjarkote, Balakote, Mendhar, and others. The delegation also stressed the crucial need for regular water and power supply, particularly in anticipation of the upcoming Holy month of Ramadan.

The Deputy Commissioner attentively listened to the delegation's concerns and assured them of his commitment to addressing the aforementioned issues.

The delegation comprised of Adv Nazir Husain, Mian Sheeraz, Maulana Mohd Iqbal, Mohd Azam, Riyasat Choudhary and other senior leaders of the party.

lighted the National Conference's unwavering commitment to preserving communal harmony and peace in the Pir Panjal area. He warned against any attempts by certain elements to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere and reassured that the National Conference would stand firm against such efforts.

Asserting the party's disciplined approach, Zeeshan Rana reiterated the National Conference's readiness to collaborate with the administration to ensure peace and harmony throughout Jammu & Kashmir. He also urged the Deputy Commissioner to enforce accountability among district officers to alleviate the suffering of the people.

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

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MAR 4

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 Gadda Brahmins, Dubdabay Brahmins, Koli,Sunar, West Pakistan Refugees (including upper castes), Acharya Brahmins, Jat, Saini, Paddri Tribe ,PahariEthnic group, Christian, Bojru,Decount, Ghirath,Bhattiand etc in the lists of JK-UT OBC's as recommended by the Chairman Justice(Retd) G.D.Sharma of present "SOCIAL & EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD CLASSES COMMISSION" who is 92 years old and has not attended his office since long time and has prepared his report in a closed room under the Political influence of B.J.P Govt. Moreover the chairman of this commission has not followed properly the parameters for the identification of SEBC's (OBC's) set by the Supreme court of India in its Judgment dt.16.11.1992 on Mandal commission Report-1978 vide paragraph 6, 247, 652 of A.I.R 1993-94. Further the Chairman of this commission has not visited any area during his three years tenure to access the actual position of these castes which are to be inducted. The Chairman recommended castes/classes who do not carry the Stigma of Social Backwardness and are not KAMEENS and are Land-

lord's and very very rich and have their Ministers/M.L.A's since long time and have very good representation in the Govt. Services.

Also It is pertinent to mention here that before the recommendation of these castes for induction this commission chairman has not issued any public notification and those filed any objection regarding the induction of newly castes has not given any opportunity for pleading



their grievances. Moreover there are certain castes the induction of their in central OBC lists have been rejected twice by the Hon'ble Supreme court of India.

When EWS 10% reservation is meant for castes and communities other than Schedule castes and OBC's then why the Chairman of this commission has recommended upper castes especially Brahmins for induction in the JK-UT lists of OBC's. This shows

discrimination behaviour with lower castes is still alive in the mind of Sh.G.D.Sharma in order to dilute the OBC reservation. So Govt. Should remove such type of person from the post of chairman.

The castes recommended by this commission for induction in the lists of JK-UT OBC's are not identified as Socially & Educationally Backward Classes(OBC's) by National "Kaka Kalelkar Commission-1955", nor by the MANDAL COMMISSION-1978 and not identified by the Jammu & Kashmir Backward Classes committees/commissions set up by the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir Government "Justice Janki Nath Wazir Committee-1969, Justice A.S.Anand com-

mittee-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 of Supreme court of india mentioned in paragraph number 123A of A.I.R-1993-94. In the end we request Prime Minister Sh.Narinder Modi and LG Manoj Sinha that the recommendation of this Present SEBC's commission for induction of these castes is not as per the parameters set up by Hon'ble Supreme court of india in its judgement dt.16.11.1992. Moreover the supreme court has also mentioned in its Judgment that the commission report is an ordinarily binding on the Govt. Sowe appeal to treat this report as NULL & VOID.

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



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
RAJOURI, MARCH 4

In a significant development, a meeting of the District Level Selection Committee was convened today under supervision of Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat. The primary agenda of this meeting was to deliberate on the pending cases of Rehber e Khel teachers.

It was informed that the verification of the two candidates whose cases were pending has been completed, and all documents have been found to be genuine and in order. The meticulous verification process ensured and

the most deserving and qualified candidates as per merit were considered for the positions.

The committee recommended that the cases be forwarded to the Director General of the Youth Services and sports Department for further action. The recommendation would pave way for the selection of aspirants as Rehber e Khel teachers.

Officers who attended the meeting were the Chief Planning Officer, Maqsood Ahmed; Deputy Director of Employment, Zahaer Kaifi; District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO), along with other concerned officers.

## 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.

After a thorough review, the DC stressed on the importance of timely completion of the Jal Shakti Mission projects to provide safe and sustainable drinking water supply to all households in the district.

The meeting was attended by key officials from the JJM, Public Health Engineering Department, Rural Development Department and other concerned departments.



DC directed all departments to collaborate closely and expedite the implementation process to achieve the mission's objectives within the stipulated timeframe.

DC issued specific directives to concerned officers and officials asking for maintaining proper household records, completion of filtration tanks, restoration of dysfunctional hand pumps and tapping into 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 Main sanctum of Raghunath ji Temple. He also performed Pooja at Natraj ji Temple and also visited various temples situated in 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 provided to the devotees. He expressed satisfaction over the facilities and gave necessary instructions on the spot. The Chairman



Trustee asked Pujaries and Trust's employees to work with more zeal and dedication and make all possible efforts in providing adequate facilities to the visiting pilgrims.

He also interacted with the devotees, graciously listening to their concerns. The devotees, inspired by his presence, eagerly shared their experiences about their visit to this ancient temple. Amidst the sacred ambiance of the temple, the devotees took

several selfies with the Dogra scion Dr. Karan Singh, capturing cherished moments of spiritual communion and reverence.

R.K Ranvijay Singh, Trustee, also directed necessary repairs in the temple complex and instructed the temple staff to provide hassle-free facilities to devotees, ensuring a seamless pilgrimage experience.

Later, Dr. Karan Singh along with R.K Ranvijay Singh also inspected the ongoing renovation works at Rani Samadhi's complex in Jammu. He directed the officials accompanied to ensure that the cultural heritage of the site is safeguarded for future generations.

Earlier, the Secretary has briefed the Chairman Trustee about the ongoing renovation works at the Samadhi's complex.

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



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MARCH 4

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh spearheaded a significant inauguration of the Pulse Polio immunization program the other day at the OPD Associate Hospital, Government Medical College Doda (GMC). The event coincided with the celebration of National Pulse Polio Day. Warmly welcomed by the CMO Doda, alongside medical professionals and representatives from the Medical Health Department, the Deputy Commissioner administered pulse polio drops to numerous children during the event.

It was disclosed that about 45 thousand children

dren below 05 years of age received pulse polio doses across the district, facilitated by 507 pulse polio immunization booths. A significant turnout of people, accompanied by their infant, actively participated in receiving pulse polio dose.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the public to maximize their participation in the pulse polio centers. The presence of key officials such as the CMO, District Immunization Officer, Doctors, and representatives from the Medical Health Department underscored the collaborative effort towards achieving cent percent polio eradication goals.

Similar programs were

organized at various locations throughout the district to provide pulse polio vaccinations to children below the age of 05 years. At Government Medical College Ghat, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Pran Singh, made a significant visit to participate in the pulse polio immunization program. Additionally, at the Public Health Centre Bhagwah, ADC Doda, Sudershan Kumar, inaugurated the pulse polio immunization program. The widespread participation across 507 pulse polio immunization booths indicates a strong community commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of children in the district.

## Private Schools plying buses asked to follow SC Guidelines

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
DODA, MARCH 4

The Education Department has asked the Managements of Private Schools to ply their School Buses in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Supreme Court of India.

In this regard, Chief 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 Traffic NHW Ramban, in his office communication, CS/TPO/NHW/cir/10/24/340-55, Dated 02/03/2024, has observed that most of the Private Institutions in the District

have not implemented the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court of India.

CEO Doda impressed upon all the HOIs of Pvt. Institutions in the District to follow the Supreme Court guidelines in letter and spirit.

School Buses should be printed yellow, School Bus must be written on the back and front of the bus. If it is hired, the bus " On School Duty" should be clearly indicated. Bus should have a First Aid Box, be fitted with a speed governor of specified standard. Windows of Bus should be fitted with horizontal frills. There should be a fire extinguisher in the bus. School Name and telephone Number must be written on the Bus. The doors of the Bus should be fitted with reliable locks. To keep the school bags safely, there should be

a space fitted under the seats. There must be a qualified attendant in the bus to attend to children. Any parent or guardian sitting in the bus or a teacher may also travel to ensure these safety norms. The driver should have at least 05 years of experience of driving heavy vehicles. A driver who has been Challenged (fined) more than twice in a year for offenses like red light jumping, violation of lane Discipline of allowing unauthorized person to drive cannot be employed and a driver who has been Challenged (fined) even once for the offence of over speeding, drunken driving and dangerous driving etc. cannot be employed.

Any non compliance will invite action, the responsibility of which will rest on the management of defaulting institutions.

## NCC conducts B& C Certificate Exams at GCW Udhampur



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 4

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) today conducted maiden B and C certificate exams here in Government College for Women (GCW). The historic event marked a significant step forward in promoting youth development and leadership in the region.

The examinations, held under the auspices of the NCC, saw enthusiastic participation from cadets from Udhampur and adjoining areas of Ramnagar, Reasi, Sarah Baggah, eager to demonstrate their skills and knowledge acquired through rigorous training and dedication.

The event showcased the commitment of both the cadets and the NCC authorities towards fostering a culture of discipline, patriotism, and service among the youth.

Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur, known for its academic excellence and commitment to holistic development, provided the ideal venue for this

momentous occasion.

The college administration, along with 2 JK NCC Girls Bn, worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations, upholding the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.

Principal, Prof. Anjali Mahajan congratulated the cadets, appreciated the efforts of the ANO, Lt (Dr) Kamal Deep Kaur, and said, "The successful completion of the B and C certificate exams at GCW Udhampur reflects the growing influence and reach of the NCC in the region. It underscores the organization's efforts to empower young men and women with essential life skills, instilling in them a sense of duty towards the nation and society."

The NCC remains committed to nurturing the potential of India's youth, guiding them towards a path of excellence and service. Through initiatives like these, it aims to shape responsible citizens and future leaders who will contribute positively to the progress and prosperity of the nation.

## Power shutdown

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, MARCH 4

Executive Engineer, Electric Division-III, JPDC, 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.



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



**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
SAMBHA, MARCH 4

Department of Education, Government Degree College Vijaypur, in collaboration with NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of the college and under the banner of Voting Awareness Campaign, organised a seminar on the theme, "Importance of Voting in a Democracy" under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta, Principal of the College.

and NSS volunteers participated in the seminar with great enthusiasm, fervour and zeal. The aim of the event was to educate students about the importance of voting in a democracy. The seminar started with the welcome address by Dr. Naseem Chowdhary. She briefed the students that voting in a democracy are of utmost importance as it lets citizens choose their representatives in forming the government. Dr. Radhika Rasyal while speaking on the occasion stated that

voting and taking part in the electoral process is more than a right and made sure that all the students of the college register themselves for the upcoming elections. It's a responsibility that each citizen holds to select their leaders. The event was coordinated by Prof. Mamta Gupta, Dr. Anoop Bhagat, Prof. Ritu Bhagat and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary and co-ordinated by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal and Prof. Renuka Kundal.

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

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
KISHTWAR, MARCH 4

The district Kishtwar witnessed 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 academic resumption.

In a noteworthy development, the Zonal Administrators of the Education Department in Kishtwar under the supervision of Chief Education Officer Kishtwar R K Vesheshta conducted surprise visits to schools under their purview. 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 Kishitwar.

Simultaneously, ZEO Nagseni Nizam-ud-din, along with ZEPO Nagseni Shah Nawaz Hussain Sheikh, undertook surprise visits to Middle School Hüller, GPS Hüller, and GPS Bandarna. These surprise visits aimed at fostering a positive and encouraging atmosphere for both students and staff. The events underscored the profound significance of education and reiterated the government's



steadfast commitment to ensuring high-quality learning environments. During these visits, education officers engaged with students, teachers, and administrative staff, conveying heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and hard work. The officers addressed the pivotal role of education in shaping the nation's

future. They reiterated the unwavering resolve to provide accessible and high-quality education to all segments of society. Deputy CEO Masood Hussain Qazi, during his visit to KGBV, took note of the existing facilities and infrastructure. He pledged full support for any necessary improvements, underscoring the commitment to enhanc-

ing the overall learning experience for the students. As schools in Kishtwar reopen their doors post-winter vacation, these visits by education officers serve as a testament to the collective effort towards creating an enriched educational environment for the students and upholding the standards of education in the region.

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

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
LEHI, MAR 4

An important meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Administrative Secretary of Information Technology Department, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma meeting to deliberate upon the implementation strategy for the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (2.0) Scheme, aimed at fostering innovation and economic growth in the Union Territory of Ladakh in his office chamber's VC hall in the Civil Secretariat, Leh today alongwith multiple stakeholders from EMC team, IT Department and SIDCO officials.



the implementing agency responsible for the execution of the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters. Another critical agenda item centered around the identification of suitable land equipped with essential connectivity infrastructure. Recognizing the road connectivity for the smooth operation of manufacturing cluster, collective insights were given and experts contributed to a comprehensive discourse aimed at addressing the multifaceted challenges inherent in the establishment of Electronics Manufacturing Clusters in Ladakh.

Secretary Amit Sharma emphasized the need for a proficient and dedicated Agency in the form of a Special Purpose Vehicle led by SIDCO as the Project Implementation Agency and underscored the importance of ensuring seamless co-ordination and efficient execution to realize the objectives of the Scheme. Amit Sharma emphasized the significance of leveraging initiatives like the Electronics Manufacturing Clusters Scheme 2.0 to stimulate local entrepreneurship, generate employment opportunities, and propel the region towards a trajectory of sus-

tainable development. The meeting concluded 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. Participants expressed confidence regarding the collective resolve and concerted efforts to surmount challenges and realize the envisioned objectives. The meeting was attended by Sonam Norbo, Senior Manager of SIDCO; Tashi Namgyal, Executive Engineer of SIDCO; Kumar Amit, IT Consultant; Skalzang Dawa, Project Manager of IT; Stanzin Angmo, Project Manager of IT; Sajad Hussain, Project Manager of IT, while Dr Safdar Ali, General Manager, Finance of SIDCO and Sanjeeta Hemraja, STPI attended same through virtual mode.

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

**JIN 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 time. In a symbolic gesture, Shri Langeh presented him with a turban as a gesture of goodwill during this occasion. Expressing his full support on behalf of the scheduled caste community, Shri Langeh pledged the unwavering dedication and commitment



of the entire community towards Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma's candidacy. He further emphasized the significance of the upcoming Lok Sabha polls and urged all party members to mobilize their efforts to ensure a resounding victory for the BJP. Notable attendees at

the event included both cabinet ministers, Shri Gulshan Bhagat and Shri Adarsh Jatthiar, State Vice President Shri Vijay Anand Gill, State Secretary Shri Rakesh Dev, Office Secretary Shri Hans Raj Loria, and Media Incharge Shri Ashwani Chadha. This auspicious occa-

sion marked the unity and solidarity within the party as they prepared to embark on a successful electoral campaign. Shri Langeh's words echoed the sentiments of the scheduled caste community, assuring complete support for Shri Jugal Kishore Sharma.

## Annual Board Exam Deputy Commissioner Poonch reviews preparedness of stakeholder departments

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
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 Examinations being conducted by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE).



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 such as Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents and Invigilators. Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Com-

missioner stressed the importance of maintaining a secure environment for the examinations. He emphasized that schools lacking a compound wall should have robust security arrangements in place to prevent unauthorized individuals from entering the premises and engaging in disruptive activities. Furthermore, he stressed the need for stringent checks on students entering the examination halls

to maintain the integrity of the process. Additionally, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of adequate lighting during the examinations. He underlined that all examination halls should be equipped with proper lighting arrangements to eliminate any inconvenience or discomfort faced by the students while attempting their papers.

## DDC Member Kupwara call on LG

**JIN NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, MARCH 4

Advocate Ulfat Mushtaq, Member District Development and Empowerment Foundation called on the Lt Governor and put forth various welfare issues of Shia community. Later, Sh Rather Mehraj, Ex Sarpanch Halqa Nesbal, Bandipora and Mohammad Faheem

Reshi, Social and Political activist also called on the Lt Governor. Ms Sadia Imam, Fish farmer met the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and briefed the Lt Governor on her entrepreneurial venture in the fisheries sector.

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## DC Bandipora chairs DRAC meeting; approves 07 cases

**JIN 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, Superintendent Engineer R&B, CMO, CEO, Executive Engineers and other concerned officers of various departments.

## DLSA Ganderbal conducts Pre Lok-Adalat

**JIN 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; I.D. Advocates and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. 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.

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.

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KATHUA, MARCH 4

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

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JAMMU, MAR 4

KPCC Working President Raman Bhalla today asked his party cadres to gear up for Parliament elections. According to a press release, he was addressing a meeting of District Congress Committee Jammu Urban organized by District President Th. Manmohan Singh. The meeting was held to take stock of the preparations for the upcoming Parliament elections besides discussing the burning issues of the people.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Vice Presidents Tarlok Singh Bajwa (EX MP), Ved Mahajan (EX-MLC) Hari Singh Chib, Vice President and Treasurer JKPC Rajnish Sharma ( Mian) and Surinder Singh Channi, Smt. Kanta Bhan, PCC General Secretaries Narmata Sharma, Amrit Bali, Satish Sharma, Suresh Dogra, Rajesh Sadotra, Gurmeet Singh, Secretaries Michael Wazir, Parveen Singh, Pawan Bhagat, DCC functionaries Dr. Ramak-

ant Khajuria, Satpal Spolia, Ram Prakash Magotra, Uttam Singh, Aman Bawa, Baldev Singh Wazir, Harjeet Singh Bhagi, Sandeep Dogra Sonu, Sunil Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Janak Raj, Dimpa Singh, Balwinder Singh Rinku, Block Presidents Bushan Kumar Reddy, Sanjeev Katal, Latish Sharma, Gurmeet Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Neeraj Kumar, Gurdeep Singh, Hera Singh, Rishu Kumar, Yashpal Sangrha, Shashi Syal and others.

Bhalla in the meeting took stock of the preparations for the Parliament elections and asked the party cadres to gear up for these elections. The party sought input from Block and Ward Presidents regarding the activities of the party. Bhalla criticized those parties who have been exploiting the sentiments of the people on various emotional issues for vote bank politics but utterly failed to deliver. He asked the party functionaries to "make aware the people of the communal agenda of BJP and defeat the nefarious designs of



communal, divisive and separatist forces." He complimented the people of Jammu region for believing in togetherness and religious harmony despite grave provocations by vested interests. Bhalla said that BJP government in its ten years of rule has ruined the country in every field. "Every section of the society is suffering due to its wrong policies and wrong decisions. The people of Jammu and Kashmir are the most sufferers. The Modi government has snatched the right of jobs and land from the people of J&K by downgrading a full-fledged state into Union Territory. The property tax, toll plazas, smart meters, unemployment has added more in the miseries of people of Jammu and Kashmir," Bhalla added. He said that unemployment is increas-

ing day by day. "The government in J&K, run by the administration led by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, has proved to be an utter failure on all fronts with common people were left to fend for themselves. The people crumbled due to multiple miseries under the proxy government of BJP in J&K," Bhalla said.

Bhalla said that the people of Jammu region, who were "promised the moon" by the BJP, today feel betrayed by the party as it never proceeded beyond 'jumlas' creating merely false narratives to secure votes. He said even the BJP leaders know quite well that people of this region are waiting to teach them a lesson. BJP fears losing the elections whenever they are held. This is the reason that the government has adopted delaying tactics even in holding of the panchayat and ULB polls in J&K," Bhalla said. Asserting that Congress is the only secular party in J&K, he said that only Congress's rule in the UT can bring smiles back to the faces of people.

Bhalla expressed concern for the "overlooked plight" of the people in Jammu. He pointed out that the region, with its unique cultural and strategic significance, had often been sidelined in national discourse. He highlighted infrastructural gaps, inadequate social services, and economic disparities that have persisted over time. He stressed the necessity of tailored policies to address these specific challenges and ensure the holistic development of Jammu. He said Congress Party shall continue to fight against the anti-people policies of BJP Govt and vigorously fight for restoration of democratic setup in J&K. BJP is set to face humiliating defeat in the upcoming elections, as that, BJP's divided and rule policy and misleading politics stands exposed with the result people have decided to throw BJP out of power.

District President Th. Manmohan Singh said Congress Party has fought for the rights of people and it will continue to fight for

restoration of democratic set up and safeguarding just rights of people, he added and told the BJP Govt to shun the path of confrontation with the people, who are feeling isolated and disappointed over the way they are being treated by the Govt. He said BJP is treating people of J&K as enemies resulting in they have been left unrepresented and unheard in every respect. He slammed the Govt for failing to address extreme joblessness, economic losses, lack of development, failed back to back village initiatives after spending huge amount and many anti people measures in terms of imposing taxes, toll plazas and new drama of installing smart meters and said people are being punished on one pretext or the other aiming to hide utter failure on the part of BJP Govt. On this occasion Singh exhorted the Party cadres to get connected with the people and gear up for the parliament elections and ensure Party's victory.

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

J1NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

The Three Days Qasida Training Class, organized by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation in collaboration with Maktab e Sahab Zaman Goma Minjee and supported by Stringmo Group of the Young Artist of Kargil, concluded on a high note at Imam Bargha Goma Minjee.

Hujjatul Islam Sheikh Hassan Minjee graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while Historian, Author, and Scholar Mohd Sadiq Hardassi adorned the event as the Guest of Honour. The training program, catering to 40 children aged 10 to 20, was skillfully conducted by experts Mohd Sadiq Hardassi, Taqi Khan Nayab, and Akhone Baqir Zee-shan.

The concluding day wit-



nessed a Qasida Competition where 9 top Qasida Khawans selected during the Training, showcased their talent.

Historian, Author & Scholar Sadiq Hardassi, along with Renowned Naat Khawan Murtaza Fazili and Scholar Prof Nasir Uddin Khafi, graced the occasion as judges, adding their expertise to the Qasida Competition during this memorable event.

Ali Akbar S/o Ahmad Ali claimed the 1st Position, Ahmad Raza S/o Hadi Ali secured the 2nd Position, and Muzammil

Hussain S/o Mohd Ibrahim achieved the 3rd Position. Sheikh Hassan Minjee expressed his congratulations to the organizers and extended gratitude to Anayat Ali Shotopa for hosting the program in their Village. He urged the continuation of such initiatives to preserve the heritage of Qasida, Mar-siya, and Bahar e Taweel, contributing to language preservation.

Anayat Ali Shotopa, Convener of Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation for Kargil district, highlighted the motive behind the program,

aiming to preserve and promote the rich heritage of Islamic literature, specifically focusing on genres like Naat, Manqabat, and Lamentation. Recognizing the significance of these literary forms in religious gatherings, the foundation seeks to pass on this tradition to the new generation.

The proposed training workshop aims to impart knowledge and skills related to Islamic literature, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation among participants. Engaging sessions led by knowledgeable instructors, practical exercises, and contemporary teaching methods are integral components to make the workshop accessible and appealing to the new generation.

An expression of gratitude was extended to Kaneez Fatima D/o Ghulam Hyder Andoo, President,

and Team Leader of Team Stringmo, for their unwavering support in arranging gifts for the participants.

Others Present include, Master Mohd Ibrahim, Chairman Maktab e Sahab Zaman, Taqi Khan Nayab, Former Sarpanch Ali Naqi, Senior Citizens, Parents and Children participated in the programme.

The Chief Guest presented gifts and prizes among the students, marking the successful culmination of a culturally enriching event.

Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region, with a focus on Islamic literature and traditional art forms. Through various initiatives and collaborations, the foundation strives to pass on these traditions to future generations.

## PM Vishwakarma Scheme Training Batches start at GPW, Jammu



J1NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

One Batch in Barber (Nai) Trades under PM Vishwakarma Schemes was started today in Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu. On this occasion, Ms. Leena Padha, JKAS, Mission Director, Skill Development Department, J&K and Sh. Sudershan Kumar, JKAS, Director, Skill Development

Department, J&K were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

The training, a Flagship program launched by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, GoI, are specially designed for the skilled person in order to upskill them so that they can become entrepreneur and contribute in Skill Ecosystem.

Er. Suket Gupta, Prin-

cipal, Govt. Polytechnic for Women, Jammu welcomed the Guests highlighted the aims and objections of PM Vishwakarma Schemes.

The Guest while interacting with the beneficiaries hoped that they will take maximum benefit of the schemes and also exhorted them to spread the message to the eligible beneficiaries so that they can be benefited.

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

J1NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, MAR 4

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). Along with this, it has announced to field its candidates in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections with the resolution of granting special status to Jammu and Kashmir and reinstatement of locals.

In a press conference organized at the Press Club of Jammu today, State Chief Manish Sahni said that with the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, the status of the state was taken away along with dividing the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir state established by the Dogra rulers into two parts. With its early return, the people will be given peace, develop-



ment, huge investments, employment, better education, health etc.

The beginning of a new political era was also promised. Despite a long gap of four and a half years, the above promises made to the people were not fulfilled.

Sahni said that in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the people have a better chance to seek answers to the promises made to them.

Sahni said that from March 9, will flag off the Jan Sampark Yatra under the "Pehele Adhikaar Phir Sarakaar" campaign from the Press Enclave of Srinagar. This yatra will

be organized at the district level. After Kashmir division, the yatra will be organized in Jammu on March 16. Answering a question regarding taking part in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Sahni said that our candidates are gearing up to contest the elections with the resolve to restore the rights of the local people and are waiting to get the green signal from the party's high command. On this occasion president mehila wing Meenakshi Chhibber, Vice president Sanjeev Kohli, President Kamghar Raj Singh, Organizer Imran Shekh were present.

## Khara-Balli witnesses first ever Photo Exhibition, CEO Jammu inaugurates 2-day Photo Exhibition

J1NEWS 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.

The 2 day photo exhibition showcases the Mission LiFE, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat etc. A special section in the exhibition has been dedicated to "Agniveer Scheme" in order to attract youngsters of the area towards the army.

Rajesh Sharma in charge Central Bureau of Communication Jammu/Samba Kathua in his welcome address gave a



detailed overview of the functioning structure and working of C.B.C in the twin UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He also briefed the audiences about various outreach activities that will be organised during the event. Sh. Sharma said that these programmes are being organised with an aim to disseminate the information regarding various benefits of various

public welfare schemes of the government.

Sh. Suraj Singh DDC Vide Chairman Jammu urged the masses to take maximum benefit of centrally sponsored schemes so that the dream of developed India is fulfilled. With regard to online system, he presented many real life examples to prove how the services are received at their door step by the common masses.

Sh. Jagdeep Padha appreciated the efforts of the Central Bureau of Communication J&K in organising the exhibition and urged people to visit the venue which will be open to public at large for two days. Regarding the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat initiative he said through these innovative measures, the knowledge of culture tradition and practices of different states & UTs will lead to an enhanced understanding and bonding between the states, thereby strengthening the unity and integrity of India. Col Anil Abhram of Indian Army encouraged the youth for taking maximum benefits of Agniveer scheme. He along with Lt Col S.K. Jena presented details about

the welfare programmes run by Indian army in the area.

Expert lectures from the representatives of various department viz Dr Asif from Animal Husbandry, Mrs Nisha Sharma from NRLM - Umeed, Sham Lal from Sheep Husbandry delivered detailed lectures on the different centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by their respective departments.

With regard to "Agniveer Scheme" a specially dedicated session was organised and threadbare discussion was carried out by. Two newly recruited Agniveers Sh. Ajay and sh. Ravi from JAKLI who are resident of the area hosted a question answer session on the "Agniveer scheme" and cleared the doubts of the audience especially youngsters related to the scheme All the participants were honoured on the spot. The event was coordinated by Mrs Ritu Sharma Senior Artist.





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

J1 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 President and Vice Chairman Cantonment Board Bharat Bhushan. The Nari Shakti Vandan Marathon saw the esteem presence of BJP stalwart leader former Dy CM J&K Kavinder Gupta, District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, District Vice President, and Mandal Prabhari Narinder Gupta Koki, Mandal President and Vice Chairman Cantonment Board Bharat Bhushan, Mahila Morcha General Secretary Neha



Mahajan, Mahila Morcha District President Jammu South and CoConvenor of the program Divya Jain, Morcha Prabhari Geetanjali Mahajan and other BJP team members of Gandhi Nagar Mandal including Mahila Morcha unit were present on the occasion. Recognizing the "Nari Shakti Vandan Marathon" an "Ultra Marathon" named Nari Shakti Vandan Run was Flagged off today by BJP senior leaders in Satwari Girls higher secondary school, Jammu

South. Kavinder Gupta asserted that under the visionary leadership of PM Modi, the empowerment of women is the top priority of the government. In an interaction with students of girl's higher secondary school at Satwari. He said the government will take all steps for the full empowerment of women in all fields. Kavinder Gupta assured that Modi Sarkaar is committed to the upliftment of women in every sector to

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 determination to remove every obstacle coming in the way of all women, Kavinder said. Rekha Mahajan stated that the number of women compared to men is increasing and that the number of girls studying up to high school and

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 women-centric schemes that focused on their development and empowerment.

Meetu Sharma, Bharti Sargotra, Ritika Dhiman Rajni Gupta, Lovisha Gupta, Priyanka Sharma, and Susheela Sharma were also present on the occasion.

## Braham Jyot meets beneficiaries of PMAY, Ujjwala Scheme at Jammu



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Braham Jyot Satti, BJP OBC Morcha Incharge along with BJP OBC Morcha office bearers hold a door to door public interaction program and met with beneficiaries of PMAY ( Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna ) and Ujjwala Scheme at ward no 17, Jammu .

The program was organised by Rakesh Pandey (mandal president ambphala) . Ravi Mehra (vice President obc morcha), Perveen badyal (Dist vice president OBC), and others were present on the occasion.

In the Program they interacted with beneficiaries of PMAY and Ujjwala Schemes in a door to door interaction program and briefed about the achievements of BJP Government from past 10 years . They also briefed about development works and Various schemes of Government which are highly beneficial and available for the betterment of public .

People were very happy and raised slogans in the favour of BJP and said BJP is the only political party which is actually working for our nation and citizens . They also said that PM

Narendra Modi will swear oath again as PM with full majority .

Speaking on the occasion Braham Jyot said that from past 10 years PM Narendra Modi led government is working for the betterment of the public and giving true examples of Sewa , Sushasan and Garib Kalyan.

He said PM Modi ji is a ground to earth personality and a very dedicated leader who works more than 18 hours a day for the well-being of Public .

He congratulated the beneficiaries of PMAY-Urban Scheme and Ujjwala Scheme and said everyone should take benefits of government schemes .

He said Prime Minister Modi is very dedicated and down to earth personality and has launched various beneficial schemes for our youth and has provided new carrier opportunities to them .

He said in past 10 years BJP has made India a strong and Progressive country and created new employment opportunities for all segments and India is blessed to have PM like Narendra Modi.

He said that we have to deal with big issues like surgical strike to strengthen the country, construc-

tion of Ram temple which has been in dispute for a long time, removal of Article 370 to connect Kashmir in the main stream, ban on triple talaq for justice to minority women. Our party has tried to realize the slogan of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas .

He highlights about schemes like Ayushman Bharat , Kisan Samman Nidhi yojna , cleanliness campaign, Aawas Yojna, Ujjwala gas scheme and how their effect was visible on the ground and said that during the tenure of the BJP government, under the Jan Dhan Yojana, lakhs of people are being directly benefited by connecting them with banking facilities.

He said that it is 100 percent sure that PM Narendra Modi will swear oath as PM for the third consecutive time because we are working for public and Public is our priority and we are doing our best to provide basic amenities to our citizens . He said central government is running alot of loan schemes , Health schemes like Ayushman health card and other various schemes especially for Jammu Kashmir and people should take benefits of them .

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

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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 Healthcare will be new fashion trend of coming future. Union Minister also congratulated the Ministry of Ayush for its remarkable journey in the last decade and said Ministry of Ayush and Health and Family Welfare are integrated to each other.

In today's joint mega event, Dr. Mandaviya made announcement of setting up of Ayush - ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at select AIIMS across the nation and announcement on Multicentre clinical trial on Anaemia. The inaugural session also witnessed the launch of "Indian Public Health Standards for Ayush Healthcare Facilities" and the 27th Convocation & 29th National Seminar of Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth 'Ayurvedo Amritanam'.

During his speech, Dr Mandaviya added that Collaborative Research in



Ayush is extremely important as it bridges the gap between traditional knowledge and modern scientific research, promoting a synergistic approach to healthcare. Strategic collaboration between Ayush and ICMR aims to advance Integrative Health Research, integrate traditional Ayush practices with modern medical science and take India to the forefront of holistic healthcare innovations.

Dr Mandaviya added that, "Collaborative Research in Ayush is extremely important as it bridges the gap between traditional knowledge and modern scientific research, promoting a synergistic approach to health care". "Ayurveda is a part of our culture, heritage and tradition. It is still being followed in our everyday practice. This strategic collaboration aims to advance Integrative Health Research, integrate

traditional Ayush practices with modern medical science and take India to the forefront of holistic healthcare innovations".

Highlighting that the government is following an integrative approach so as to take the best practices from both the disciplines, Ayurveda and Allopathy, the Union Health Minister said that "the Union Government is working towards providing quality-oriented healthcare in response to increasing needs of the people of the country. In this direction, Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) for Ayush Healthcare facilities were published by the Union Health Ministry as a set of uniform standards to improve the quality of health care delivery. By adopting these reforms, it is expected that the States/UTs will be able to develop Ayush healthcare services with set standards and quality infrastruc-

ture, thereby enabling the public to avail the benefits of Ayush medical services for all healthcare.

Secretary, Minister of Ayush, Vd. Rajesh Kotecha, said in his speech that since its inception in 2014, Ministry of Ayush has embarked on a journey of resilience, innovation, and holistic healthcare, revolutionizing the Ayush sector. Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, significant strides have been made in integrating evidence-based Ayush systems into public healthcare, driving research, and fostering innovation. Today, we are proud to launch a comprehensive booklet showcasing these decadal achievements, which serves as a testament to the Ministry's commitment to holistic healthcare and its vision for a healthier, more vibrant India.

Booklets on Indian Public Health Standards for Ayush Hospitals and Ayushman Arogya Mandir was launched by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya in the dignified presence of dignitaries like Secretary Ministry of Ayush Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Vaidya Devendra Triguna Ex-president Governing Body, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, Vaidya Jayant

Deopujari Chairman, NCISM, Dr. Atul Goel, Director General, DGHS Ms. Anu Nagar, Joint Secretary, Dept. of Health Research, MoHFW Dr M Shrinivasan Director Delhi AIIMS.

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

## Azad Calls for Unity to Safeguard J&K's Future

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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, "tumhari dastan na hogi dastanon mein," urging people to rise above divisions and work collectively towards a brighter future. Azad, rallied the people against divisive forces seeking to oppress them. He said, some elements are attempting to suppress the people, while others have succumbed to compromise, either in the past or potentially in the future. However, he stressed the urgent need for unity to thwart these attempts. He appealed for the collective effort to combat poverty



and accelerate development in the region, drawing upon his track record of accomplishments as both Chief Minister and Union Health Minister. Azad said, "My sole aim is to uplift the poor and ensure peace. We are committed to revitalizing the tourism sector." He lamented the untapped tourism potential in South Kashmir, pledging to address this oversight and harness the region's abundant opportunities for development. He reiterated his staunch resistance against the revocation of Article

370 in Parliament, along with his vocal opposition to the CAA/NRC and mob lynchings. He specifically pointed out the silence of the MPs from the National Conference, expressing concern over their failure to speak up on these significant matters. He urged the people not to fall under the influence of political parties that seek to divide communities based on religion or region.

Azad highlighted the plight of impoverished families who took out bank loans to educate their children, only to

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, he vowed to uphold and enhance schemes like the Roshni Scheme, aimed at empowering marginalized communities and providing them with opportunities for growth and development.

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

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

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

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

Position of Funds

Available

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

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

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Mechanical Division  
RTIC, Jammu

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

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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.

Pertinent to mention here that Lalu Prasad Yadav, during an INDI rally in Patna, has stooped to new lows by making derogatory comments about Prime Minister Modi's personal life and religiosity. Kavinder Gupta, in response, stated that the INDI Alliance's narrow-mindedness is evident in their inability to perceive anyone beyond familial ties, a fact underscored by Lalu Yadav's offensive remarks. He emphasized that the nation will not forget Yadav's blatant disrespect towards Prime



Minister Modi, who has devoted his whole life to serving the 140 crore people of India.

In a symbolic gesture, Gupta has updated his social media profile to include "Modi ka Parivaar" (Modi's family), highlighting his unwavering support for the Prime Minister and his vision for the nation. Kavinder termed the opposition's remarks as indicative of their frustration and desperation. He condemned the trend of resorting to personal attacks, attributing them to jealousy, malice, and an inferiority complex stem-

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 opposition 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 in the elections was a clear 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 Narendra Modi for a third consecutive term as Prime Minister.

As the nation gears up for the upcoming elections, Kavinder affirmed that the BJP remains committed to advancing the welfare and prosperity of all citizens, guided by the principles of good governance and inclusive development.

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

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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 any hurdle. Pressing for its demand the organization informed that though the Parliament of India has passed the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2024 and have included the Gadda Brahmin, Pahari Ethnic tribe, Koli and Paddari community in the schedule list of tribal communities, moreover the



gazette notification of the said act has been published last month but the necessary guidelines by the J & K administration for issuance of ST category certificates to newly inducted communities are awaited. Dr. Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor averred that his organization (BADC) is receiving dozens of queries on daily basis from the youth of the newly inducted communities about the procedure,

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 certificates to the newly inducted communities are issued before the start of new academic session so that they may avail the benefits of relaxations of the same.

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

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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 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 and its associates regularly deploy mobile clinics and medical teams to reach people cut off from access to health services under their Mobile Health Clinic Program. For many people, these mobile clinics and teams may be their only source of health care. Mobile clinics offer flexible and viable options for treating isolated and vulnerable groups as well as



to newly displaced populations. 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 keeps are rising and we should come forward for their support so that more areas are catered in the terms of health. Good health and well-being are foundations upon which communities thrive and

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 for the marginalized and vulnerable communities. By addressing the pressing challenges, they aim to make a tangible impact on the health and well-being of communities, contributing to a healthier and more resilient society.

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



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POONCH, MARCH 4

The Department of Sericulture at Poonch Campus proudly welcomed Dr. Javed Iqbal, a distinguished biotechnologist, as the guest lecturer for students from the Department of Sericulture. Dr. Iqbal, renowned in the field, shared valuable insights and knowledge in an engaging discourse.

Today's lecture witnessed an enthusiastic gathering of students and faculty members eager to benefit from Dr. Iqbal's expertise. His talk focused on the intersection of Biotechnology and Sericulture, emphasizing the significance of innovative approaches in advancing the field.

Known for his contributions to Biotechnology, Dr. Javed Iqbal highlighted the practical applications

of cutting-edge research within the realm of Sericulture. His engaging presentation not only enriched the understanding of the subject matter but also inspired students to explore new horizons within the field.

The event provided a platform for collaborative learning, fostering a spirit of academic exchange between the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Sericulture.

Director of Poonch Campus, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, extends gratitude to Dr. Javed Iqbal for his valuable contribution to the academic community.

Notable personalities present on the occasion included Dr. Rubia Bukhari, Dr. Jyoti Angotra, Dr. Palvi Sharma, Ms. Kalpna Sudan, and non-teaching staff of Poonch Campus.

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

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In a significant development, the Cybercrime Investigation Cell of District Police Kishtwar has successfully recovered a total amount of Rs. 4,06,663 in online defrauded funds. This accomplishment underscores the unit's steadfast commitment to combatting cybercrime and ensuring justice for victims.

The reports revealed that numerous complaints were received regarding various online scams. These scams ranged from deceptive gaming apps like YONO 777 to fraudulent activities involving popular platforms such as Jio

recharge App, Credit card bills, GSM recharge, Flipkart App, AnyDesk, Awas Yojna, Netflix, QR Code, and several other malicious links circulated through social media apps.

Upon receiving these complaints, the dedicated team of the CIC of District Police Kishtwar promptly initiated action. They collaborated closely with concerned banks and UPI apps to gather essential details regarding the online defrauded amounts. Through meticulous teamwork and concerted efforts, the CIC successfully traced and recovered the entirety of the defrauded funds of Rs 4,06,663, ensuring that justice was served and victims were compensated.

## Sham Lal Sharma inaugurates New Look Bridal Studio at Dumri

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Sham Lal Sharma, Former Cabinet Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, inaugurated New Look Bridal Studio at Dumri, 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 and Mohinder Sharma. He praised the entrepreneurial spirit of the youth and highlighted their contribution to building a strong nation. He said that there is a lot of scope in self-employment



and ladies should come forward to start their own business in the desired field which will empower them. Arti Sharma explained that New Look Bridal Studio is going to be the one of the best bridal

studios in the area. She assured the public of the best services at affordable prices. She said the services like bridal and party makeup, beauty, hair and nail services etc will be provided here.

## Empyrean 2024: A Magnificent celebration of Artistic Brilliance, Inspiration

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JAMMU, MARCH 4

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 action-packed days fest during Empyrean 2024, its annual cultural extravaganza, attendees experienced a diverse range of events and performances. The second and third days of the cultural fest showcased captivating acts, leaving an indelible mark on all attendees.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu: "Empyrean, the annual cultural festival of IIM Jammu, was an event that brought together a diverse group of individuals to celebrate and appreciate the various cultures represented within the institute. The event has been an extraordinary showcase of talent, creativity, and teamwork. I am immensely proud of our students for organizing such a spectacular event that has brought together the entire campus commu-



nity in celebration." Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu: "The performances and events during Empyrean 2024 have been truly outstanding, reflecting the incredible talent and diversity of our student body. Empyrean 2024 was a memorable experience that brought the community together and showcased some of the best artistic talents from India and abroad."

Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu: "Empyrean 2024 has been a resounding success, thanks to the tireless efforts of our students, faculty, officers and staff. Their dedication and passion have made this event a memorable experience for everyone involved."

The second day of Empyrean 2024 featured a dynamic lineup of events

designed to engage and entertain participants. The day kicked off with IPL Auction 2.0, followed by the thrilling Leadership Challenge, where students showcased their oratory skills combined with leadership skills and problem-solving abilities and judged by an esteemed panel of media experts featuring Shri Pardeep Datta, Senior Editor at Times Now, and Shri Sominder Koul, Senior Journalist, ANI, Jammu along with Dr. Apurva Yadav, Co-Chairperson, Student Affairs, and Dr. Gaana.J, Faculty, IIM Jammu.

The day further continued with the Solo Singing Competition, where talented vocalists mesmerized the audience with their melodious renditions. The highlight of the evening was the Envie Fashion Show, where stu-

dents strutted the runway in stunning ensembles, showcasing their creativity and flair for fashion.

On this momentous occasion of Empyrean 2024, the Institute recently hosted its annual alumni meet, "Samagam-The Annual Alumni Reunion," at its Jagti campus. Themed "Reconnect, Reunite, Revive!", the event brought together distinguished alumni, current students, and faculty members for enriching interactions. Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, emphasized the importance of alumni networking, joined by esteemed faculty members. The reunion celebrated shared experiences and aspirations, reinforcing the institute's commitment to lifelong connections and alumni development.

The second day concluded on a high note with a mesmerizing performance by Bollywood sensation Shri Ankit Tiwari, known for his hit songs "Sun Raha Hai Tu" and "Teri Galliyan," enthralled 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 their passion, creativity, and organizational skills. As Empyrean 2024 draws to a close, IIM Jammu looks forward to building on this momentum and continuing to foster a vibrant culture of creativity, innovation, and excellence on campus.

## EC advisory on electioneering will ensure fair, ethical LS polls: Suri

**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 language, will not indulge in mudslinging and, also adhere to the ethics of electioneering to ensure that issue-based campaign is undertaken for the good of society as well as the nation.

Raman Suri also hailed the candidature of Union Minister in PMO Dr. Jatinder Singh and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and said that these BJP leaders have done commendable work in their respective constituencies and are most deserving candidates. Seeking public support for the BJP candidates, Raman Suri said, their victory will strengthen Narendra Modi's vision of taking Bharat to new heights.

He said, unlike other political parties which, out of frustration, use foul



and abusive language, BJP believes in the politics of ethics. The BJP leaders, candidates or campaigners have always been seeking votes for the development of nation and the weaker sections of the society, irrespective of their caste, creed, region, or religion. It is due to the actual works done by the BJP government and complete fulfilment of the points mentioned in election manifesto, that the party is going to people to seek the third term.

Raman Suri added that adhering to the advice of the ECI and party's moral values, BJP is going to polls with the sole agenda of building a strong and Viksit Bharat. It was because of the BJP government that, for the first time in the history of Bharat, a corruption-free administration was put in place to

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 our worthy Prime Minister was made to listen unethical words by the opposition parties, BJP is going to adhere to the highest standards of electioneering and seek votes based on development and peace, which it has restored in the troubled areas of the country, and on the basis of prosperity, which people are seeing with their own eyes.

He said, ECI's advice to refrain from any deeds, actions, or utterances that may be construed as being repugnant to the honour and dignity of women will be adhered to and no unverified and misleading advertisements will be used besides utmost care will be taken by our campaigners while using social media.

