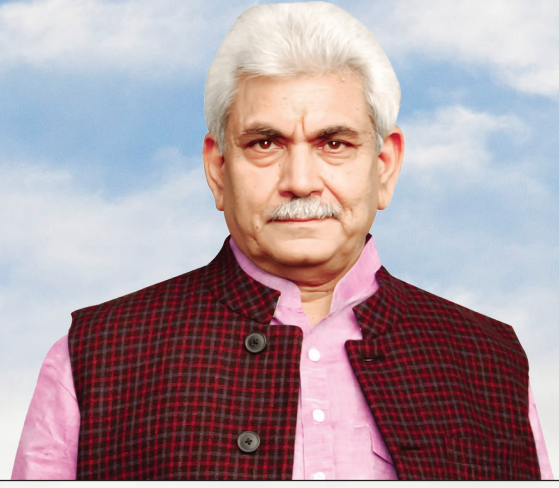




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DC Ganderbal chairs meeting to boost ODOP initiative

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GANDERBAL, MARCH 6

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir Wednesday chaired a meeting to assess the progress and strategize the enhancement of the One District-One Product (ODOP) initiative in the district.

The meeting focused on the promotion and development of Willow wicker, chosen as the ODOP as a part of District Export Hub

At the outset, the Assistant Director H&H provided a comprehensive overview of the ongoing efforts to uplift Willow wicker production. This included initiatives such as branding, market promotion, artisan skill enhancement and expansion of the cultivable area dedicated to willow cultivation.

Underlining the importance of the ODOP initiative, the DC reiterated the district administration's commitment to ensuring the holistic socio-economic development of all individuals involved in Willow wicker work.

The meeting also discussed the establishment of a Common Facility Centre in the district under the Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), a central sponsored scheme aimed at meeting the demands of local industries.



In a bid to expedite progress, the DC directed concerned departments to provide details of services and schemes available to support Willow wicker artisans.

Additionally, plans for cultivable area expansion were discussed, with 100 kanals of land already identified to address production challenges.

To further explore cultivation opportunities, the DC emphasized joint visits involving the AD H&H, KVK Ganderbal

and Revenue department, and were directed for a detailed report on the feasibility and necessary steps required for willow cultivation on the identified land.

The meeting, attended by officials from various concerned departments, underscored the collaborative efforts aimed at fostering economic growth and empowerment within the district.

Among others, ACR Ganderbal, Chief Planning Officer, General Manager DIC, AD H&H, Lead District Manager, District officer JKEDI besides representatives of other concerned departments attended the meeting.

One-day Awareness programme on PM Vishwakarma scheme held at Anantnag

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MARCH 6

The District Administration Anantnag, in collaboration with the Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Skill Development, District Industries Centre today organized a one-day awareness program on the transformative PM Vishwakarma scheme.

The event, held at Dak Bunglow Khanabal Anantnag brought together key stakeholders, officials, and beneficiaries to amplify awareness and harness the scheme's potential for the betterment of the community.

The awareness programme witnessed the participation of various dignitaries including Chief Planning Officer, General Manager District Industries, Principal ITI, members of the District Implementation Committee, Panchayat Secretaries, ITI Master Trainers and other stakeholders including beneficiaries of the scheme.

Deputy Director, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship highlighted the key features and advantages of the PM Vishwakarma, and emphasized the importance of implementing



the scheme effectively to cover eligible beneficiaries across the district in all identified trades.

He also urged the officers and officials of concerned departments to adopt a people-friendly approach to strengthen local job opportunities at the grassroots level.

He said that the focal point of the program was to illuminate the attendees on the key features and advantages of the PM Vishwakarma scheme. He also underscored the significance of a streamlined and effective implementation process to extend the scheme's benefits to eligible beneficiaries

across the district in all identified trades.

The Deputy Director informed the gathering that the PM Vishwakarma scheme covers 18 categories of artisans. After registration and verification by authorities, it renders Vishwakarmas eligible for an array of benefits which include a toolkit valued at Rs. 15,000 and collateral-free loans of up to Rs. 3 lakh at an exceptionally low-interest rate of 5%.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates among beneficiaries who successfully completed basic training courses.

GCoE Srinagar, White Globe Organization commemorate 'International Women's Day'

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 6

Women Studies Centre, Govt. College of Education (GCoE) in collaboration with White Globe Organization and supported by UNS today organized an event to celebrate Women's Day.

Prof. (Dr) Seema Naz, Principal of the college presented a welcome address and spoke about women and their rights. She highlighted the significance of women and how giving a platform to women can make them achieve their goals and dreams.

She said that both men and women should amplify the voices of women.

Advocate Syed Junaid Saadat, Chairman, White Globe NGO talked about the different challenges and struggles girls and women face in their day to day life and at different stages.

Dr Anshu Kataria, Chairman Aryan Group of



Colleges highlighted the work of students of UT of J&K.

He spoke about the enthusiasm shown by both boys and girls of the UT in the field of education and extra-curricular activities. He proudly shed light on the different records set by the students of UT particularly on Boat Race, Online Aryans Shikara registration portal.

The event gained momentum when Mehmehet Syed (Singer) threw light on women empowerment and sang a few lines of a Kashmiri song.

A Mushaira was organized by UNS in which Dr. Nighat Farooq Nazari and few other eminent poetesses recited some verses in context with International Women's Day.

Principal of the host college presented mementos to Dr. Anshu Kataria, Advocate Syed Junaid Saadat, and Advocate Sheikh Saba.

In the felicitation ceremony around 50 women achievers were felicitated by Prof. (Dr) Seema Naz, Dr. Anshu Kataria, Adv. Syed Junaid Saadat and Adv. Sheikh Saba.

DC Kupwara hands-over Appointment letters to eligible candidates under SRO-43



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MARCH 6

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan Wednesday handed over appointment letters to eligible candidates of Kupwara district under SRO-43 of 1994 on compassionate grounds.

In a function held here, the DC congratulated all 8 newly appointees. While extending her best wishes to them, the DC advised them to carry out

their duties with honesty and dedication, serve the people with commitment and contribute to the overall welfare and development of Kupwara district.

On the occasion, the DC said that the Government is committed to provide better employment opportunities to youth of the district so that they earn livelihood with dignity and honor.

The appointees, who received appointment letters, expressed their

gratitude to the DC and UT administration for transparent and timely appointments.

Pertinent to mention that all the candidates appointed under SRO-43 are the residents of different areas of Kupwara district and have been appointed in the Department of School Education, Kupwara as MTS (Multi Tasking staff).

CEO Kupwara, Abdul Majeed Lone and other Officers were present on this occasion.

DFO SFD Anantnag launches Plant Distribution Drive



J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MARCH 6

The Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Social Forestry Division (SFD) Anantnag, Gazala Abdullah today launched a plant distribution initiative from the Moman-danji Nursery in Arwani, Anantnag here.

This initiative, aimed at bolstering environmental sustainability, saw the distribution of 35,000 popular saplings among an equal

number of beneficiaries. DFO highlighted the pivotal role of mass plantation drives in nurturing a greener and healthier environment. She emphasized the department's steadfast commitment to actively support and facilitate endeavors aimed at augmenting the green cover in the region. She encouraged the general public to engage actively in tree plantation drives, stressing the collective responsibility in nurtur-

ing and conserving the environment for future generations. She assured the public of the department's unwavering readiness to provide all necessary assistance and resources to facilitate the planting of more trees across the region.

Furthermore, she announced the continuation of the drive in the coming days.

The DFO was accompanied by Range Officers, Anantnag, Kokernag and Qazigund Ranges.

SMC's ABC&AVC Tengpora acknowledged as premier centre for population management of stray dogs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 6

The Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination Centre (ABC&AVC) at Tengpora, established by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), received high commendations from an inspection team led by Dr. S.K Dutta, Joint Commissioner (AH), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying/ Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India, Government of India.

During the inspection, the Municipal Veterinary Officer SMC presented a comprehensive overview of the Corporation's proactive measures to tackle the issue of stray dogs within the Srinagar city.

The presentation high-



lighted the strategies and dedicated efforts employed by SMC to address the challenges associated with stray dog population management within the city.

The inspection team, comprising experts in the fields of Animal Welfare and Animal Birth Control surgeries, acknowledged the ABC Center at Teng-

pora as a shining example of excellence in stray dog sterilization and rabies immunization.

Dr. S.K Dutta, speaking on behalf of the inspection team, lauded SMC's commitment to animal welfare and public health through the establishment of such a well-equipped and efficient facility.

Block Diwas: Public Outreach programme held at Kulgam

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MARCH 6

In order to take first-hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Vikar Ahmad Giri today presided over a public outreach programme, organized as part of weekly Block Diwas at Kulgam.

Other officers from District Administration were also present during the event.

Visiting delegations from various areas apprised ADC about their issues and put forth their

demands. Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments.

ADC, after giving patient hearing to the public addressed some of the immediate nature of grievances on the spot and assured that the rest of the genuine issues and grievances will be addressed in a time bound manner.

Meanwhile, grievances redressal camps were also held at D.H Pora and Devsar, where concerned Officers gave patient hearing to the public and assured of timely redressal.

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



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MARCH 6

In preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the District Administration Bandipora today organised a special training programme for zonal and sectoral magistrates at Town Hall, here.

The training programme was aimed to equip zonal and sectoral magistrates with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to oversee the electoral process effectively.

The training was provided by District Level

Master Trainer M Iqbal Samoon.

During the programme, specific duties and powers of sectoral and zonal magistrates were discussed emphasizing their pivotal roles in overseeing polling stations. The DLMT stressed on the importance of neutrality, professionalism, and impartiality in carrying out duties, with a commitment to upholding the highest standards of integrity.

Coordinator Manpower and Trainings, Mir Irfan Maqbool and other concerned were present on the occasion.

Upskilling/ Training program for Cooks cum Helpers held



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA, MARCH 06

In a bid to enhance the skills and capabilities of Cooks cum Helpers in the education department, the Department of School Education Baramulla in collaboration with SIDBI and STEP India today organized a first of its kind training program at Government Higher Secondary School Baramulla.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, was the chief guest on the occasion. Chief Education Officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina and other officials from the education department were present in the programme.

The training program, attended by Cooks cum Helpers from various schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of School Education Baramulla, covered a range of topics including proper cooking techniques, hand washing methods, sanitation practices, and food safety measures.

Participants were equipped with practical

knowledge and tools to implement better hygienic practices and improved cooking techniques in their daily mid-day meals preparation routines for the school children at their respective schools.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC commended the School Education Department Baramulla for organizing an enlightening training program tailored for the Cooks and Helpers, recognizing its potential to significantly improve the adoption of superior hygiene practices. Minga Sherpa further emphasized the paramount significance of nutrition in the holistic growth and development of children, stressing the imperative need to prioritize proper hygiene and cooking practices as essential pillars in safeguarding their overall well-being and future prospects.

Later, the DC distributed cooking kits among the trainees, aiming to equip them with the necessary tools to fulfill their duties in a more efficient and proficient manner.

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PM Modi to inaugurate Rs 5000 Cr HADP, integrated dev of Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar today

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation about Rs 5000 crore worth programme the 'Holistic Agriculture Development Programme' - for boosting agri-economy in J&K.

In an official statement to news agency, the PM will also dedicate to the nation and launch multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1400 crore under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation



Drive) scheme, including the project for 'Integrated Development of Hazratbal Shrine', Srinagar.

"Prime Minister will also launch the 'Dekho Apna Desh People's Choice Tourist Destination Poll

and Chalo India Global Diaspora Campaign," the statement read. "The PM will also announce tour-

ist destinations selected under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme. Besides, the Prime Minister will distribute appointment orders to about 1000 new Government recruits of Jammu and Kashmir and will also interact with beneficiaries of various government schemes, including women achievers, lakhpati didis, farmers, entrepreneurs etc."

"In a step that will provide a major boost to the agri-economy of Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister will dedicate 'Holistic Agriculture

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PM Modi arriving in decked up Sgr amid multi-tier security cover today

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

A multi-tier security blanket has been laid in the decked-up Srinagar as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to arrive in the Capital City to address a mammoth rally at Bakshi Stadium tomorrow (Thursday).

Reliable sources told the news agency that police and other security agencies have made elaborate security arrangements for the smooth conduct of PM Modi's rally.

"Bakshi Stadium, the venue where the PM will address the gathering



has not been decorated but a multi-tier security layer has been laid in and around the venue," the sources said.

A police officer said that all security arrangements have been finalised. "All measures are in place to

facilitate the people," he said. "There are heightened security measures to ensure a smooth event. All security agencies are maintaining close coordination." Sources said that top police officers took

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PM Modi's visit IGP traffic announces route plan for today

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Srinagar tomorrow, the Inspector General (IG) Traffic, Bhim Sen Tuti stated that the roads leading to the venue will remain closed for public transport.

Addressing media persons, IG Traffic, as per the news agency said that starting from 4:00 AM until 7:00 PM on March 7, the traffic movement from Jehangir Chowk to Rambagh and Rajbagh to LD Hospital-Tulsi Bagh route will be restricted.

"Motorists travelling



between Jehangir Chowk and Rambagh are advised to use alternative routes through interior roads, specifically the Rambagh-Hyderabad-Moominabad-Batmaloo road instead of the Solina-Magarmal Bagh axis," said the IGP Traffic.

Also, traffic assistance points will be stationed

at strategic locations to facilitate smooth movement along these routes, he added.

Similarly, motorists travelling from Radio Kashmir-Rajbagh and adjacent areas towards Solina-Rambagh are advised to take the M A/RR Road-Jehangir Chowk

Batmaloo-Moominabad-Hyderabad route instead of the Rajbagh-Jawahar Nagar-LD Hospital-Tulsi Bagh Road axis.

Additionally, movement of vehicles from Panthachowk towards Sonwar and vice versa will be discouraged during this period. "Students appearing for examinations are urged to carry valid ID cards and roll number slips and to reach their examination centers before 8:30 AM and leave after 3:00 PM to avoid any inconvenience, with special arrangements made for them at traffic assistance points,"

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GMC Jammu launches genetic cancer testing with Next Gen Technology

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

For the very first time, the Government Medical College Jammu has initiated genetic cancer testing using Next Generation Technology.

An official informed the news agency that the Department of Microbiology at GMC Jammu has successfully started genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations using cutting-edge Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology.

He said the initiative aims to enhance capacity in genetic sequencing



and provide the most advanced technology in diagnostics and research. NGS is being utilized in oncogenetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, targeting harmful mutations that predispose individuals or their relatives to

cancer.

"Mutations in the BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes can significantly increase the risk of developing breast cancer, making up to 65-85% for BRCA1 mutations and 40-85% for BRCA2 mutations by the age of 70,"

he said, adding, "Positive BRCA1 or BRCA2 results enable individuals to make informed decisions about available options to potentially reduce their risk of developing breast cancer."

The department also plans to gradually incorporate Human Papillomavirus (HPV) NGS testing in the second phase.

Dr Sandeep Dogra, Head of the Department of Microbiology at GMC Jammu, said this technology represents the forefront of diagnostics and resources. By identifying genetic mutations

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Man sentenced to life imprisonment for Hawal acid attack, fined Rs 40 lakh

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

A court here on Wednesday sentenced a man to life imprisonment for his involvement in the Hawal acid attack on February 01, 2022.

According to details obtained by the news agency, the court of Principal Sessions Judge Srinagar, Jawad Ahmed, announced the sentence against the main convict, Sajid Sheikh, a resident of Dalgate, who was found guilty under IPC sections 326 A for the brutal acid attack. Alongside the life sentence, he has been ordered to pay a fine of Rs 40 lakh, enforceable from his assets as per section 421 (1) (b) of the Indian Penal Code.

Reflecting on the severity of the offence and the profound impact on the victim's life, both physically and emotionally, the court deemed the maximum punishment necessary to ensure justice. The fine imposed serves not only as a punitive measure but also as a means to aid the victim's ongoing medical treatment and recovery.

The case has been recommended to the Member Secretary, J&K Legal Service Authority to provide the maximum compensation under the J&K Victim Compensation Scheme, 2019.

In accordance with legal procedures, Sajid Sheikh has

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J&K people eagerly awaiting to welcome PM Modi: Raina

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

Bharatiya Janata Party's J&K president Ravinder Raina on Wednesday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are eagerly awaiting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give him a grand welcome at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium tomorrow.

Speaking to reporters at the press enclave here, Raina, as per the news agency, said more than two lakh people are expected to welcome the Prime Minister on Thursday.

He said 255 blocks of the Union Territory are equipped with big screens for the live telecast of PM Modi's speech, and Bakshi Stadium will be filled to capacity as people are arriving in large numbers.

"Prominent stadiums of Srinagar like SKICC, Sher-e-Kashmir and other large parks and grounds will be prepared for the live telecast of PM's speech, as it is set to be a historic rally in the

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J&K achieves 62% progress in PMDP implementation

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

Jammu and Kashmir administration has achieved a progress of more than 62 per cent in the implementation of projects sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP).

As per news agency, an outlay of Rs 80,068 crore, PMDP was announced in the year 2015. The PMDP initially included 63 major infrastructure projects across roads, power, health, tourism and other key sectors aimed at bridging the development gap in the former state.

In 2019 when J&K's was bifurcated into two union territories, 53 projects



worth Rs 58,477 crore were allocated to the UT of J&K, with the remaining going to Ladakh.

As per the figures available with the KNO, 33 out of total 53 projects have been completed till December, which makes a progress of more than 62 per cent in the implemen-

tation of PMDP in Jammu and Kashmir.

Figures reveal that Rs 45,448 crore has been utilized out of the total Rs 46,981 crore released for these 53 projects.

Major projects under the PMDP include all-weather roads, power infrastructure, health insti-

tutes, tourism facilities as well as flood management and rehabilitation works.

The last few years have seen a noticeable increase in the rate of implementation as steps were taken to address problems like land acquisition, clearances, and court disputes that had previously slowed

down development. Officials said the administration is working 'tirelessly' to ensure the completion of these projects in limited time.

They said the UT government as well as the centre too was monitoring these projects, which are aimed at fulfilling the developmental needs of people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The PMDP forms a key part of the Modi government's push for accelerated development in J&K since its reorganization in 2019.

The Home Ministry is also closely monitoring to make sure all projects that have been approved get finished on time. KNO

Govt plans to crack whip against cattle smuggling in JK, launches 'Operation Kamdhenu'

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 6

In a determined effort to curb the rampant issue of cattle smuggling, the police have initiated "Operation Kamdhenu" in the Jammu, Samba, and Kathua (JSK) police ranges. This crackdown aims not only to tackle the immediate smuggling activities but also to target the masterminds behind these illicit operations.

According to reports received by the news agency, under Opera-

tion Kamdhenu, a comprehensive strategy has been devised to scrutinize the activities of cattle smugglers. The focus is not just on apprehending the immediate perpetrators but also on identifying and registering the names of main conspirators in the FIR. Additionally, assets of the accused will be assessed as part of the investigation process.

Reports inform that key officers including SP Rural Jammu, DSP Headquarters Samba, and DSP (Dar) Kathua

have been appointed as nodal officers to oversee the effective implementation of Operation Kamdhenu. This operation includes a meticulous approach where details such as the engine and chassis numbers, mobile numbers, and Aadhar card details of vehicles involved in smuggling will be documented and added to the case files.

The decision to register the names of main conspirators in the FIR marks a significant step towards holding the masterminds account-

able for their actions. Government sources inform that this move is expected to provide law enforcement with valuable leads and enable them to pursue more effective measures against cattle smuggling networks.

It was informed further that Kathua district, within the JSK range, has witnessed a surge in incidents of cattle smuggling, making it imperative for Operation Kamdhenu to be rigorously enforced in this region.

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Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurates international conference, emphasises biomanufacturing for 'Green Growth'

J I NEWS SERVICE
FARIDABAD, MAR 6

Biomanufacturing and Bio-foundry will drive India's future bioeconomy and promote "Green Growth", said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh while inaugurating the 17th Annual International Biocuration Conference (AIBC-2024) being organ-



ised by Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) at Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), here.

"After a policy shift under Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, Biotechnology research and Bio StartUps are prioritised and have taken centre stage", he said.

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Weekly Block Diwas: DC Rajouri holds Public Outreach Camp at Laroka Panchayat of Border Block Qila Darhal

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 6

Demonstrating a proactive and community-centered approach to address public concerns, Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today chaired a public outreach camp/weekly Block Diwas at Laroka Panchayat of border block Qila Darhal.

This event facilitated a constructive dialogue where both the public and their representatives discussed a wide range of urgent issues, including; the pressing need for road repairs, the upgradation and availability of adequate staff in government institutions, water scarcity, and enhancing the healthcare infrastructure.

Specific issues which were highlighted during the event were repairing the transformer at Laroka,



construction of boundary wall for HS Laroka and HSS Lam, repair of old hand pumps, repair of road from Laroka to Kansar, construction of road from Teg Bahadur to Jabbar Mohalla, demand of receiving station, sanctioning a KV school at Qila Darhal etc.

The Deputy Commissioner reaffirmed the commitment of the district administration to provide quality essential services to the people. He expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in achieving the set targets of key central schemes and encouraged them to continue their hard work for the welfare of the public.

Furthermore, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat assured the public that their grievances and concerns had been carefully documented and would be addressed on top priority.

The Deputy Commissioner reassured that piped water connections would be provided to every household in the district through the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). He emphasized that the administration is relentlessly working

towards making every possible effort to achieve this vital objective.

He emphasized that a number of vital projects are under execution in the border block of Qila Darhal showcasing the unwavering dedication of the administration to the development and progress of this strategic region.

Regarding the ongoing developmental projects, the Deputy Commissioner Rajouri directed the concerned officers to expedite progress and ensure timely completion. Recognizing the importance of the role these projects play in the growth of the region, he stressed the significance of efficient execution to bring tangible improvements to the community.

Regarding curbing the menace of drug abuse from the district, he appealed to the public, emphasizing the importance of their support in collaboration with the administration to effectively combat the issue of drug abuse within the district.

The Deputy Commissioner also actively sought feedback regarding the implementation of various governmental schemes in the area, displaying a strong commitment to ensuring the efficient execution of these programs for the benefit of the public.

The public outreach camp was attended by the SSP, Amrit Pal Singh; ADC Nowshera, Babu Ram Tandan; CPO, Maqsood Ahmed; Dy DEO, Shakeel Ahmed; DDE, Zaher Kaifi; EXEN PDD Rajouri, Tehsildar Qila Darhal; Mohd Rashid; EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera, Bipin Kumar; EXEN PWD(R&B) Nowshera, VK Raina; EXEN REW, Zahir Khan and other concerned officers.

CEO reviews election preparedness for Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MARCH 6

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Jammu and Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, today convened a meeting with District Election Officers (DEOs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) of Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency to review election preparedness for the upcoming elections.

In a comprehensive review, CEO evaluated the arrangements being put in place for election related proceedings in the constituency, emphasizing the operational readiness of polling stations and ensuring availability of Assured Minimum Facility (AMF). He laid special focus on acquainting all stakeholders with the election process besides

ensuring adherence to the Election Commission of India (ECI) calendar and instructions.

Pandurang K Pole stressed the need to increase Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities, suggesting planning at the Booth Level Officer (BLO) level to educate the eligible voters about the importance of exercising their right to franchise.

During the meeting, meticulous planning in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) devised by the ECI was discussed and highlighted. The respective DEOs, EROs and AROs of Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, and Kishtwar provided detailed accounts of their Constituency Election Profiles, election preparedness and related activities in their respective areas.

Similarly, SSPs of Kathua, Udhampur, Doda and Kishtwar presented security plans, addressing the varied topographical challenges within their territories.

The CEO emphasized the importance of taking necessary steps to ensure free elections, calling for collaborative efforts from all stakeholders to conduct free and fair elections.

The CEO, in his concluding remarks, said the electoral process is gaining momentum and every endeavour shall be made to uphold the integrity of democratic process in the region.

DEO Kathua Dr Rakesh Minhas, DEO Udhampur Saloni Rai and other officers were also present on the occasion.

PMEGP provides gainful livelihood to 633 unemployed youth in Ramban in 2023-24

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 6

The Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) continues to be a beacon of hope and opportunity for aspiring young entrepreneurs across Ramban district.

The scheme launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) with the aim of generating sustainable employment opportunities in both rural and urban areas, the PMEGP has been instrumental in nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurship and fostering economic growth.

Under the PMEGP scheme, financial assistance is provided for setting up new micro- and small businesses, thereby facilitating self-employment and job creation among unemployed youth. The scheme encourages the establishment of small projects in sectors such as manufacturing, services, and agro-based industries.

Guided by the Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, all banks are implementing the PMEGP scheme effec-

tively across the district and have disbursed a total amount of Rs 1627.38 Lakh among 211 young entrepreneurs during the first, second, and third quarters of the fiscal year 2023-24 to start their business units and generate job opportunities.

The Khadi and Village Industries Board, Ramban, has played a significant role in fostering entrepreneurial ventures in the district. KVIB has sponsored 202 cases, in which 117 cases of Rs. 1005.72 lakh have been sanctioned. Notably, Rs 852.57 Lakh has been disbursed among 102 unemployed youth by the Khadi and Village Industries Department during the current FY 2023-24.

Similarly, the District Industries Centre (DIC) Ramban, under the supervision of General Manager Ravinder Anand, has also fostered entrepreneurial ventures within the district.

In the fiscal year 2023-24, DIC sponsored a total of 256 cases, with 150 cases successfully sanctioned. A substantial loan amount of Rs 629.91 Lakh has been disbursed among



91 young entrepreneurs through various banks.

Moreover, KVIB has also got 20 cases of Rs. 191.11 sanctioned under PMEGP Scheme with a disbursement figure of Rs. 144.90 lakh of 18 candidates. These initiatives have not only propelled economic growth but have also significantly contributed to employment generation within the district. A commendable 126 individuals

current FY 2023-24.

The success stories of ventures established under PMEGP in the district are inspiring. One such example is Naina Gupta Tringla from Batote District Ramban, J&K, who established a thriving servicing unit of Gym-cum-Fitness Centre. Under the PMEGP loan of Rs 15 Lacs, with a subsidy of Rs 3.75 Lakh, sanctioned and disbursed in 2022-23 by the State Bank of India, Batote, the venture has flourished.

Speaking about her venture, Naina Gupta emphasized her commitment to addressing the community's needs and providing employment opportunities to local people and up-skilling unskilled workers. Her Gym-cum-Fitness Center has not only thrived but also employed 07 unemployed youths, including gym coaches and fitness trainers.

The success of ventures like Naina Gupta's highlights the transformative impact of PMEGP in fostering entrepreneurship, generating employment, and meeting the demands of local communities.

DDC reviews progress achieved under District Capex Budget in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MARCH 6

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary today chaired a meeting in his office to review the progress of ongoing projects taken up under the district Capex budget 2023-2024.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Chief Planning Officer, PO-ICDS /General Manager DIC, Khalid Hussain Wafa, SE PWD(R&B), Kewal Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Development, Shafiq Mir, CEO Education, Bishamber Dass, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr.P.A Khan, DEPO, Narinder Mohan Suri, besides Executive agencies of different departments were present in the meeting.

The meeting focused on reviewing works related to various sectors such as



Rural Development, Jal Shakti, Roads and Buildings, Health, School Education, Irrigation, Tourism, Urban Development, JPDCI, and more.

A comprehensive department-wise evaluation was conducted to gauge the status of all ongoing projects under the district Capex budget.

It was disclosed that out of the 1746 allotted works, 1226 have been completed. This indicates an impressive completion rate of 70.22%.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the concerned officers to expedite the tendering process for the remaining works and ensure that the allotted projects commence promptly. He stressed the need for strict compliance with the specified timelines.

Moreover, the Deputy Commissioner provided a detailed update on the status of each project, highlighting the contributions of the respective executive agencies and officers involved.

In order to facilitate the timely execution of both ongoing and new projects, the Deputy Commissioner issued a series of directives to accelerate the pace of work.

Government PG College Rajouri hosts quiz competition on India's Freedom Struggle and Legacy

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 6

Government PG College Rajouri hosted an engaging Intra-College Quiz competition centered around the theme of "India's struggle for freedom and its legacy." The event was held under the supervision of Dr. Shamim Ahmed, the Principal of the College.

The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation of four groups, each named after iconic freedom fighters: Bhagat Singh, Ashfaq Ullah, Rani Laxmibhai, and M.K. Gandhi. A total of 12 students demonstrated their knowledge and passion in this intellectually stimulating contest. The quiz was thoughtfully structured into seven rounds,

designed to foster awareness about the often overlooked heroes of India's struggle for independence and to ignite a spirit of healthy competition and analytical thinking among the participants.

The M.K. Gandhi group, comprising Miss Shareen Anjum, Mr. Abrar Hussain, and Miss Neha Sharma, clinched the coveted first position. Their depth of understanding and quick thinking set them apart.

The Rani Laxmibhai group, represented by Ms. Samreena Manzoor, Ms. Shareen Anjum, and Pragati Gupta, secured a commendable second position. Their teamwork and knowledge were truly impressive.

The Ashfaq Ullah Khan group, featuring Ms. Sabha Naz, Ms. Tahira Shameem, and Mr. Ibrar Ahmed,



earned a well-deserved third position. Their dedication and grasp of historical nuances stood out.

The event commenced with a warm Welcome Note delivered by Dr. Israr Ahmed from the Department of Economics.

Prof. Khaleeq Ahmed, the Programme Officer of NSS, followed with an insightful Keynote Address.

Principal Prof. Shamim Ahmed presided over the occasion, emphasizing the importance of celebrating academic achievements. Prizes were awarded to the winning students, recognizing their outstanding performance in the quiz. Additionally, the department acknowledged the stellar accomplishments of students in the previous semester's final examinations, further motivating them on their educational journey.

About 500 students attended the programme. The other dignitaries

who graced the occasion with their presence are Dr. Raiz Ahmed Mirza, Co-ordinator IQAC, Dr. Mush-taq HoD Persian, Dr. Mohd Latief Mir HoD Urdu, Prof. Ayaz Ahmad Choudhary, Prof. Naveen Kumar Sharma, HoD Environmental Science, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Prof. Ram Kashore, Dr. Simran Kour, Dr. Florence Chand, Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Rathar, Dr. Mohd Arshad, Dr. Shakeel Ahmed and Dr. Ayaz Ahmad.

The event concluded on a high note, with gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters who contributed to the success of this intellectually invigorating quiz competition. The formal vote of thanks presented by Dr. Aftab Hussain.

7- Day NSS Special Winter Camp concludes at GDC Neeli Nallah Udhampur



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

The week long winter camp organized by NSS Unit Government Degree College Neeli Nallah concluded today.

Principal of the College, Prof. Hans Raj was the chief guest at the valedictory function. In his address, he lauded the efforts of the NSS Unit for successfully organizing the week-long Camp. He advised the participants to render community service and to spread the message of truth, kindness, affection, and righteousness among people in society.

During the week-long camp, a number of activities were organized which included visit to Bal Ashram, Poster making and rally on Nasha mukt Bharat, Cleanliness Drives, Beautification of college premises (Plantation Drive) Door to door awareness campaign on topics like Drug Abuse

and Mera pehla vote Desh ke liye, Poster Making Competition, Extension lecture, and Cultural Programs.

The Camp was successfully organized by Prof. Shaista Yasmeen, NSS PO with the active support and coordination of the college staff. The chief guest distributed Certificates of Merit among the NSS Volunteers who attended the Winter Camp and rendered meritorious service in the interest of society.

Around 60 NSS volunteers attended the camp. The program was conducted under the able guidance of the Principal of the college, Prof. Hans Raj with faculty members, Dr. Sunil Tanoch, Prof. Rekha Sharma, Dr. Zahoor Mir, Dr. Akhter Hussain Dr. Muntazir, Dr. Mahima Bhagat, Mr. Pradeep were present during the valedictory function. NSS volunteers took active participation in every programme and made the programme a great success.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 22/2023-2024 Date: 06.03.2024

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, NRI, Store Depot Mech. Workshop, Amritsar for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Due date
1.	62245110	MS ANGLE OF SIZE 35mm x 35mm x 5mm OF 10 Mtr LENGTH TO IS SPECIFICATION IS: 2062 E 250A WITH CU.	30000 kgs	01.04.2024
		MS ANGLE OF SIZE 40mm x 40mm x 6mm OF 10 Mtr LENGTH TO IS SPECIFICATION IS: 2062 E 250A WITH CU.	26000 kgs	

NOTE: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.

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Cyclothon, lectures, Felicitations mark Int'l Women's Day 2024 Celebration at Kishtwar

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 6

The District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with the District Legal Service Authority (DLSA) and other stakeholders on Wednesday organised a series of impactful events to observe the International Women's Day 2024.

Under the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress," the celebration emphasized gender equality, women's empowerment, and the fundamental right to healthier lives.

The festivities commenced with the inauguration of a Cyclothon by the Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav at the Main Bus Stand.

District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Parvez Qazi, DYSSO, Jaffar Hussain, staff of the social welfare department and District Youth Services and Sports Department was present on the occasion.

Over 40 cyclists, representing diverse age groups and women, pedalled through the main market, promoting the spirit of unity and health for empowerment of women folk. The culminating point of the Cyclothon was at TRC Kishtwar, leading to the main function at



Picture Time Theatre.

The DSWO welcomed the participants, setting the stage for an inspiring event.

Esteemed guests included ADC, Pawan Kotwal, and Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mahmud Anwar Alnasir.

Students from GDC Kishtwar and local schools delivered speeches aligned with the International Women's Day theme, reflecting on the

importance of women's rights and empowerment.

Beneficiaries of the NRLM group shared their success stories, demonstrating the positive impact of collaborative efforts in women's development. A survivor of domestic violence courageously shared her journey, underscoring the vital role played by the One Stop Centre in providing legal aid and rehabilitation.

The Members of DLSA shed light on the legal support extended to women, emphasizing the crucial role played by legal frameworks in safeguarding their rights. CJM Kishtwar and ADC Kishtwar addressed the participants, providing valuable insights into the significance of International Women's Day and highlighting the various supports available to victims of destitution and

domestic violence. The theme, "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress," was reiterated as a powerful tool for societal development.

The program concluded with a felicitation of Women achievers besides recognizing the talents of participants in a painting competition organized by DLSA and the Social Welfare Department. Awards were bestowed upon deserving individuals, acknowledging their contributions.

The success of the event was attributed to the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders, including the Social Welfare Department, DLSA, Mission Vatsalya staff, One Stop Centre-DHEW, the Education Department, Police Department, NCC and NSS units of GDC Kishtwar, ASHAs, AWW, Special Women Police Cell, and representatives from the Women Development Corporation, and the Information Department. The International Women's Day celebration in Kishtwar served as a testament to the collective commitment towards fostering gender equality, empowering women, and creating a society where every woman's rights are respected and protected.

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Awareness program under SVEEP concludes at GCW Udhampur

JNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

The 5-day Awareness Programme under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation program on the themes, "MERA PEHLA VOTE, MERE DESH KE LIYE" and "CHUNAV KA PARV, DESH KA GARV." Concluded today at Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur. The campaign was organised under the guidance of the Principal of the College, Prof. Nalini Pathania.

Around 150 students of the college participated and contributed to different activities and events organised in the college for five days.

Different activities were organised from 2-6 March, 2024 like Reel-Making competition, Pledge-Taking by students, Poster-Making Competition and Symposium.

The purpose of organising these activities was to make the students aware about the election-process and importance of casting



vote in a democracy.

The programme began with the welcome address by Prof. Swarna Devi, Nodal Officer of the SVEEP GCW Udhampur. She inspired the students, especially the new voters, to cast their vote in the coming elections.

Prof. Nalini Pathania, Principal of the college, in her speech, congratulated the students for their active participation and appreciated the efforts of the SVEEP Nodal Officer and members for organising the wonderful awareness programme. She informed the students that these elections are a festival for the people living in a democratic country in which they get the chance

to choose the government of their choice. So, we all must benefit out of this opportunity by participating in it through our right to franchise. In this way we can contribute towards the nation as well by making our democracy a success.

In the Reel-Making Competition on the theme, "Mera Pella Vote Desh Ke Liye", Samridhi stood first, Gunn Manhas stood second and Sanjna Bhandral stood third.

In the Symposium, on the same theme, Drishti Sharma secured first position, Diksha Sharma secured second position and Princy Devi fetched 3rd position.

In Poster-Making Com-

petition, on the theme, "Chunav Ka Parv, Desh Ka Garv" Sumiya Choudhary got first prize, Minu Devi got second prize and Nisha Devi secured third prize. Prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners.

Prof. Pooja Bharti, HOD Geography, Dr. Shallu Jasrotia, Asstt. Prof. Music, Prof. Pardeep Singh, HOD Education were the judges in the Reel-Making Competition. Dr. Mool Raj, Asstt. HOD Urdu, Prof. Yash Paul, Asstt. Prof. History, Dr. Sushma Kumari, HOD Dogri were the jury members in Symposium and in Poster-Making Competition. The Programme was organised by Prof. Swarna Devi (SVEEP Nodal Officer of the college) from Political Science Department and co-member of the SVEEP Cell, Dr. Om Parkash, Asstt. Prof. Sanskrit. Dr. Mool Raj, Dr. Ajay Sharma, Prof. Shama Rani, Dr. Ravinder Kumar, Prof. Yash Paul also contributed by participating in the programme on different occasions.

Div Com Jammu attends inaugural ceremony of Maha Shivratri Mahotsav at Panchvaktra Mahadev Mandir



JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 6

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today attended the inaugural ceremony of the 3-day Maha Shivratri Mahotsav here at Panchvaktra Mahadev Mandir.

The Divisional Commissioner paid obeisance and performed Pooja as the three day festivities commenced in the premises of the Temple. The inaugural ceremony of Maha Shivratri Mahotsav commenced with the Swastivachan by the students of Central Sanskrit University, Kot Bhalwal and recital of Bhajans.

The three day Maha Shivratri Mahotsav has been organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Tourism Jammu,

and J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages.

Addressing the gathering, the Div Com highlighted the historical and religious significance of the Panchvaktra Mahadev Temple. He further informed that Mahashivratri Mahotsavs are also being organized at Shiv Khori Reasi, Peer Kho Jammu and Purmandal Samba.

The Div Com said that such spiritual Mahotsav gives us an opportunity to renew our faith and receive the divine blessings. He called on the people to visit the ancient Temple for experiencing the divine spiritual experience along with the cultural extravaganza and departmental stalls showcasing government schemes and initiatives.

The Div Com also shared the efforts of LG led UT administration towards development and promotion of religious places in Jammu Kashmir. Facilities are being developed at Shiv Khori Shrine under CSR, he said and added that a religious circuit is being developed at Purmandal to attract the pilgrims. Efforts are also being made for making the Machail Mata Yatra convenient and hassle free, he added.

The Div Com lauded the bhajan performance by Dr Mukteshi Sharma. Symphony of traditional Dogra instruments was played by Mohan Lal & Party

Suresh Kumar Sharma, Retd Session Judge & Receiver, Panjvaktra

Mahadev Mandir, gave a brief overview of the historical and spiritual significance of the Panchvaktra Temple.

The temple premises will be transformed into a hub of cultural activity, with events happening daily from 11:30 AM to 8:30 PM. This cultural extravaganza promises a delightful experience for all, blending spiritual devotion with artistic expression. Talented artists will showcase their skills in various traditional and classical performances, it was informed.

Secretary, Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Bharat Singh Manhas, President, CCI, Presidents of different Bazar Association and people were present.

One day Awareness cum Millets exhibition camp held at Sial Jattan, Udhampur

JNEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

A day-long awareness cum exhibition event, focusing on the promotion of Millets, was organized by the Chief Agriculture Officer here at Panchayat Sial Jattan (Zone Jib) of Udhampur.

The event witnessed the presence of District Development Council Chairman Udhampur, Lal Chand as the chief guest.

More than 150 farmers actively participated, gaining insights into the Central Sector Schemes (CSS) and JK UT Govt's initiatives for the welfare of the farming community and unemployed youth.

Special emphasis was placed on the Holistic

Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), aiming to bolster the rural economy and generate employment opportunities.

The Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare reiterated its commitment to support farmers throughout the cultivation-to-marketing process by strengthening the supply chain and providing incentives at every stage. Farmers were encouraged to adopt innovative agricultural practices such as crop diversification, integrated farming systems, protected cultivation, and the use of organic manures to enhance production, productivity, and ecological sustainability.

As part of the event, various millet varieties were showcased, accompanied by millet-based dishes like kheer and pakoras. Hybrid vegetable seeds were also distributed to farmers. Additionally, farmers were briefed on the potential of non-farm activities like mushroom cultivation and beekeeping as supplementary sources of income to achieve nutritional security and double their farm income sustainably.

The event included an interactive session where farmers' queries were addressed, and their concerns noted. Among the dignitaries present were Chief Horticulture Officer Udhampur Brij Vallabh Gupta, District Officers, PRI representatives, and



Agriculture Extension Officer of Jib Zone, along with their respective staff.

In his concluding remarks, Chairman of the District Development Council Udhampur, Lal Chand, expressed gratitude to all stakeholders for the success of the event. He emphasized the importance of such outreach activities in ensuring comprehensive coverage of government welfare initiatives and urged farmers and unemployed youth to embrace agricultural innovations to increase production, productivity, and employment opportunities.

The event was coordinated by D L S. Sukhbir Singh, who also delivered the vote of thanks.

Pawan Kotwal takes over as ADC Kishtwar

JNEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 6

Pawan Kotwal, JKAS, today took over as Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar.

The occasion was marked by a warm reception and congratulations extended by the public, as well as fellow officers and officials, recognizing his new assignment.

Addressing those present, Pawan Kotwal urged employees to approach their duties with the same zeal and zest that has characterized his own commitment to public service.

GDC Vijaypur hosts Documentary Screening on 'Importance of Voting in a Democracy'

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MARCH 6

NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College Vijaypur, in collaboration with Department of English organized the screening of documentary on 'Importance of Voting in a Democracy' under the banner of Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye here for the students and faculty members of the college.

The documentary was a great inspiration for the students as they came to know about the importance of voting and voting rights. NSS volunteers and other college students participated in the documentary screening with great enthusiasm and zeal.

The documentary deliberated upon the purpose to inculcate constitutional obligations and to encourage staff and students to cast their vote. It also deliberated upon how India runs the world's biggest democratic elections. The event was organized under the able guidance of Dr. (Prof.) Vandana Gupta, esteemed Principal of the college where she briefed the students about the fundamental rights and duties



of the Indian Constitution. The idea of Voting awareness is to aware the college students understand the importance of voting. She further said that voting is an important civic duty that can significantly impact the future of our country.

The event was organized with the full support of the senior faculty members like Prof. Anita Jamwal (HOD Political Science), Prof. Mamta Kundal (HOD Commerce) and Dr.

Anoop Bhagat (HOD Sociology). The event was coordinated by Prof. Poonam Kundan (HOD Environmental Sciences), Dr. Manoj Heer (HOD Dogri) and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary (NSS PO). The event was co-ordinated by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Prof. Renuka Kundal, Prof. Rakesh Kumar, Prof. Mazid Malik, Dr. Neelam Kumari, Prof. Sonia Devi, Prof. Gagandeep Singh, Dr. Pooja Gupta and Dr. Tisha Singh.

IRCS J&K organises series of welfare activities in Jammu City

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 6

Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT is making all out efforts to reach out to different sections of the society who need help and compassion under the leadership of Shri Manoj Sinha, Lt. Governor (President, IRCS) MK and supervision of Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS, J&K-UT.

Today, the Red Cross conducted Pulse Polio Immunization Drive, hosted a lecture on Menstrual Hygiene and distributed Sanitary Napkins and organised a First-Aid Training Programme at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni.

As part of the 3-day Pulse Polio immunization campaign, Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS, J&K kick started the 3 day immunization programme at Red Cross Dispensary to immunize children under the age of five against polio. The on the first day, polio drops were administered at Red Cross Dispensary, Kachi Chawni, Jammu,

whereas on 4th & 5th March, Red Cross staff went from door to door in the areas Tange wall Galli, Rani Park, Afghan Mohalla, Moti Bazar to cover the children for polio immunization.

The Indian Red Cross Society distributed free Sanitary Napkins to around 200 female students of 9th and 11th class of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Kandoll Nagrota, Jammu followed by a lecture on Menstrual Hygiene.

The camp was inaugurated by Sudha Kumari, Principal, Govt. High School, Greater Kailash, Jammu. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Kavita Nijhon, Medical Officer. The camp was co-ordinated by Vironica Marwah, Field Officer, Indian Red Cross Society, J&K-UT.

An 8-day First-Aid Training Programme was held at Red Cross Bhawan, Kachi Chawni, Jammu for the Commercial Vehicle drivers and the youth of the society.

During the 8 day training, different topics were covered like

Disaster Management during Earthquakes, Fires and Floods. They were informed about emergency techniques for handling bleeding patients, Fracture/accident victims. The Highlights of the programme were how to resuscitate a patient of fainting and Cardiac Arrest. Emphasis was laid on the Management of injuries, fracture, burns, control of bleeding, practical demonstrations of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Choking.

The practical and theoretical lectures were delivered by Dr. Kavita Nijhon Verma & Dr. Asia Noor, Medical Officers assisted by Kanchan Devi, & Ravi Kant Magotra, Sup. Pharmacists, Naziya Banoo, FMPHW and Joginder Kumar, Pharmacist IRCS, Jammu.

On the last day of session, Rohit Khajuria, General Secretary, IRCS J&K UT interacted with all the participants and issued Provisional certificates to them. The training went quite fruitful and ended on a good note.

Deputy Commissioner leads review of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan in Doda

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA MARCH 6

Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh spearheaded a thorough evaluation of the progress made under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) in Doda district, the otherday. The departments of Fisheries, Agriculture, Floriculture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, and Sheep Husbandry, were the focal points of discussion during the meeting held in the Mini Conference Hall in the DC Office Complex.

The district nodal officer, along with officers from different departments, provided a comprehensive overview of achievements and the status of registration process under different components of HADP. Furthermore, discussions covered both physical and financial progress, as well as the processing of online

applications on various portal.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of HADP in establishing a robust and profitable agricultural ecosystem, the DC urged for the enhancement of the registration process under various schemes. He directed concerned officers to expedite the clearance of pending applications. Specific focus was given to the registration status under portals like Kisan Sathi, Daksh Kisan, and Yava Vani. In attendance were Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, AD fisheries, District Sericulture Officer, Assistant Floriculture Officer, along with farmers. The Deputy Commissioner called upon departmental officers to ensure effective HADP implementation for the optimal benefit of farming communities.

Voter Awareness camp held at GDC Thannamandi

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 6

As per the instructions of District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Parkash Bhagat, the SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Cell, in collaboration with the NSS (National Service Scheme) Unit of Government Degree College Thannamandi, orchestrated a comprehensive Awareness Program here on the College Campus. Themed "Importance of Vote in Democratic Setup," the event epitomized the college's commitment to nurturing informed and responsible citizens.

Kicking off the day's activities, students embarked on an educational excursion to the local nursery, immersing themselves in hands-on learning about plant life and ecological sustainability. The early morning visit not only enriched their understanding of environmental conservation but also served as a precursor to the college's subsequent plantation drive.

Following the visit, students spearheaded a vigorous door-to-door campaign aimed at raising voter awareness within the community. Armed with knowledge and conviction, they engaged residents in meaningful conversations about the importance of active par-



ticipation in electoral processes, thereby igniting a grassroots movement for civic responsibility.

Dr. Khalid Rayaz, in his welcome address, underscored the dual focus of the day's endeavors: promoting voter awareness and fostering environmental stewardship. Prof. Mohd Iqbal Raina, District Nodal Officer of SVEEP Rajouri, delivered an impassioned talk on the pivotal role of voting in safeguarding democratic ideals, while Principal Prof. Farooq Ahmed expounded on the responsibilities of citizenship and the power of collective action. In alignment with the program's holistic approach, a plantation drive was conducted within the college campus, symbolizing the institu-

tion's dedication to environmental sustainability. Participants enthusiastically planted trees, signaling their commitment to preserving and enhancing the natural environment.

The program culminated with Prof. Asif Aijaz Lone, NSS Program Officer, extending heartfelt gratitude to all participants and organizers for their unwavering dedication and collaborative spirit. Through this multifaceted initiative, Govt. Degree College Thannamandi not only empowered students with the knowledge and agency to effect positive change but also underscored the interconnectedness of civic engagement and environmental consciousness in building a vibrant and resilient society.

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Work kick started on Heritage Library, Youth recreation Centre at Poonch Fort



J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MARCH 6

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Yasin M. Choudhary kick-started work on Heritage Library and Youth Recreation Centre inside Iconic Poonch Fort (Qila). The facility would have a Heritage Library, Career Counselling & Guidance Centre and an office room, all under the AVSAR scheme. The focus would be on connecting youth with their heritage and provide them with placement opportunities and career counselling, guidance and skill development opportunities.

The DC launched the work in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Tahir Mustafa Malik, Deputy Director Employment, Mohammad Rafiq, Tehsildar Haveli, Azar Majid, EO Municipality, Yaqoob Choud-

hary, besides Assistant Engineers and other concerned officers.

After the inauguration, the Deputy Commissioner asked the executing agency to complete the project within the stipulated time frame as per the prescribed quality parameters.

The facility of Heritage Public Library cum Youth Recreation Centre aims to provide an enabling environment to the youth for personal and academic growth, offering a rich collection of books, resources for counselling and guidance and a dedicated space for staff to facilitate career development opportunities.

The Deputy Commissioner highlighted the significance of the project as being established in the heart of the city with an extended aim of heritage conservation.

DC conducts comprehensive inspection of Polling Stations in Subdivision Nowshera

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 6

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat, accompanied by SSP Amrit Pal Singh, today undertook a comprehensive visit to several polling stations in subdivision Nowshera. The purpose of the visit was to assess and review the status of assured minimum facilities at these polling stations.

The Deputy Commissioner, meticulously inspected 19 polling stations: Nowshera-A, Nowshera, Qila Darhal, Kalsian, Kalsian-A, Chowki Handan-B, Chowki Handan, Khamba, Laroka-B, Laroka-A, Khamba-A, Khamba-B, Bhawani-A, Lam, Lam-A,

Laroka-C, Kampla, Bhawani and Bhawani-B. The scrutiny encompassed a thorough examination of various essential facilities for the smooth conduct of elections. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner and SSP engaged with the stakeholders to ensure that all necessary arrangements were in place to facilitate a smooth and efficient voting process. The basic minimum amenities such as electricity, water supply, sanitation facilities, and accessibility for differently-abled voters was assessed at these polling stations.

Expressing satisfaction with the overall preparedness observed during the

visit, Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat underscored the importance of ensuring that all polling stations adhere to prescribed standards of ECI to uphold the integrity and fairness of the electoral process. He reiterated the unwavering commitment of the administration to facilitating free, fair, and transparent elections, wherein every eligible citizen can exercise their democratic right with confidence and ease.

The visit concluded with the instructions to the officers of concerned departments to put in place all efforts for smooth conduct of Lok Sabha Elections in the subdivision.

DC Harvinder Singh flags off rally to celebrate International Women's Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA MARCH 6

In a proactive move to commemorate International Women's Day and advocate for women's empowerment, District Commissioner Harvinder Singh, flagged off a rally here today. The event aimed to celebrate the achievements of women while highlighting the importance of empowering them for societal progress.

The rally, starting from the DC office in Doda, saw enthusiastic participation from students and officials of the Social Welfare Department. As they marched through key areas like the old bus stand, Bharath road, and Tondwa, the participants raised slogans echoing the sentiment of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" (Save the Daughter, Educate the Daughter). This resonated with the overarching theme of the event: "Invest in Women



to Accelerate Progress."

Amidst the spirited atmosphere of the mega rally, the attendees reiterated the need to prioritize initiatives that empower women. With the upcoming celebration of International Women's Day, the event served as a precursor to a series of activities geared towards raising awareness about gender equality and women's rights. It underscored the pivotal role that women play in the socio-economic fabric of society and called for collective action to ensure their empowerment and upliftment.

As the world gears up to celebrate International Women's Day, the rally in Doda served as a poignant reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality and women's empowerment. It laid the foundation for future endeavors aimed at fostering an environment where every woman can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society. With the rallying cry of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" reverberating through the streets, the event symbolized a collective commitment to nurturing and empowering the daughters of the Nation.

Chaman Lal Sharma takes over as Director Horticulture Jammu

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Chaman Lal Sharma has taken over as the Director Horticulture Jammu.

An order in this regard was issued by the Depart-

ment of Agriculture Production, according to which, the charge of the post of Director has been assigned to Chaman Lal Sharma to meet out the functional requirement of the department.

Three-day "Nari Shakti Vandan" programme by BJP culminates

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Women empowerment was stressed in hundreds of "Nari Shakti Vandan" programmes held in all the mandals and the assembly constituencies across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, in which the women from the BJP Mahila Morcha and other wings of party, in collaboration with the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) participated to listen attentively to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the "Shakti Vandan Concluding Karyakram" Mega Rally in West Bengal.

Mahila Morcha of BJP organized 3-day programme to highlight the BJP Government's initiatives towards women empowerment. On 4th March 2024, "Shakti Vandan Run" was organized with the participation of societies and students, which started with a briefing on "Viksit



Bharat Sankalp" and women-centric schemes of the Central Government by women representatives. Shakti Vandan Pada Yatra/ Scooty/Bike/Cycle Rally was taken on 5th March. The programme concluded with the "Shakti Vandan Concluding Karyakram" Mega Rally in West Bengal & telecast of Speech by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In Jammu District, the programmes were organized in Talab Tillo Mandal in Kabir Mandir, in Bakshi Nagar in Vishwakarma Sabha, Bawalta Mandal at Jagti, East Mandal in Aggarwal Dharamshala, Ambphalla Mandal at Guru Ravidas Sabha.

These programmes were led by District President Parmod Kapahi, former Minister Sat Sharma, Vice-President Yudhir Sethi, former Minister Priya Sethi, Purnima Sharma, Reema Padha, Kuldeep Kandhari, Rajesh Gupta.

In Talab Tillo, Shakti Vandan programme organized by Keshav Chopra was held in presence of J&K BJP Secretary Veenu Khanna, senior leader Sanjay Baru, Media Incharge Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, former Councilors Neelam Nargotra and Suchha Singh.

In Trikuta Nagar Mandal it was organized at Gorkha Mandir Bahu Fort, in Gandhi Nagar

Mandal at Jawahar Nagar Shiv Mandir, in Kunjwani Mandal at Ram Leela Hall, in Gadigarh Mandal at lower Gadigarh Hall, Roi Morh and RS Pura, in Miran Sahib Mandal at SC Community Hall. Former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, District President Rekha Mahajan and other senior leaders of party participated in the programmes.

In Kashmir, similar programmes were held in all Assembly Constituencies in all the 10 administrative districts, led by senior leaders of party.

In Nowshera District, programmes were coordinated by Preeti Gupta.

At the state level, the programmes were coordinated by BJP Vice-Presidents Chander Mohan Gupta & Anuradha Charak, State Secretary Veenu Khanna, Mahila Morcha President Sanjita Dogra, Arti Koul and Saba Bhat.

Weenu Khanna said that Modi government has worked for real empowerment of women in every sector and played a significant role in boosting the women's confidence at every level. The campaign aims to establish connections with Matri-Shakti to disseminate crucial information about the central government's schemes and accomplishments, she added.

Sanjita Dogra said that the Shakti Vandan programme was focused upon empowering the self-help group and NGOs while also adding Satsang Mandlis, Yoga groups etc. The Shakti Vandan Abhiyan was launched to fulfill the vision of women empowerment and self-reliance envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

AJRCEAK extends welcome to PM Modi on Kashmir visit, pins hope for new initiatives

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All Jammu Based Reserved Category Employees Association Kashmir (AJRCEAK) has extended a warm welcome to Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narinder Modi ji on Kashmir Visit. In a Press statement AJRCEAK Chairman Sh Vipen Kumar ji has expressed that people of Jammu and Kashmir are expecting much more from Hon'ble Prime Minister's Visit to J&K.

"We always believe Prime Minister has Special affection for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and his back to back visit to every corner of the UT and every section of society is benefited, Chairman AJRCEAK Sh Vipen Kumar pointed out. While

We are very much confident that this time around PM's Visit to Kashmir definitely give new impetus to the pace of holistic development and will be a turning point in the journey of "Naya Jammu Kashmir" Chairman added.

"Jammu and Kashmir under the dynamic leadership of PM Sh Narendra Modi Ji is definitely touching new heights of development and prosperity, Indeed j&K in viksit Bharat yatra has its crucial role to play and with consistent steps of LG Administration regarding the welfare of masses, results of progress are reaching out to every corner of the UT and every section of society is benefited, Chairman AJRCEAK Sh Vipen Kumar pointed out. While

extending warm welcome to Hon'ble Prime Minister *President* AJRCEAK Mr Anil Radhey expressed strong hope that this Visit will bring a new energy in the masses of Jammu and Kashmir. We Sincerely believe that people of Kashmir are eagerly waiting for the arrival of Hon'ble Prime Minister, and hopefully his message of progress as always well received in valley "He said.

In a brief note entire AJRCEAK TEAM has expressed strong hopes from Hon'ble Prime Minister this time on his Kashmir visit regarding new initiatives for welfare of youth, and common man who has already extended unwavering support to Hon'ble Prime Minister to shape New Jammu Kashmir.

Godrej Agrovet hosts first edition of its 'Women in Agriculture' summit

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JAMMU, 6 MARCH 2024:

Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL) successfully hosted the first edition of its 'Women in Agriculture' summit. A unique initiative to celebrate women in the sector, the summit aims to bring together diverse perspectives within the agricultural landscape and engage in thought-provoking conversations to address and acknowledge the pivotal role of women in India's agricultural sector.

Despite the widespread misconception that agriculture is a male-dominated field, our country's data reveals a different reality. In India, 86.1 million women, accounting for 60 percent of all female workers in the country, are employed in agriculture. [1] The percentage of women who depend on agriculture for their livelihood is as high as 84 percent [2] in rural India. On the other hand, in the agri-businesses too, women continue to be outnumbered by men across positions. Hence the summit aimed to shed light on the crucial yet

often overlooked role of women in Indian agriculture.

The panel discussion on enhancing employability for women in the agri-food sector deep dived into different aspects of skill gaps that women in the sector face and how educational and industry collaboration could aid in addressing the situation. The other panel discussion focused on developing and advancing women in leadership roles and facilitated the exchange of thoughts and ideas while highlighting the need to empower women in the industry.

Commenting on the summit and initiative taken by the company, Balram Singh Yadav, Managing Director, GAVL, said, "Our women farmers, despite their larger presence and immense contribution to the sector, lack essential resources. Hence in a country wherein we have to feed billion plus people, we need to create an ecosystem which thrives to promote the women not only on the farm fields but also the ones in agri-businesses. Imparting

them with the necessary knowledge, infrastructure and support will definitely help us enhance the overall agricultural output of the country."

He further added, "As India strives towards a future of sustainable development, empowering the women across the value chain and recognizing their significant contributions becomes non-negotiable. Hence, by partnering with the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) and Godrej Good & Green, we aim to nurture 1 Lac women in the sector for better employment opportunities and economic upliftment."

Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) works towards capacity building by bridging gaps and upgrading skills of farmers, wage workers, self-employed & extension workers engaged in organized / unorganized segments of Agriculture & Allied Sectors.

The Future of Agriculture Leaders in India (FALI), an initiative supported by leading agri-

business entities, work with tens of thousands of rural students, getting them the technical, business and leadership skills they need to succeed in modern, sustainable agriculture and agro enterprise.

Mallika Mutreja, Head - Human Resources, GAVL, emphasized the importance of women's empowerment, stating, "At GAVL, the empowerment of women is at the heart of every action we undertake. We firmly believe that feminization in agriculture will aid us adapt best practices and address the structural inequalities which is key for our industry in order to realise the potential of women farmers. While this inaugural summit in partnership with the Agriculture Skill Council of India, signifies a crucial moment, as an entity which is focused on helping feed our nation, we look forward to more such collaborations in the coming years."

The summit witnessed participation from leading industry leaders and academic experts like Nadir Godrej, Chairman and Managing Director

of Godrej Industries Limited (GIL) and Chairman of GAVL and Astec Life-Sciences Limited; Nisaba Godrej, Executive Chairperson, Godrej Consumer Products Limited; Burjis Godrej, Executive Director & COO - Crop Protection Business, GAVL; Ahana Gautam, CEO, Open Secret; Angshuman Bhattacharya, Partner, EY; Geetika Mehta, Managing Director of Nivea; Ireena Vittal, Advisor & Expert (Indian Agriculture & Urban Change) & Independent Director; Shilpa Divekar Nirula, Venture Partner, Omnivore; Prof. Vidya Vemireddy, Chair of the Gender Centre at IIM Ahmedabad and Dr. Satendra Arya, CEO of the Agriculture Skill Council of India.

The 'Women in Agriculture' summit serves as a testament to GAVL's commitment to recognize and empower women in the agricultural sector. By fostering a platform for dialogue and collaboration, the summit paves the way for a future where women are recognized as equal partners in driving sustainable agricultural growth in India.

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Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir and former Deputy Mayor Jammu has slammed Lalu Prasad Yadav for his incriminating remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Modi Ka Parivar' statement.

It is pertinent to mention here that, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Yadav at Jan Vishwas Maha Rally in Patna said, "This Narendra Modi is attacking 'Parivaarvaad' these days. First, you should tell why you do not have any children or family."

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader, while condemning Lalu Prasad Yadav for the aforesaid



has nothing to take credit for him as well as his party. Therefore he has started making such nonsense statements against the person who has proved himself as the Pradhan Sevak of the people of this nation in true letter and spirit, she added.

Purnima Sharma asserted that given the dedication and determination for the welfare of the common people of the world's largest democracy, besides unprecedented performance during his two tenures of governance, as of today 140 crore people of this nation undoubtedly constitute 'Modi Ka Parivar'. She said that Modi as of today is the most popular leader across the globe and it would not be wrong to state that Modi Ji's Parivar extends even beyond the nation's boundaries.

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SSP Reasi reviews security of Shri Shiv Khori Shrine, Ransoo



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Mohita Sharma, IPS SSP Reasi accompanied by Sh. Neeraj Padyar-JKPS Dy.SP Hqs Reasi AC ITBP Kamlesh Kumar, Tehsildar Pouni, SHO Ransoo and CC CRPF Shiv Khori held a security review at Ransoo regarding their preparation for better crowd management and security arrangements during the Shivratri Festival which attracts huge rush of pilgrims to Shri Shiv Khori Shrine. During the meeting Dy.SP Hqs. Reasi gave detailed briefing on the existing manpower deployed in Ransoo and Shri Shiv Khori Shrine and manpower deployed for Shivratri festival.

SSP Reasi took the stock of the security arrangements on ground in Ransoo town including Track where security has

been beefed up in view of the forthcoming Shivratri Festival. She also issued necessary directions to the District Police officers, Civil administration and CRPF to keep vigil on the anti-national and anti-social elements.

The Officer reviewed each and every security drill of the Shri Shiv Khori Shrine, yatra route, safety and security of pilgrims visiting to pay obeisance to the shrine on daily basis. SSP Reasi further stressed upon verification and census of migrants and workers in and around Ransoo town, pony porters and others in the towns to check the entry of any suspicious element in the area. She further directed to conduct checking of the hotels and other residential accommodations randomly basis for verification of character antecedents of the person

visiting there. The officer also reviewed the attempts to revive the militancy in parts of district Reasi, directed all concerned officers to revisit the list of OGW's of the Police Stations, monitoring of social media including Facebook, Whatsapp to curb the new pattern of radicalization.

Officer especially stressed upon the safety and security of huge numbers of pilgrims going to visit the shrine on 07.03.2024 to 09.03.2024 of March in view of Shivratri Mela and directed the officers and officials to work with cooperation and coordination to avoid any untoward incidents. Meeting ended with the note on coordination and cooperation between all the security forces deployed for the security of the Shrine.

Amit charts course for running Zero-Emission Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses with Water in Ladakh

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LEH, MAR 6

Administrative Secretary of the Transport Department, UT Ladakh Amit Sharma chaired a significant meeting towards the realization of a zero-emission hydrogen mobility project in Leh and deliberations on the proposal for the operationalization of five Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses to run with water conversion into fuel technology and the finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd. and the Transport Department, UT Ladakh through a Hybrid Meeting held at Conference Hall, Secretariat, Leh today.



A comprehensive presentation was given to the Transport Secretary Amit Sharma by NTPC team to share the course of hydrogen-based projects in Ladakh, providing crucial insights into the timelines for the deployment of hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region and these five buses to run on water conversion into fuel technology which shall be first in the nation.

Discussion between Transport Secretary Amit Sharma and NTPC team

flourished around the outlines of the proposed MoU, underscoring the collaborative efforts between the UT Ladakh Transport Department and NTPC.

The meeting explored the earliest availability of buses, optimal routes for deployment, oxygen bottling facilitated by NTPC through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for tourists coming in Ladakh, solar plant integration and tariff considerations. Admin-

istrative Secretary Amit Sharma stated the initiative marks a decisive step towards sustainable and eco-friendly transportation solutions in Leh and shall be a trend-setter in the entire nation to follow suit. Through collaborative efforts and innovative strategies, we aim to usher in a new era of mobility while mitigating environmental impact, he added. Amit further elaborated that emission of these hydrogen cell fuelled buses shall be

water vapour which perfectly aligns with vision of Prime Minister who envisions to see Ladakh as first fully Carbon Neutral State/UT of Bharat.

The meeting concluded with a consensus on key action points, reinforcing the commitment of NTPC and the Transport Department towards the successful implementation of the zero-emission hydrogen mobility project in Leh.

The meeting was attended by Skeikh Nazir, Regional Transport Officer, Ladakh and other concerned officials, while Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Leh, Under Secretary to the Administrative Secretary, Traffic Manager, SIDCO and the representatives from NTPC joined virtually.

LEAD to organize "Suyog: LJK Opportunity Summit" Series to Empower Youth

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LEAD (LJK Economic Growth and Development Dialogue) convened a key meeting to discuss its upcoming initiatives. Deliberations were held on conducting "Suyog", LJK Opportunity Summit, aimed at catalyzing youth empowerment and fostering economic growth across Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. "Suyog" is first of its kind series with the objective to illuminate youth about the opportunities available across diverse sectors like - Tourism, Agriculture, Manufacturing, I.T. etc, empowering them to carve promising career pathways within their local communities. The inaugural event, focusing on the Tourism sector, is set to take place on March 21st, promising to be a beacon of inspiration and empow-



erment for aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals. LEAD envisions active participation from all districts of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, ensuring comprehensive coverage and recognition of the myriad opportunities strewn across the region. By fostering cross-district collaboration, "Suyog" aims to ignite a collective spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation, driving sustainable development at the grassroots level. As LEAD continues its unwavering commitment to nurturing local talent and fostering economic resilience, the "Suyog:

LJK Opportunity Summit" series stands as a testament to its vision of a prosperous and empowered future for Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. LEAD is a first of its kind platform, is a Citizens initiative of like-minded individuals & professionals working on promotion of business investments towards sustainable development of the Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir. LEAD is also providing a forum for a constructive dialogue on various issues related to the growth and development of the region.

J&K MSMEs get boost, Laghu Udyog Bharati plans wide reach under guidance of RSS Prant Pracharak Rupesh Kumar

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In a proactive move to bolster the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, Laghu Udyog Bharati's Jammu and Kashmir unit convened a crucial meeting of office bearers and core executive members, chaired by the esteemed Chief Guest Rupesh Kumar, RSS Prant Pracharak J&K. The meeting, organized under the leadership of Laghu Udyog Bharati J&K President Parveen Pargal, aimed to fortify the organization's presence across the region. During the session, Rupesh Kumar outlined strategies to expand the LUB unit throughout J&K which includes mass communication contact with the industrial organisations across J&K, setting



up of all District Units and much more, emphasizing the crucial role of Laghu Udyog Bharati as the primary platform for MSMEs to voice their concerns and seek solutions. Parveen Pargal, expressing gratitude for the guidance provided by RSS Prant Pracharak J&K, pledged to enhance the efficacy of Laghu Udyog Bharati's operations across J&K. He said Laghu Udyog Bharati is committed to empower MSMEs and fostering economic growth in the region.

The meeting was organized by Laghu Udyog

Bharati J&K Senior Vice President Dinesh Gupta besides National Executive Member Rajinder Gupta, Vice President J&K Adv. Ishant Gupta, Vice President Mukul Gupta, General Secretary Aagam Jain, Treasurer CA Pranav Gupta, and Executive Members including Ajay Gupta (Pargal), Rajesh Jain, Anil Suri, Ved Prakash Sharma, Vikram Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Pankaj Jain, Anirudh Mahajan, Anil Gupta, Arun Gupta (Raju), Mohit Abrol, Sayam Sethi and others were the prominent who present on this occasion.

Int'l Conference on Health, Fitness, Yoga, Sports Science culminated at GDC, Kathua

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KATHUA, MAR 6

The two day 1st International Conference on Health, Fitness, Yoga and Sports Science organized by IQAC & Department of Physical Education & Sports in Collaboration with the Foundation for Global Community Health, USA through hybrid mode was successfully concluded today at Govt. Degree College, Kathua. More than 250 Indian and foreign delegates and eminent speakers around the globe attended the conference offline as well as on a virtual platform. This international conference, the first of this kind in J&K highlighted the role and essence of sports science, yoga and nutrition in fitness and overall health of the community in the new post-covid era.

The second day of the International Conference commenced with an interactive session with faculty members by eminent Global personality and keynote speaker Dr. Ming Kai Chin, President and Founder of the Foundation for Global Community Health, USA. He emphasized physical activity sports and social-emotional health as important components of health and wellness. Dr. Ming urged the faculties and students to work for the community to curb global health issues through awareness.

The interactive session was followed by an invited lecture session in which Dr. Olena Yarmoliuk, HOD, Physical Education and Pedagogy, KYIV University Ukraine focused



on the importance of Artificial intelligence in physical education and the role of physical and sports science on overall well-being. Later, Dr. Zornitza Madenova, Senior Future Leader, GCH, USA highlighted a holistic approach to physical activity, emotional stability and nutrition for the attainment of overall well-being.

Afterwards, two parallel technical sessions of Paper Presentation and Poster Presentation were conducted in which 13 delegates presented their research and deliberated on various aspects of Health, Fitness, Yoga & Sports Science, whereas, 24 delegates displayed their research findings through posters. The sessions were chaired by Dr. Pragya Khanna, GLDC, Hiranagar, and Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, GDC, Mahanpur, whereas, Co-chaired by Prof. Raj Kiran, HOD Physics, GDC, Billawar.

Delivery an invited lecture, Dr. Pinar Yaprak, Assistant Professor, Gazi University Turkey presented her research work on sports fields, social issues and development: Neglected cultural heritage and reconstructing future. She emphasized improving understanding of social

problems and solutions in the sports field.

Dr. Gourav Vaid, Senior Physiotherapist and founder of Swasthya Shashtra, Jammu focused on the role of physiotherapy in our day-to-day lives, health and fitness. Later, a valedictory session was organised to formally conclude the International Conference in which Shri Shiv D.S. Jammwal, SSP, Kathua was the Chief Guest. In his address, he focused on sports science and nutrition as needs of the hour for overall health. He appreciated the tireless efforts made by the organizing team, Dr. J. S. Soodan, HOD, department of Physical Sciences & Sports and Faculty of GDC, Kathua for successfully holding this conference of international repute. He also congratulated Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC, Kathua for the success of the first international conference of such kind with relevance to all the sectors of the community. The conference report was presented by the convener sports Board, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Associate professor and Head of Department, English, whereas, the formal Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. R. K. Pandita, Head of Department, Zoology.

Mahila Congress holds Nari Nyay programme at Jammu North Constituency

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On the directions of National President Mahila Congress Alka Lamba, Jammu and Kashmir Mahila Congress led by Shameema Raina launched Nari Nyay programme at Jammu North Constituency.

The programme was organized by Rajni Bala, Ex Corporator and Vice President Mahila Congress.

On the occasion, JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla, Sr. Vice President Mula Ram, Vice president Hari Singh Chib, Uday Bhanu Chib AICC Member and National General Secretary AIYC Bhanu Mahajan Sr. Vice President, Sushma Choudhary Vice President, Parveen Akhtar General Secretary besides others were present.

Addressing the gathering, Raman Bhalla said all women issues will be taken care of, if the Congress Government comes to power. He asked Mahila Congress to continue to project these demands/ issues before the concerned authorities and present Government/UT administration. He said the campaign will bring improvement in women's economic condition, social standing, education, healthcare, political representation and to address crimes and violence against women. Stating that the condition of women has deteriorated under the BJP rule, he maintained that women suffer increased subjugation and financial dependence. In addition, price hikes affect women substantially and they do not have access to nutritional food while expectant mothers face various hurdles in getting proper

medical care.

Maintaining that women have greater barriers to education and healthcare, Bhalla claimed that incidents of attacks on women's modesty have seen an uptick during the BJP Government's rule. He asserted that the Nari Nyay campaign was launched to identify and resolve the issues faced by women. Further, he urged women to take part in the campaign and share their grievances without any hesitation. He alleged that 140 crore Indians were living in "Anyay Kaal" imposed by the BJP and they would ensure that justice is done to the people of the country through the five pillars of "Nyay" proposed by the party.

Mulla Ram, in his

address, said that in the past five years, under the Modi government, the growth rate of real rural wages has become negative for both agriculture (-0.6 per cent) and non-agriculture (-1.4 per cent), which means there is widespread rural distress, he added. Escalating his attack on the ruling dispensation, the Congress leader said the "Modi government may drumbeat about poverty numbers" but the "stark reality is different".

Speaking on the occasion, Shameema Raina said that Rahul Gandhi is presently on Bharat Jodo Nyaya Yatra where he is meeting scores of people from all backgrounds. All India Mahila Congress activists are constantly reaching out to the women to hear

CB registers FIR against national president of fake NGO 'Yuva Shakti Jagriti Mission', others

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JAMMU, MAR 6

Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu has registered FIR against self-styled national president of fake NGO 'Yuva Shakti Jagriti Mission' and his three accomplices for fraudulently duping innocent people of Banihal and adjoining areas on pretext of opening Cancer hospital, Vidyalayas, Hostels, Laptop Agencies & other big projects for general public. SSP Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by an experienced gazetted officer to investigate case FIR No.12/2024 registered under relevant sections of law at Police Station Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu and in-depth investigation has been started.

The booked accused have been identified as

Satendra Kumar of Delhi who happened to be the national president of NGO, Bashir Ahmad Jagal of Kupwara, A/P Sidhra Jammu, Mrs. Sharda Verma & Satya Prakash Verma of Delhi.

A complaint was lodged by the victims of fraud with Crime Branch (EOW) Jammu and preliminary verification (PV) was conducted by the investigating agency during which it transpired that the self-styled national president of fake NGO Yuva Shakti Jagriti Mission and his aides duped the people of huge money on the pretext of providing big projects for general public, made several members of the fake NGO and after collecting huge money fled away from the area and went underground. As this commission was cognizable offence, FIR has been registered.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI

(PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No 171 to 172 of 2023-24 (JJM)

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work:-

e-NIT No. & Date.	Name of work	Est. cost (in Lakh)	Cost of document / tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid validity
e-NIT No. 171 of 2023-24 (JJM)	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IS reputed make pumping machinery along with other allied electrical and electro-mech. works at WSS Bain Bajalta under Jal Jeevan Mission.	10.00	500/-	2% of the est. cost	180 days
e-NIT No. 172 of 2023-24 (JJM)	Providing, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of IS reputed make pumping machinery along with other allied electrical and electro-mech. works at WSS Aithem under Jal Jeevan Mission.	30.00	1000/-	2% of the est. cost	180 days

Position of funds : Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

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- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 04/03/2024 (03:00 PM)
- Clarifications can be had from 04/03/2024 (03:00 PM) to 06/03/2024 (12:00 PM).
- The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 06/03/2024 (12:00 P.m) to 18/03/2024 (02:00 P.m).
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE (M) Rural Division Jammu Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu. The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE (Mech.) Rural Division Jammu. **No exemption on account of Tender fee will be allowed.**
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

Sd/-
(Er. Tarun Arora)
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu

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Nowshera college students made aware about new criminal laws

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NOWSHERA, MAR 6

To make Nowshera college students aware about new criminal laws, the Jammu and Kashmir police in Rajouri district organised an awareness programme at Nowshera degree college.

The programme was chaired by Sub Divisional Police Officer Nowshera, DySP Jaswant Singh alongwith other police officers and Nowshera college staffers.

The students who attended the programme were made aware about new criminal laws devised by union government that



are Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha San-

hita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA).

Students were made

aware about these new criminal laws and motive behind of introducing the same.

AIIMS Jammu Recognized as Pioneering Institution in Implementing Mission Karmayogi Bharat

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JAMMU, MAR 6

As a testament to its commitment to excellence in governance and capacity building, AIIMS Jammu has been recognized as one of the top three institutes nationwide and the first among all AIIMS of the country for its implementation of Mission Karmayogi Bharat. This prestigious accolade was conferred during a recent meeting convened by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Delhi on February 29th, 2024.

The meeting, held at the esteemed National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, was chaired by Ms. V Hekali Zhimoni, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Among other distinguished attendees were



Dr. Dheeraj Shah, Director of NIHF, Mr. Shyama Prasad Roy, Secretary of the Capacity Building Commission, Government of India, and Mr. Abhishek Singh, CEO of Karmayogi Bharat, along with Ms. Nidhi Kesharwani, Director, MoHFW. Officials from all leading health institutions in India attended the gathering.

Dr. Shaurya Darbari, Assistant Professor of

Neurosurgery at AIIMS Jammu, represented AIIMS Jammu at the meeting and highlighted the remarkable initiatives undertaken by the institution under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Shakti Kumar Gupta, Executive Director and CEO. Dr. Darbari emphasized the institution's commitment to continuous learning and development, attributing its success to the unwavering support and

belief of Prof. Gupta in the capacity building of the staff.

Among the unique initiatives showcased by AIIMS Jammu was the integration of Mission Karmayogi Bharat courses into its own training programs. Dr. Darbari briefed about the regular conduct of in-house training sessions and group discussions following the completion of Karmayogi Bharat courses, fostering

an environment of collaborative learning and skill enhancement among faculty and staff members. The swift rise of AIIMS Jammu to become one of the top-performing institutions in the nation since its inauguration on February 20, 2024, was applauded and appreciated by the officials present. The dignitaries present commended AIIMS Jammu's success story and encouraged other institutions to emulate its model of effective capacity building and training, in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a skilled and empowered workforce.

Mr. Shailender Slatia, Assistant Controller of Examinations at AIIMS Jammu and designated nodal officer for Karmayogi Bharat expressed AIIMS

Jammu's aspirations to become a course provider in the future. By sharing the expertise of its faculty members, AIIMS Jammu aims to contribute significantly to the nationwide efforts in building a skilled and efficient workforce across various sectors.

Mission Karmayogi Bharat, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2020, serves as a platform for enhancing the capabilities and competencies of public servants, ensuring efficient delivery of government services, and promoting good governance practices across the nation. AIIMS Jammu's achievement stands as a shining example of the transformative impact of this initiative in strengthening India's administrative framework.

Senior Citizens are asset, not liability: Billaweria



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Even if elders don't work or earn and are apparently unproductive, they still deserve respect and dignity. Their wisdom and life experience can help us in practical life. This was stated by Dr. Shreyansh Kumar Jain State yoga Commissioner & President Vichar Kranti Manch International, in a get together of Senior citizens, held under the Chairmanship of Sh Baldev Singh Billaweria, Former Dy Mayor JMC, held at chhanni Himmat Jammu. Mr Jain welcomed & honored the Chief Guest. Many Representatives of Various NGOs, namely Vichar Kranti Manch International, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Indian Yog Association, Senior Citizens Rejuvenation Centre, Association for welfare of Senior Citizens and Retired officers Forum, participated & shared their view points.

The aim of this meeting was to highlight the issues facing elder population & to sensitize masses towards the rights of elderly population and their responsibilities to protect them. But does elder abuse need only discussions & deliberations or we need to something concrete to stop the menace on whose shoulders this responsibility lies. Every son/daughter has responsibility to care for his/her parents and to give them due regard and reverence. It is time to stop blaming daughter in law/Sister in law for elder

abuse Billaweria said that elders connect the family and are source of strength in different time. Elders if given opportunities for raising grandchildren can imbibe great social and moral values in them. But we are, unfortunately living in times when elders are treated as parasites. They face discrimination and loneliness even at their own homes. They are not given a say in decision making related to important household affairs. Their views no longer hold value, leaving old parents even long for Healthcare as many dual earner couples have become so immersed in their own life that they have no time to leave their parents to a doctor. They don't have time to talk to them.

S/Sh Abhinandan Jain, Ashok Gupta, Vijay Gupta, Anil Sadhotra, Narinder Wadhwa, Janak Raj Gupta, Subhash Kapai, representatives of various NGOs, shared their viewpoints.

Chief Guest of the function Mr Billaweria assured to get provided a proper place for senior Citizens, where they can sit and share their problems, Happy and sorrowful moments/ events of life. About plantation drive, also discussed to plant some trees along side the roads. Jaipal Singh Jamwal, Retired Chief Manager SBI, who arranged this event, presented a vote of thanks, besides serving light refreshment to the participants.

CBC launches Inspirational Photo Exhibition at Batote

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RAMBAN, MAR 6

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office Doda, inaugurated a two-day photo exhibition at Government Model Higher Secondary School, Batote, District Ramban. The exhibition, themed around "Viksit Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission, Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat, Mission Life & Agnipath Scheme," aimed to showcase the developmental initiatives undertaken by the government and promote awareness about various schemes among the masses.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of District Information Officer Ramban, Mohd. Ashraf Wani who honored the event as the chief guest. Also present was Principal of Host School, Dev Raj Bhagat and Sh. Vikram Uppal, in charge of CBC Doda Circle from the orga-



nizing department.

Expert lectures were delivered by distinguished individuals including Dr. Rajesh Kotwal from the Health Department, Sh. Hafiz from the Agriculture Department, and Senior Lecturer, Ayub Mir on the theme "Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat." Sh. Satish Singh Official of 23RR Rajput

Rifles, also shared valuable insights.

In his address, the DIO emphasized the significance of various centrally sponsored schemes aimed at uplifting communities and their development across the nation. He said these schemes are instrumental in addressing crucial aspects of our society,

ranging from healthcare, agriculture, education, cleanliness, to livelihood enhancement. Through effective implementation and awareness initiatives aim to ensure that the benefits of these schemes reach every segment of society, especially those in remote and marginalized areas.

Further he highlighted the importance of active participation and collaboration between the government, local authorities, and citizens in realizing the objectives of these schemes. It is imperative to work together towards building a better and more prosperous India, where every individual has access to opportunities for growth and development.

He commended the efforts of CBC Doda and all stakeholders involved in organizing this enlightening event, which serves as a platform for spreading awareness and promoting dialogue on key issues affecting our communities. He extended gratitude to all participants, resource persons, and attendees for their enthusiastic participation and engagement.

Earlier, Vikram Uppal delivered the welcome address, providing a brief overview of the CBC department's initiatives and objectives. He said that the photo exhibition stands as a testament to

the collaborative efforts of CBC Doda and its commitment to fostering development, promoting cleanliness, and building a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous India. The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India With a focus on transparency, accountability, and public engagement, plays a pivotal role in bridging the gap between the government and the citizens.

Prize distribute ceremony was conducted among participants of the previous day's drawing competition, encouraging and acknowledging their creative endeavors. Additionally, the resource persons were felicitated for their valuable contributions.

Later, the Principal extended a vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and participants for their active involvement and support in making the event a grand success.

Azad advocates development over divisive politics, announces Saroori for Udhampur-Doda seat

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Chairman of DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad today addressed a rousing public gathering in Charar-i-Sharif, Budgam, marking a pivotal moment in the region's trajectory towards progress and unity. Azad's visit commenced with a solemn tribute at the revered Hazrat Sheikh Noor ud din Wali shrine, where he fervently prayed for peace and prosperity in the region. Reflecting on the significance of unity, He underscored the importance of solidarity among all communities for a thriving and harmonious Jammu & Kashmir. He pledged to transform the shrine into a premier pilgrim tourist destination, aimed at bolstering the local economy. Additionally, he outlined ambitious plans to enhance the infrastructure of Yusmarg, envisaging a surge in job opportunities for the educated unemployed youth. Moreover, Azad announced Vice Chairman & Former Cabinet Minister G.M. Saroori as the distinguished candidate for the Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary constituency in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. Describing Saroori as the



epitome of leadership and dedication, Azad hailed him as the 'right choice' to represent the aspirations of the people in the Udhampur-Doda region. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Azad stated, "I am confident that under the dynamic leadership of G.M. Saroori, the Udhampur-Doda constituency will witness unparalleled progress and development. His unwavering commitment to public service makes him the ideal candidate to champion the cause of the people. Azad expressed grave concern over the troubling trend of arbitrary detentions, highlighting the plight of countless young individuals ensnared in the web of unjust imprisonment. He emphasized that if there are no serious charges against these youth, the government should expedite their release, allowing them to reintegrate into society and contribute meaningfully to the mainstream. Azad lamented the historical exploitation of Kashmiris by other political parties, emphasizing the urgent need for a paradigm shift towards a future anchored in prosperity and harmony. He cautioned against placing blind faith in empty slogans, urging voters to instead focus on tangible outcomes that directly impact their lives. Azad underscored the transformative impact of his previous initiatives, including the establishment of colleges, the creation of the renowned Tulip Garden, the construction of the Hajj House, and the expansion of the education and road infrastructure throughout the region. "I have always been steadfast in my dedi-

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tion to the development of Kashmir," said Azad, as he reflected on his track record of delivering tangible benefits to the people. Azad declared, "If you choose to entrust my party with your vote, we will continue our relentless pursuit of progress and prosperity for Kashmir. We will build upon our past achievements and embark on new endeavors to uplift every corner of this beautiful land. Among others who were present on the occasion were Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson DPAP, Er Nazir Yattoo Gen Secretary Province, Haji Musadiq GS, Shafiq Shabnam GS, Peer Bilal Zonal President, G.N.Parwana Distt President, Secretary Arif Maqbool, Shujada Bashir Spokesperson, Bilal Khan, Jin Kaiser, Amir Bhatt and others.

HDFC Bank signs MoU with SAIL for corporate salary relationship

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HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) for Corporate Salary Relationship. Under the MoU, over 60,000 on-roll and 65,000 contractual employees of SAIL now have the opportunity to move to HDFC Bank's Corporate Salary Account (CSA). The move will vastly benefit the employees of SAIL from the host of facilities offered as a part of the account. SAIL is one of the largest steel-making companies in India and one of the Maharatnas of the country's central public sector enterprises.

This relationship also offers extended benefits exclusively for the employees of SAIL which include family banking facility, personal and air accident cover, medical top-up and exclusive range of credit cards and access to attractive offers on personal loans, home loans, auto loans and two-wheeler loans.

The MoU with SAIL marks HDFC Bank's 5th association with a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) for corporate salary relationship. HDFC

Bank already hosts salary accounts of some of the other PSU across various industries including petroleum, infrastructure, food security and warehousing.

Manoj Mehta Sr. Vice President & Zonal Head EBFS, HDFC Bank said, "Through this partnership we look forward to catering to the banking needs of the 1,20,000 strong employee-base. They will have the benefit of an enhanced and differentiated experience as the benefits associated with a salary account are tailored to meet the needs of different industries."

The MoU was signed by Mr. Praveen Nigam - ED F&A, SAIL and Mr. Manoj Mehta Sr. Vice President & Zonal Head EBFS, HDFC Bank in the presence of other senior officials including Mr. Manas Ranjan Rath - CGM HR, SAIL, Ms. Madhvi Vashist - GM Finance, Mr. Ashutosh Kumar Sr. Vice President & Regional Head PSU, HDFC Bank. Mr. Mayank Srivastava National Account Manager - PSU, HDFC Bank, Mr. Yatin Sehgal Cluster Head, HDFC Bank Mr. Ashutosh Sinha - Area Acquisition Head, HDFC Bank and Ms. Radhika Sinha - RM PSU (Corporate Banking Group), HDFC Bank.

DPAP Jammu Urban holds meeting at Main Market, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu



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Democratic Progressive Azad Party, District Committee, Jammu Urban holds a meeting under the President Gourav Chopra at Main Market, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Kirtan Singh President Minority Morcha DPAP was also present. In the meeting Main Market Committee President and DPAP ward president Pavitar Jyot highlighted the problems faced by shopkeepers of said Market.

Pavitar Jyot said JDA had established these shops in 1980. JDA increased shop rent every year but doesn't care about the basic problems of the shopkeepers. There is no proper street light in Market and drainage

system is totally failed. In rainy days the water flows in our shops.

Gourav Chopra assured the shopkeepers that DPAP is committed to solve the basic problems of people and he will take their matters to concern Authorities.

Anil Kohli, District vice President, Naresh Maini, Zonal General Secretary, Er. Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary District, Er. Anil Nargotra, General Secretary District, Daleep Katyal, Sr Vice president, JDA main Market, Akshay Sawhney, Gen. Secretary, Sanjeev Singh & Sahil, Pawan Kumar, Puneet Jatyal, Mehar Singh, Sonu Kumar, Bushan Kumar, Govind Rakesh Kumar, Kamal Singh, Vinod Sharma, Madam Rumpy Kour both advisor and others were present.

SSP Traffic Rural Jammu chairs crime review meeting, darbar at Rajouri

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 6

SSP traffic Rural Jammu, Vinay Kumar Khular today convened a darbar cum crime review meeting of traffic officers and officials at DPL conference hall Rajouri.

All the challaning officers of Rajouri and Poonch attended the meeting. At the outset, the SSP hailed the officials for their good work in the past.

While going into details of crime, he emphasized on ensuring hundred percent e-challaning and laying special focus on checking overloading, over-speeding, over-charging, drunken driving and visible violation of traffic rules including triple riding, driving without helmet and without seat belt.

He insisted that safety of passengers is must, for that purpose strict action



on part of challaning officers is required.

Apart from enforcement of rules, he asked for continuous efforts on spreading awareness among youth, students and their parents against underage driving and carrying stunts on roads and putting their lives in

danger.

Furthermore, he briefed that smooth regulations of traffic in towns is must to give quality service to people.

After threadbare discussion on traffic issues with challaning officers, he opened up darbar and listened to the grievances

of jawans patiently. The issues were noted and some were resolved on spot. He said apart from duties, welfare of every jawan is priority and the welfare issues will be taken for boasting moral of jawans. "But discipline shall be maintained at every cost with the right code of conduct during display of lawful duties. Strict action shall be taken against those who behave unhealthy in public" he added.

Lastly instructions were given regarding smooth conduct of upcoming events and festivals including Mahashivratri and Ramzan.

Among officers DYSP traffic Rajouri-Poonch Nawaz Ahmed, Inspector Ajaz Ahmed Pervaiz DTI Rajouri, Inspector Arun Kotwal DTI Sunderbani all SO Traffic and more than 40 traffic officials participated in Darbar.

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

Udhampur admin celebrates International Women's day- 2024

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

Department of Social Welfare Udhampur, in collaboration with District Police and special cell for women, today organised a special event to celebrate "International Women's Day 2024."

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Joginder Singh Jasrotia was the Chief Guest, while Mallika Sharma Munsiff Udhampur was the guest of honour.

Wing Commander Air Force Sonam Bakshi, Baljit Singh Additional SP, DSWO Kanika Gupta were among others present on the occasion.

Department of Social Welfare Udhampur under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme provided Sewing Machine to the beneficiaries including specially abled women and encouraged them to generate the source of income and earn their livelihood.

Earlier, the event started with the Cake cutting ceremony followed by a plethora of cultural activities presented by students of different schools and colleges of the district.

Women entrepreneurs



benefited under Umeed scheme also shared their success stories and were felicitated on the occasion.

Different stalls to benefit women were installed by Industries, Poshan Abhayan and One stop centre for women as well as District Hub for Empowerment of women.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest applauded all the participants for their wonderful performance and highlighted the importance of women in every sector of the economy.

In the last leg of the program, all the participants were appreciated by Mementos. The GDC Ram-

nagar and GGSS Udhampur were handed over the Sanitary Napkin vending machine and Incinerator machine under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao by the Department of Social Welfare Udhampur.

Meanwhile, the Department of Social Welfare inaugurated a short term skill development program in Parisha and Palaash (Child care institutes for girls and boys, Udhampur), which started with a drawing competition for the inmates.

Director SBI RSETI handed over Momentos and drawing kits to all the students in presence of DSWO Kanika Gupta and

Lead District Manager Udhampur.

Similarly, Department of Social Welfare, Udhampur also celebrated INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024 in collaboration with Department of Youth Services and Sports at Subash Stadium, Udhampur.

On the occasion, around 100 students including Girls and boys participated in different sport activities like badminton, handball, cricket and table tennis to promote passion of sports activity among females. Certificate of participation were given by District Social welfare office, Udhampur to all the participants

2-Day Int'l Conference on Health, Fitness, Yoga and Sports Science culminates at GDC Kathua

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MARCH 6

The two day International Conference on Health, Fitness, Yoga and Sports Science organized by IQAC & Department of Physical Education & Sports, in Collaboration with the Foundation for Global Community Health, USA through hybrid mode, concluded today at Government Degree College Kathua.

The maiden International Conference witnessed physical participation of more than 250 Indian and foreign delegates and eminent speakers from around the globe, while several others joined through the virtual platform.

The international conference, the first of this kind in J&K, highlighted the role and essence of sports science, yoga and nutrition in fitness and overall health of the community in the new post-Covid era.

The second day of the International Conference commenced with an interactive session with faculty members by eminent Global personality and keynote speaker Dr. Ming Kai Chin, President and Founder of the Foundation for Global Community Health, USA. He emphasized physical activity sports and social-emotional health as important components of health and wellness. Dr. Ming urged the faculties and students to work for the commu-



nity to curb global health issues through awareness.

The interactive session was followed by an invited lecture session in which Dr. Olena Yarmoliuk, HOD, Physical Education and Pedagogy, KYIV University Ukraine focused on the importance of Artificial intelligence in physical education and the role of physical and sports science on overall well-being. Later, Dr. Zornitza Mladenova, Senior Future Leader, GCH, USA highlighted a holistic approach to physical activity, emotional stability and nutrition for the attainment of overall well-being.

Later, two parallel technical sessions of Paper Presentation and Poster Presentation were conducted in which 13 delegates presented their research and deliberated on various aspects of Health, Fitness, Yoga & Sports Science, whereas 24 delegates displayed their research findings through posters.

The sessions were chaired by Dr. Pragya Khanna, GLDC, Hiranagar, and Dr. Sangeeta Sudan, GDC, Mahanpur, whereas. Co-chaired by Prof. Raj Kiran, HOD Physics, GDC, Billawar.

Delivering an invited lecture, Dr. Pinar Yaprak, Assistant Professor, Gazi University Turkey presented her research work on sports fields, social issues and development: Neglected cultural heritage and reconstructing future. She emphasized improving understanding of social problems and solutions in the sports field.

Dr. Gourav Vaid, Senior Physiotherapist and founder of Swasthya Shashtra, Jammu focused on the role of physiotherapy in our day-to-day lives, health and fitness.

At last, a valedictory session was organised to formally conclude the International Conference in which SSP, Kathua

Shivdeep Singh Jammwal, was the Chief Guest. In his address, he focused on sports science and nutrition as needs of the hour for overall health. He appreciated the tireless efforts made by the organizing team, Dr. J. S. Soodan, HOD, department of Physical Sciences & Sports and Faculty of GDC, Kathua for successfully holding this conference of international repute. He also congratulated Prof. Seema Mir, Principal, GDC, Kathua for the success of the first international conference of such kind with relevance to all the sectors of the community.

The conference report was presented by the convener sports Board, Prof. Shivani Kotwal, Associate professor and Head of Department, English, whereas, the formal Vote of thanks was presented by Prof. R. K. Pandita, Head of Department, Zoology.

DDC Chairman Doda reviews progress of developmental activities in Gandoh area

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MARCH 6

To ensure developmental activities in Gandoh progress according to schedule and as per prescribed guidelines, Chairman District Development Council Doda, Dhananter Singh Kotwal, alongside Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Rani, presided over a meeting in Gandoh.

The meeting was attended by SDM Gandoh and officers from various departments.

After a comprehensive review of the physical and financial progress of different departments under various schemes, the DDC Chairman emphasized the need to address the bottlenecks, if any, to ensure timely completion of projects for public benefit.

Chairman Kotwal urged officers to synchronize their efforts for the efficient delivery of public



services and inclusive development. He emphasized the importance of providing the public with basic amenities and

speeding up the execution pace to meet deadlines.

Additionally, he directed authorities to provide compensation to fami-

lies affected by natural calamities or unforeseen disasters, citing the tragic accident resulting in the loss of Suniksha Devi's life due to high-speed winds. He expressed deep shock and pain and instructed authorities to compensate the victim's family promptly.

In another initiative, DDC Chairman Dhananter Singh Kotwal and Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhagat visited Chanti Bala village in Gandoh/Bhalessa to address public grievances and demands. Key officers, including SDM Gandoh, accompanied them. They also paid a visit to Suniksha Devi's family, offering heartfelt condolences on her tragic demise caused by the accident. The Chairman assured the family of timely redressal of their issues and pledged to continue efforts for the overall development of the region.

SDM conducts weekly block Diwas at Dudu

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 6

Sub Divisional Magistrate Dudu Dr. Manmeet Kumar on Wednesday presided over the weekly Block Diwas Camp at Pattan Garh, Tehsil Latti Marothi.

During the camp, the SDM and Tehsildar Latti resolved various genuine issues on the spot. Hundreds of people attended the programme, raising concerns pertaining to various departments. SDM Dudu addressed these issues, ensuring that some were resolved immediately while noting others for



resolution at the appropriate platform.

Furthermore, more than 65 revenue certificates were issued and dis-

tributed among beneficiaries. SDM also inspected Government Higher Secondary School Jakhed and Government Middle

School Pouna, providing directives to staff to ensure better exam results through diligent teaching efforts.

2 Day District Level Seminar cum awareness on Scientific Beekeeping Commences at Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 6

A two day District level seminar cum awareness workshop on scientific Beekeeping, organized by Agriculture Department under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), commenced today in the Auditorium of Govt Degree College.

The seminar was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Dr Devansh Yadav.

In his inaugural address, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the role of modern technology in present day Beekeeping. He asked the young educated farmers, FPOs and SHG members of NRLM to come forward and take benefit from the government schemes in the field of Beekeeping under the Holistic Agri-



culture Development Programme (HADP).

He said that by adopting Beekeeping in addition to general farming compliments to the overall income of the farm operating families. He assured every possible help by District Administration to

the beekeepers in market linkage chains and effective marketing.

Earlier, CAO Amjad Husain Malik, besides other concerned officers and Resource person from Krishi Vigyan Kendra gave a detailed presentation on various interventions

by the department for the promotion of Beekeeping in the region.

More than 200 farmers/Beekeepers besides the members of FPOs and NRLM, SHG attended the event and also expressed their views regarding the subject.