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Have succeeded in winning hearts of Kashmiri people: PM Modi in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, MAR 7

Praising the beauty of Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday said that his mission was to win the hearts of Kashmiri people and that he has succeeded in his efforts.

Addressing a mammoth gathering at the Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, the Prime Minister said that every time he came to Kashmir, his priority was to win hearts and minds of people here.

"Today, after seeing you (crowd), I can say that I have succeeded in winning the hearts of Kashmiri people. But I won't stop here, my efforts will continue to win people's



hearts..." PM Modi thundered from the stage, as per news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO). Today's visit was first by the PM Modi to Kashmir after revocation of Article 370 in August 2019.

He said that it is not easy to explain the feeling after landing on the "paradise on earth called Kashmir." "The feeling of landing on Dharti Ka Swarg (paradise on earth) can't be explained in words. The

beautiful mountains and the aura are heart touching," he said.

PM Modi said that the J&K that has emerged now was the dream of every one across the country. "Not just you but one lakh people across all 285 blocks are connected to my today's program through technology," he said. He said that today the dream of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherji has been fulfilled and his sacrifice has yielded a result. "Today, I can see that can overcome all challenges. Today, 140 Cr citizens of India are heaving a sigh of relief after seeing Vikshit J&K," he said.

The Prime Minister said that he will leave no

Plagued by separatism, terrorism for decades; Kashmir an abode of peace again: LG Sinha

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SRINAGAR, MAR 7

Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha while crediting the Prime Minister Narendra for establishing permanent peace in Kashmir after many decades Thursday stated that once plagued by separatism and terrorism, Kashmir is now an abode of peace with smiles on the face of every citizen.

Addressing the massive gathering at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar, in presence of Prime Minister Modi, LG Sinha, as per news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that gone are the days when Kashmir was known for separatism, terrorism, and bloodshed. "It was only possible because of the personal efforts of PM Modi that Kashmir was turned into an abode of peace as it was known for



being the land of Sufis and Reshis," LG Sinha thundered from the stage.

He said that in the past five years, J&K has witnessed a huge transformation. "No innocent life is going to waste on the streets. Nobody's eyes are

snatched by pellets. Street protests are over forever," LG Sinha said as per KNO.

He said that tri-colour flying high at Clock Tower Lal Chowk signifies the change and reminds everyone of the Kashmir of yesteryears. "Blood-

shed is a history and peace has taken a front seat with every citizen of Kashmir wearing a smile on their faces," the LG said.

He said Kashmiri people have a great love and respect for PM Modi as evident today as the Bakshi Stadium where there is total capacity for 35000 people and 25000 chairs is fully jam-packed. "People are standing as there is no place to sit. This is the love of Kashmir for PM Modi. Had there been a ground for two lakh people, that too would have been overcrowded today," the LG said.

He said that Indoor Stadium is also full and at SKICC, the hall is full as well while 10,000 people are waiting to listen to PM Modi on the big screen.

LG Sinha said that PM Modi has always stayed in touch with the people of Kashmir through

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J&K CEO's office to hire 3 helicopters for Lok Sabha polls

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SRINAGAR, MAR 7

Ahead of Lok Sabha polls in Jammu & Kashmir, the Union Territory's chief electoral officer's office is hiring three helicopters for ensuring faster mobility of manpower during the polls.

To begin with, the CEO's office has invited bids from registered aviation companies for renting three helicopters during Lok Sabha polls in the UT.

According to the documents possession in news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the

CEO's office has invited bids for hiring one single engine helicopter on wet lease basis for three days before election day of the first phase to one day after election day of last phase of Lok Sabha polls and one twin engine helicopter on wet lease basis, as and when required during the election.

It has also invited bids for hiring a helicopter ambulance on wet lease basis for five days during each phase of election. The Election

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Police seize 150 sleepers of deodar in Doda; accused on the run

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A total of 150 sleepers of deodar trees were seized from a house in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

The beams of wood were said to be worth lakhs of rupees, the police said.

A police team was on patrol duty in at Bathri in Tanta area of Gandoh when it received a tip-off about one Shah Mohd illegally axing green standing deodar trees in Tanta forest and

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Prime Minister takes selfie with Kashmiri youth, calls him 'Friend'

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 7

It was a dream-come-true moment for Kashmiri youth Nazim Nazeer on Thursday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi not only took a selfie with him but also referred to him as a "friend".

Nazeer, who has set up a successful beekeeping unit, was one of the few achievers selected to interact with Modi after his public rally at the Bakshi stadium here. During their interaction, he expressed his wish for taking a selfie with Modi.



The prime minister later posted a tweet along with the selfie with Nazeer. "A memorable selfie with my friend Nazim.

I was impressed by the good work he's doing. At the public meeting he requested a selfie and

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Govt declares terror Mastermind Mohammad Qasim Gujjar designated terrorist: Amit Shah

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAR 7

The Narendra Modi Government on Thursday declared Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative Mohammad Qasim Gujjar, the mastermind of several terror attacks, a designated terrorist.

Announcing the Government's decision, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said LeT operative Gujjar has caused numerous deaths and injuries with terror attacks and is involved in planning a war against

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Upcoming Lok Sabha elections are for the bright future of youth and creation of a great India: Amit Shah

JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAR 7

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah, addressing a youth conference in Jalgaon, Maharashtra on Tuesday, made it clear that the upcoming Lok Sabha elections are for the bright future of the youth and the creation of a great India. Shah, the stalwart



leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, believes that voting for the BJP means

ensuring a bright future for the youth, the

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Armed forces ready to give befitting reply if anyone casts evil eye on India: Rajnath

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAR 7

The armed forces are well equipped, capable and ready to give a befitting reply if anyone casts an evil eye on India, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday against the backdrop of the nearly four-year border row with China in eastern Ladakh and concerns over Chinese military forays into the Indian Ocean.

Singh emphasised that the country's defence system has been "induced with a new energy" by the government in line with people's vision and it has



resulted in India emerging as a powerful nation on the global stage with a strong and self-reliant military.

In an address at a defence summit hosted by the NDTV, he also said that India's defence apparatus

is today stronger than ever as the Modi Government has been focusing on bolstering it with the "sentiment of Indianness".

He termed 'perspective' as the major difference between the current

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Modi pulled Kashmir out of long nightmare of gloom: Dr Jitendra Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 7

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pulled Kashmir out of a long nightmare of gloom, the Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said today.

In his Introductory address at PM Narendra Modi's massive public rally at Bakshi Stadium here, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Modi has changed their destiny and given them the dream of a bright new future.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, the hands that wielded the gun till yesterday, are today found holding IPads and Computers. The fin-



gers that were laced with blood till yesterday, are today seen weaving the Pashmina threads and impressing the world with their traditional handicraft, he said.

Today, the dark clouds of hopelessness have vanished from Srinagar's

skies, today, the waves of hope are sweeping the streams of river Jhelum, he said.

Dr Jitendra Singh, who represents Udhampur constituency in the Lok Sabha, said, such a massive crowd, spread as

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PM Modi's visit to Kashmir a historic milestone : Rana

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JAMMU, MAR 7

Describing the Prime Minister's visit to the Valley as a historic milestone in the region's journey towards prosperity and peace, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said this underscores the government's unwavering commitment to the development and welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

"The historic visit of

Yashasvi Narendra Modi is reflective of the peoples' faith in his leadership", Mr Rana said at the sidelines of the inauguration of state-of-art chamber of Vinay Jamwal Chartered Accountant here this evening.

Devender Rana exuded confidence that the initiatives taken by the Government under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister, especially post abrogation of Article 370 has hugely transformed



Jammu and Kashmir, which has ushered in an era of peace, progress, prosperity, economic

resurgence, equitable empowerment, social justice and unprecedented inclusive development in

the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas. The visit assumes immense significance in the backdrop of path breaking initiatives aimed at accelerated development projects, enhanced connectivity and promotion of economic opportunities in the region, he added.

"The visionary leadership of the Prime Minister continues to pave the way for a brighter future for the people of Jammu and

Kashmir", Mr Devender Rana said, adding that efforts in fostering conducive environment for peace and stability have shown discernible results in terms of record tourist influx in all the four seasons of the previous years. The unprecedented arrival of two crore tourists last year endorses the fact that Kashmir has changed from terrorist hotspot to tourism hub, bringing cheers in the lives of the

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Centre hikes DA to 50 pc of basic pay for its employees

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NEW DELHI, MAR 7

The Centre on Thursday hiked Dearness Allowance (DA) to 50 per cent of basic pay from the existing rate of 46 per cent effective from January 1 this year, benefitting over 1 crore employees and pensioners ahead of general elections.

The Union Cabinet has approved to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners from January 1, 2024, representing an increase of 4 percentage points over the existing rate of 46 per cent of the basic pay/pension, to compensate against price rise, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said after the Cabinet meeting.

The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief would be Rs 12,869 crore per annum. The impact would be Rs 15,014 crore during the year 2024-25 (January 2024 to February 2025).

With the increase in DA, transport

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DC Kupwara conducts tour of Khumryal, listens public issues

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAR 7

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan conducted an extensive tour of Khumryal to take appraisal of issues confronted by people of the area.

The Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by DDC Council Member, Haihama, Sonawallah Khan, ADC Kupwara, Mohammad Rouf Rehman, ZEO Khumryal, Ch. Farooq Khantana, Principal, Government Higher Secondary School Khumryal, Nazir Ahmad Khan and other officers.

During the tour, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the local residents of the area including members of civil society at Government Higher Secondary School Khumryal, where they apprised her regarding the



developmental issues of public importance besides additional accommodation for class rooms and facility of smart classes at the institution.

DC also visited the Khangund area and took stock of the situation where land erosion had occurred due to recent rains and snowfall.

Giving patient hear-

ing to the grievances and demands of the public, the DC passed directions to the concerned officers for resolving genuine demands and issues projected by people at the earliest.

The purpose of the visit was to take appraisal of local issues from the general public for precise and on-ground assessment for their time bound redressal.

Int'l Women's Day Celebrations Series of activities held across Ramban; Marathon organised at Sangaldan

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

International Women's Day celebration was held with great fever and active participation from the community in district Ramban.

A series of pre-events were organized as part of the celebrations, highlighting the significance of this global occasion.

The Department of Social Welfare, under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, orchestrated a multitude of events aimed at raising awareness about women's rights, pertinent legislations, and preventive measures against gender-based discrimination.

The activities encompassed various initia-

tives such as organizing Nukkad Nataks at different locations across District Ramban to propagate messages of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" and to raise awareness about the PCPNDT Act. Additionally, a Marathon was organized in Zone Sangaldan, witnessing the enthusiastic participation of nearly 200 individuals.

Furthermore, the event featured a spectrum of activities including debates, slogan writing, painting competitions, skits, and more, fostering a more inclusive and participative approach towards raising awareness about women-oriented schemes and sensitizing society towards women empowerment.

District Social Welfare Officer Ramban, Rahul

Gupta highlighted the collaborative efforts of multiple departments in organizing multifaceted activities with the clear objective of emphasizing that woman empowerment is the cornerstone for inclusive societal development.

He underscored the proactive stance of the Department of Social Welfare in championing the cause of women empowerment, ensuring that the message resonates beyond culmination of International Women's Day celebrations. The Department of Social Welfare reaffirms its commitment to continue advocating for women empowerment, fostering a society where every woman is empowered to thrive and contribute to the nation's progress.

SVEEP Cell organises cultural event at Govt PG College Rajouri

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 7

SVEEP Cell of District Election Office Rajouri, in collaboration with Govt PG College organised a cultural event as a part of SVEEP activities.

Students participated in different activities like solo song, western solo song, photography, Rangoli competition. The winners of different activities were awarded with certificates and mementos.

Under the guidance and supervision of District Election Officer Rajouri Om Parkash Bhagat, continuous

efforts are being made to vigorously conduct the SVEEP activities across the district.

The District Nodal officer for SVEEP activities, Prof Iqbal Raina has roped in all educational institutions and other organizations to educate the public about the importance of voters in a democracy.

Today's program was coordinated by Prof Zakir Kalliss HoD English and Prof Mohd Iqbal Raina District Nodal officer SVEEP Govt PG College Rajouri. All faculty members and students enthusiastically participated in the event.

DC inaugurates Skill Development Program at Bhaderwah



J1 NEWS SERVICE
BHADERWAH, MARCH 7

Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh today inaugurated skill development training at JK Aroma Centre Dandi Bhaderwah, here today.

The initiative highlights the district's commitment to empowering the youth with practical skills aligning with the government's policy to equip the youth with the necessary tools for their professional growth.

Later, the DC inspected the strong room in the Government Boys Higher

Secondary School Bhaderwah.

DC Singh inquired about the security put in place for safe custody of essential documents and material.

Later, he proceeded to inspect the progress of work on Indoor sports stadium coming up in the school.

DC Doda Singh Accompanied by ADC Bhaderwah, Tehsildar Bhaderwah, Xen PWD R&B, BDO, and other officers, showcases a united approach towards promoting development and progress in the region.

DC Kupwara felicitates progressive agripreneurs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAR 7

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today felicitated innovative, technically empowered progressive farmers for their contribution in agriculture & allied sectors at Kupwara.

In an impressive function at Town Hall Kupwara, the Deputy Commissioner presented mementoes and appreciation certificates to progressive farmers for their dedication, passion and commitment for development of agriculture and it's allied sectors in the district.

Progressive farmers who were felicitated include NRLM Group Head, Atiqa hailing from Tarathpora and Mohammad Ashraf War resident of Lawoosa Mawar.

Atiqa was honored for her contribution in mushroom cultivation, organic farming and producing of high yielding vegetable



seedlings.

She along with her other group members have taken benefit of HADP and established 5 poly-green houses with tubular structures and one high tech playhouse at Tarathpora.

Similarly, Mohammad

Ashraf War has established a Trout unit at Lawoosa under PMMYS.

Deputy Commissioner complimented the agri-preneurs for their immense contribution in agriculture and allied sectors. She said that progres-

sive farmers encourage others to take up farming on modern lines and earn a respectable income.

ADC Kupwara, Muhammad Rouf Rehman and other district level officers were present on the occasion.

Samba Administration Takes strict Action against Illegal Mining



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MARCH 7

To combat illegal mining, the District Administration Samba, under the steadfast guidance of Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Sharma has taken stringent measures against the perpetrators of the unlawful trade.

Vinay Sharma, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), along with the dedicated personnel of the Samba Police, have collaborated with the Geology and Mining team to intensify efforts in monitoring and curbing illegal

extraction, unauthorized dumping, and transportation of minerals without payment of royalty.

Today, a joint operation conducted by the Geology and Mining Enforcement Team, led by the District Mining Officer (DMO), resulted in the seizure of one JCB and three vehicles involved in illegal mining activities. Beside this, three vehicles were seized by different police stations of Samba. This operation underscores the administration's unwavering commitment to curb the menace of illegal mining in the region.

DC Kathua flags off students rally to commemorate Int'l Women's Day

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MARCH 7

To commemorate International Women's Day, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas, ceremoniously flagged off a vibrant student rally from the DC Office Complex, here today.

The rally, a part of the Administration's endeavour to promote women empowerment, resonated with fervent enthusiasm as students and educators alike congregated to champion the cause of gender parity and social justice.

The rally, comprising a diverse contingent of students representing different educational institutions of Kathua, embarked on a spirited procession through the thoroughfares of the district, adorned with banners, placards, and slogans echoing the clarion call for gender inclusivity and women's rights.

The procession served as a poignant reminder of the collective resolve to dismantle barriers and foster a society where every individual, regardless of gender, can thrive and flourish. Speaking on the Occasion, the DC Kathua underscored the pivotal role of youth in



driving positive societal change and advocated for the active participation of students in advancing the cause of women's empowerment.

Emphasising the transformative power of education in challenging gender stereotypes and fostering a culture of inclusivity, the DC urged the students to become torchbearers of change and advocates for gender equality within their communities and beyond.

Participants pledged to uphold the principles of equality and justice in their everyday lives. As the echoes of the rally reverberated through the district, the DC Kathua reaffirmed the administration's unwavering commitment to championing the rights and dignity of women, not just on International Women's Day, but every day. He com-

mended the students for their unwavering zeal and urged them to continue their efforts in building a more equitable and inclusive society for all.

The DC said, Women nowadays are making their mark in every sphere and breaking the glass ceiling besides fostering a culture of inclusion, inspiring other women to pursue their aspirations and helping to dismantle the systematic barriers that hinder progress.

Later, DC gave away Bags and Books among the participants as a token of commitment of the administration to encourage and support the education of the girls.

Among others, ADC Kathua, DSWO Kathua, Staff of Social Welfare Department besides other officers were present on the occasion.

DDC Reasi inaugurates 3-day Annual Shiv Khori Mela at Ransoo

J1 NEWS SERVICE
REASI, MARCH 7

The annual three day Shiv Khori Mela was today inaugurated by District Commissioner Reasi Vishesh Mahajan (Vice Chairperson Shri Shiv Khori Shrine Board), here at Ransoo amid religious fervor and enthusiasm.

The mela, which is a significant cultural and religious event, attracts devotees and tourists from far and wide.

The inauguration ceremony was marked by the performance of traditional jhankies, which showcased the rich cultural heritage of the region. These performances, featuring vibrant costumes and rhythmic dances, added to the festive atmosphere of the mela.

An impressive Shiv Baraat was taken out led by chariot of Lord Shiva and followed by various Jhankies.

One of the highlights of the event was the performance of jhankies with bhuts and rakshaks. The performers mesmerized the audience with their skillful and energetic performances, receiving thunderous applause.

The Shiv Parvati Vivah performance, characterized by devotional songs and dances dedicated to Lord Shiva, drew a huge crowd of devotees and tourists alike.



Renowned singer Chaman Lehri gave an enthralling performance, captivating the audience with his soulful rendition of Shiva Bhajans, enrapturing devotees and tourists alike by the divine melodies echoing through the surroundings.

The DDC expressed his commitment to ensure the success of the Shiv Khori Mela. He highlighted the efforts being made by the district administration Reasi to make this year's mela a memorable and safe event for all devotees. One of the key announcements made was the commencement of helicopter services from Katra to Ransoo. He said, the technical team has conducted a survey

to facilitate the start of the heli service, which is expected to provide a convenient and time-saving travel option for pilgrims.

In addition, the DDC Reasi has appealed to all shopkeepers and vendors participating in the mela to refrain from using single-use plastic. This initiative aligns with the district administration's efforts to promote environmental sustainability and reduce plastic waste in the region. The DDC has assured that all necessary arrangements are being made to ensure the smooth conduct of the Shiv Khori Mela, including provisions for security, sanitation, and healthcare facilities. The district administration is

working closely with local authorities and stakeholders to make this annual pilgrimage a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. DDC inspected the departmental stalls showcasing different government initiatives. Stalls were set up by the Revenue, Health, Agriculture, and NRLM, providing attendees with valuable information and opportunities to avail themselves of government services.

Attendees were particularly interested in learning about health programs, agricultural schemes and revenue-related services.

In addition to the stalls, a live demonstration of the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) was conducted to educate people on how to use the EVM and cast their votes effectively in the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. The demonstration was aimed at increasing voter awareness and ensuring a smooth voting process during the elections.

Adl. SP Reasi Iftkhar Ahmed, EO SSKSB Pardeep Kumar, Xen Pwd, Chief Agriculture Officer, Tehsildar Pouni and other senior officers and officials were present on the occasion.

District Administration Bandipora felicitates Ju-Jitsu Players

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA MARCH 7

The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday felicitated Ju-Jitsu players of Bandipora who participated in 8th UT Ju-Jitsu championship 2023-24 held at Bagwatnagar Jammu.

Coach, Yameen Sports Academy, Muzaffar Ahmad informed that in 8th Ji-Jitsu championship 30 athletes from Bandipora participated and bagged 17 medals in different categories.

The championship also witnessed selection of players from Bandipora for the upcoming National championship which is scheduled to be held from 29th March to 2nd April in Lucknow.

Muzaffar Ahmad revealed that Sabkat Malik of academy got gold while Amina Bano bagged bronze medal in Senior National championship held at uttarakhand.

Deputy commissioner while interacting with the players congratulated them for their achievement and expressed best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

DLSA Kupwara celebrates International Womens' Day



JIN NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MARCH 7

District Legal Services Authority Kupwara in collaboration with Education Department Kupwara celebrated International Women's Day with great fervor and enthusiasm, today, here.

To mark the celebration of the day, an awareness programme was organised at Govt. Higher Secondary School Kupwara and Govt. School Teethwal.

The programme was held under the guidance of Chairperson DLSA and Pr. District and Sessions Judge, Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum and Secretary, DLSA Kupwara, Manzoor Ahmad Khan.

The programme focused on upholding achievements of women and to equip them with the necessary knowledge about their Rights

& empowerment besides help them to recognize challenges of domestic violence.

Addressing the gathering, Advocate Rubeena Rashid, highlighted the importance of the day and provided invaluable insights and guidance to the participants. She said that the day also marks for gender equality that is free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination.

Advocate Mubeena Akhter, familiarized the participants on how to lodge a complaint or register an F.I.R. in case of offences against women.

During her speech, she also focused on free and competent legal aid and assistance as outlined in the Legal Services Act, 1987 to navigate legal challenges. She also briefed about Sexual Harassment Act at the work place.

Resource person from

the Education department on her deliberations underlined the elements that define women empowerment in its truest sense and emphasised on pragmatic approach for women empowerment.

She also informed about various schemes initiated by the Government for the welfare and upliftment of women.

During the programme students from various institutions also delivered speeches on the said topic.

Among others present, the programme was attended by officials from the Education Department, teachers, female students and Para Legal Volunteers of District Legal Services Authority Kupwara.

The participants expressed gratitude to the organisers for educating them about importance of the day.

Dy. DEO Kishtwar reviews awareness activities under SVEEP

JIN NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 7

Deputy District Election Officer (Dy DEO) Kishtwar, Idrees Lone today chaired a comprehensive meeting to review the ongoing activities under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) in the district.

The meeting, attended by DIO, DIO NIC, BDO, ENT, Nodal Officers, and staff of the Election department, focused on strengthening awareness initiatives to encourage voter participation.

Addressing the attendees, Dy DEO emphasized the pivotal role of voter participation in strengthening democracy. He urged officers to adopt a multi-pronged strategy to ensure maximum voter turnout in the upcoming elections.

Furthermore, Dy DEO instructed concerned officers to promptly submit the SVEEP Plan in his office, enabling the execution of activities such as "Democracy Trekking" and "Youth Parliament" besides formation of "Peace Committee".

He underscored the



importance of enhanced coordination among officers to effectively disseminate SVEEP awareness throughout the district.

Furthermore, Deputy District Election Officer Kishtwar, Idrees Lone, directed concerned officers to prioritize SVEEP awareness campaigns in polling stations exhibiting a gender ratio below 920, an EP Ratio below 60%, and those with a higher concentration of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

Additionally, emphasis was placed on areas where voter turnout was below average. These directives aim to ensure that every eligible voter is empowered with information and encouraged to exercise their democratic right.

The meeting concluded with a commitment from all stakeholders to work diligently towards fostering an informed and participative electorate for the forthcoming General Election 2024.

DDC Kishtwar reviews progress under District Capex 2023-24

JIN NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 7

District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today conducted a comprehensive Sector wise review meeting to assess the physical and financial status of projects taken under the District Capex Plan 2023-24.

The meeting, held in the Conference Hall to provide insights into various sectors such as R&B, Jal Sakhti, Education, Health, and Youth Sports etc.

The meeting witnessed the presence of key officials including the ADDC Kishtwar Gulam Rasool, Chief Planning Officer Shah Nawaz Bali, ACD Phulail Singh, DPO Tariq Sarwadi, DYSSO Jaffar H Sheikh, BDOs, Executive Engineers of R&B, Jal Sakhti, CEO and other stakeholders.

The sessions scrutinised the funds released and expenditures incurred across different sectors. The DDC emphasised the critical need for timely project completion to ensure efficient fund utilization and overall district development.



Concerned executing officers were directed to expedite ongoing projects while maintaining strict adherence to timelines and quality standards.

The Chief Planning Officer revealed that out of the total 1916 works taken up under the District Capex 2023-24, 1586 have been successfully Completed, with the remaining projects currently in progress. Furthermore, it was highlighted that 72 percent of the released budget for the year 2023-24 has been utilized to date with the 83 percent accomplishment in physical targets.

The executing depart-

ments were impressed to commensurate the financial expenditure with the physical achievement so far besides 12th March was set as deadline for clearing all pending bills positively.

The chair underscored the significance of close monitoring and coordination among departments to overcome any bottlenecks and ensure seamless project progress. Meanwhile, ADDC urged officers to provide regular updates and promptly address any issues to prevent delays, emphasizing the importance of efficient implementation for the benefit of the district's residents.

District Level Open Badminton Championship hosted by 52nd CRPF Bn concludes at Kishtwar

JIN NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 7

The District Level Open Badminton Championship, started on February 29, 2024, and organized by the 52nd Battalion CRPF, Kishtwar, reached its conclusion today at the Badminton Court located here at FCI Store.

Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav graced the concluding ceremony as the Chief Guest, joined by Abdul Qayoom, SSP, as the Guest of Honour. The occasion was further adorned by the presence of CO 52nd Bn CRPF, Parma Shivan.

In a thrilling display of skill and sportsmanship, Lokesh Sharma and Arvind Parihar secured victory in the Doubles Final of the above 45



category, while Parma Shivan and Mohinder Kumar showcased commendable performances as the Runners-up.

The Doubles Final in the below 45 years category witnessed an intense competition, with Ketan Raina and Satish Rajput emerging victorious, and Sudeep Sharma and Diljeet Palsar securing the runner-up position.

In the Singles category, Lokesh Sharma claimed the winner's trophy, with Arvind as the runner-up in the above 45 years

category. Meanwhile, Ketan Raina clinched the Singles Winner title, and Satish Rajput was the runner-up in the below 45 years category.

The District Level Open Badminton Championship not only showcased exceptional sporting talent but also served as a platform for fostering community engagement and healthy competition.

The 52nd Battalion CRPF expresses gratitude to all participants and attendees for making this event a resounding success.

GDC Vijaypur organises Group Discussion on Women's issues



JIN NEWS SERVICE
SAMBHA, MARCH 7

NSS Unit (KHIDMAT) of Government Degree College Vijaypur organized 'Group Discussion' to mark Women's Day Celebration held under the supervision and guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vandana Gupta, Principal of the College.

As many as one hundred college students and NSS volunteers participated in the group discussion with great enthusiasm, fervour and zeal. The aim of organizing discussion was to educate students about the empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of their political, social, economic and health status and their right to influence social change for themselves and others.

The discussion started with the welcome address by Prof. Mamta Gupta (HOD Commerce). She briefed the students that women's empowerment

can be defined to promoting women's sense of self-worth, their ability to determine their own choices and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. Women's empowerment and promoting women's rights have emerged as a part of a major global movement and is continuing to break new ground in recent years. Days like International Women's Empowerment Day are also gaining momentum. But despite a great deal of progress, women and girls continue to face discrimination and violence in every part of the world.

The event was coordinated by Prof. Anita Jamwal, Prof. Mamta Gupta, Prof. Poonam Kundan and Dr. Naseem Chowdhary and co-ordinated by Dr. Priyanka Ganjoo, Dr. Radhika Rasyal, Dr. Gunjeet Mahiwal, Dr. Tisha Singh, Prof. Sonia Devi, Dr. Neelam Kumari and Prof. Renuka Kundal.

GDC Ajas organises Election Training Programme for students



JIN NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA MARCH 7

Government Degree College, Ajas on Thursday organized an Election Training Program aimed at educating students about the conduct of elections and providing them with hands-on experience.

The primary objective of the training program was to familiarize students with the electoral process, their rights and responsibilities as voters and the importance of free and fair elections in a democratic society.

The program aimed to empower students to actively participate in the electoral process and encourage voter turnout was conducted by experienced faculty members and guest speakers who provided comprehensive insights into various aspects of elections including voter registration, polling procedures,

counting of votes, and electoral laws and regulations.

During the programme an interactive session was also held allowing students to ask questions and clarify their doubts.

To enhance the learning experience, students were provided with hands-on training in setting up polling booths, and managing voter queues which enabled students to gain a better understanding of the logistical challenges involved in conducting elections and the importance of efficiency and transparency in the process.

The speakers on the occasion highlighted the importance of generating voter awareness to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible and informed citizens besides encouraging students to exercise their right to vote.

Awareness programme under SVEEP held at Bhaderwah

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BHADERWAH, MARCH 07

As per the directions of the Election Commissioner of India, an awareness programme was organised today by Electoral Registration Election Officer Additional Deputy Commissioner 51-AC Bhaderwah.

The programme held under SVEEP was attended by a large number of Supervisors and BLOs and various departments at Community Hall Bhaderwah.

DC Kulgam emphasizes on crucial role of Pani Samities for sustainability of water schemes

JIN NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MARCH 7

Four Day's training program aimed to equip Level-3 community stakeholders, Pani Samiti members, with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in their respective areas concluded today at Kulgam.

Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan presided over the valedictory function.

Addressing participants on the occasion, DC emphasized on the crucial role of Pani Samiti members in ensuring the

sustainability of water schemes in villages.

He urged them to take their responsibilities seriously and work towards creating a lasting impact on the community.

The DC also commended the dedication and hard work of the participants during the training program.

Meanwhile, DC Kulgam presented awards to the best performers among the JJM team and the participants.

Besides, participants were given felicitation certificates for their active participation and engagement throughout the training program.

The DC encouraged the participants to continue their efforts in transforming water management practices and making a positive impact on the community.

During the training period, participants were imparted knowledge about various aspects of water conservation, management and maintenance.

Among others present on the occasion were Exen Jal Shakti Department Kulgam, Er. Nawaz Ahmad, Project Manager DPMU kulgam, Er. Aijaz Ahmad Keen, Consultant Civil, Er. G.A Beigh AEE's & other officers.

WDC organises loan mela to celebrate International Women's Day

JIN NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 7

To mark the celebration of International Women's Day, Jammu and Kashmir Women's Development Corporation (WDC) organized Loan Mela cum Awareness Camp in the office premises at Bemina Srinagar.

The event was sponsored by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation New Delhi.

Managing Director, (MD) Women's Development Corporation Ulfat Jabeen, who was the chief guest on the occasion inaugurated the programme.

About 400 women beneficiaries including Self Help Groups from the areas of Bemina, Qamarwari, Batamalo, Noorbagh, Palpora, Rambagh, Rajbagh, Rajourikadal, Safa Kadal, Iddgah, Budgam etc participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, MD emphasised upon women and Self Help Groups to come forward to work unitedly for their rights and orchestrate prosperous life.

She further added that the Government had initiated numerous schemes for making women economically self-reliant which gives them their due place in the society.

While highlighting the activities undertaken by WDC for women empowerment, she stated that under various loan schemes Corporation has disbursed an amount of Rs. 327.49 crores benefiting 23058 women beneficiaries by establishing their own income generating units.

These units include Cutting & Tailoring cum fabric art, Sozni & Shawl Embroidery, Departmental Stores, Bakery units, Milk & milk products, Dry Fruit and Cushion making, she added.

Similarly under Educational Loan Scheme WDC has benefitted 881 beneficiaries by providing loan to the tune of Rs 14.18 crores for pursuing education within and outside India.

WDC also provides marketing support to the beneficiaries & SHGs associated with it by conducting local exhibitions and providing opportunity to them to participate in the national level exhibitions.

WDC as on date has conducted 44 exhibitions within and outside the Union Territory besides participated in the national level exhibitions held at IITF, Surajkund, Dilli Haat, Hunnar Haat etc.

One the occasion, MD

Sheep Husbandry Dept organises 1-day training programme under HADP at Rajgarh



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

The Department of Sheep Husbandry Ramban, under the guidance of District Development Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary organized a one-day Capacity Building-cum Training Programme at Rajgarh for farmers, breeders, SHGs and FPO members here today.

The program, held as part of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), focused on promoting wool and pelt for effective processing and marketing. The initiative aimed at creating awareness about various components of the HADP programme,

including achieving self-sufficiency in mutton production, reducing livestock mortality by improving infrastructure at highland pastures, and establishing FPOs for efficient processing and marketing of wool and pelt.

Continuing efforts, a prefabricated hut was also inaugurated at Ghari, Rajgarh, as part of the "Strengthening of Infrastructure at Highland Pastures and Enroute Migration" under the HADP 2023-24. This initiative aims to provide veterinary healthcare facilities for the migratory sheep and goat population, benefiting the community engaged in sheep rearing in the region. The DSHO

expressed gratitude to the district administration and the concerned ex-Sarpanch for their support in identifying and transferring suitable land for the initiative in a timely manner.

Highlighting the substantial potential for sheep farming in the district, the DSHO emphasized the significant role of the predominant farming community in fostering agricultural development in the region. The event witnessed the presence of key dignitaries including the District Sheep Husbandry Officer Ramban, Dr. Shabir Ahmed, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Chanderkote, Ex-Sarpanch and Sheep breeders.

DLSA joins DSW, GGHS Ramban to celebrate Int'l Women's Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ramban celebrated International Women's Day by organizing an awareness program in collaboration with the District Social Welfare (DSW) Department, Ramban and Government Girls High School (GGHS), Ramban.

The program was held under the guidance of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) Ramban, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia.

Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bashir Ahmed Munshi was the Chief Guest. The awareness program was also attended by Ld. Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Shilpa Dogra, Ld. Munsiff JMJC Ramban, Sidhant Vaid, President, Bar Association, Social Workers Special Women Cell, Suneha Thakur, and staff of District Judiciary and DLSA Ramban. Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Ramban and staff of Govt. Girls High School Ramban along with students were also present in the program.

In his address, the CJM highlighted the importance and role of women in society and also mentioned challenges that women face in day to day life. He emphasized the empowerment of women for the betterment of women and society as a whole. He encouraged the



female students to study hard and work for their goals wholeheartedly.

Ld. Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, addressed the participants and made them aware about various free legal services and schemes that are available for all women such as Sukanya Samridhi Yojna for young girls. She urged all the present women and girls to be aware and take advantage of all the schemes available to them.

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and organizing various awareness programs to make women and general public aware of all the schemes and policies of the State and Central Government.

Other guests also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the role women play in society. They also encouraged the young girls present in the program to pursue their dreams and understand the importance of self dependence so that status of all women, without any discrimination could be enhanced in the society. The event concluded with the address of Social Worker, Special Cell for Women Ramban Suneha Thakur, Ramban who expressed gratitude and assured the present women of all possible help and assistance.

Rajouri Administration participates in PM's Program through virtual mode



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 7

The District Administration Rajouri showcased unwavering commitment and enthusiasm as it actively participated in the public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar.

All nineteen blocks of the district and five Municipality offices also live streamed the Prime Minister's speech with each location witnessing a huge gathering of locals.

Among others, DC Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat; ADDC, Pawan Kumar Parihar; ACD, Vijay Kumar; ACP, Sheraz Chow-

han; DPO, Mohd Nawaz Choudhury and other district and sectoral officers and officials participated in the event. Besides, the event also witnessed a substantial turnout of the public, reflecting the keen interest and enthusiasm of the local populace in the development initiatives being unveiled.

The active engagement of the district administration, coupled with the enthusiastic participation of the public, served as a testament to the collective resolve and determination towards realizing the shared vision of a prosperous and progressive future for the region.

Ramban people applaud PM for holistic development of J&K



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

The people of Ramban district joined in virtual attendance the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme at Bakshi Stadium Srinagar. The people of the District Ramban expressed gratitude to the PM for his tireless efforts for promoting holistic development of the UT. Under the diligent coordination of the District Administration, led by Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, the live streaming of the Prime Minister's visit to

Srinagar was organized at District Headquarter Ramban and in all the 11 Blocks and at 3 MCs of the district in which over 3000 people participated.

People thanked PM for dedicating Holistic Agriculture Development Programme worth about Rs 5000 crore and the launch of multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1400 crore to nation under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme including the project for 'Integrated Development of Hazratbal Shrine', Srinagar.

Int'l Women's Day celebrated with Badlav rally in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 7

International Women's Day was celebrated in Udhampur district with fervor and enthusiasm.

A series of programs were organized, including the "Badlav Rally" organized by the District Administration in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare.

The rally, named "Beti Apki Dhan Lakshmi aur Vaibhavi," aimed to promote gender equality, women's rights and combat female feticide.

Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai inaugurated the rally from the DC Office Complex, accompanied by Additional District Development Commissioner Ghan Sham Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, District Social Welfare Officer Kanika Gupta, and other officers.

The rally, comprising



over 500 individuals, included students and staff of the schools and colleges, members of Women Self Help groups under Umeed, Sangini and Sahayikas of Mission Poshan, Staff of OSC, DHEW and Special cell for women traversed through various parts of the city, spreading the message of women empowerment, and culminated at the Mini Stadium Udhampur.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated the first-ever Pink stand for women drivers established under

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme near Town Hall being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare under Mission Shakti, furthering the cause of women's empowerment and inclusivity.

The DC emphasised that the objective of the rally is to educate the public especially women regarding new ventures and to impart training and necessary skills to women drivers for commercial vehicles and the pink auto stand dedicated to women commercial drivers.

While briefing the media persons, the DC congratulated all the participants and emphasised the importance of generating awareness among the masses. She stressed that such programs are instrumental in empowering women through education and promoting their equal participation in all sectors, while also combating gender-biased sex selective elimination of girl children. She underscored the significance of educating girls and urged the public to prioritize their education.

DLSA, NRLM Shopian celebrate International Women's Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MARCH 07

A seminar on the celebration of International Women's week under the theme "Inspire Inclusion" was today organized by District Legal Services Authority Shopian in collaboration with National Rural Livelihood Mission at District Mission management Unit NLRM Shopian. The Seminar was organized under the directions of Riaz-Ul-Haq Mirza, Chairman DLSA & Secretary DLSA Shopian, Susheel Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy LADC Rafie Ahmad Ganie said that the main objective of organizing the seminar is to make women in general aware of their entitlements under various enactments being provided to them.

He said that the DLSA Shopian provides free legal aid to the women who face violence and discrimination in the society besides makes them aware with regard to their rights and incentives being provided to them.

On the occasion, District project manager Irfan Bashir also threw light on various schemes under NRLM while several beneficiaries of NRLM shared their success stories.

The programme was attended by DLSA Staff, LADC Advocates, PLV's, NRLM staff and women participants.

At the end of the programme PLV's and LADC shared their contact numbers with the participants for the registration and redressal of their grievances.

Jammu district gears up for Ramzan, ADDC Sher Singh reviews preparations

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 7

With the holy month of Ramzan round the corner, Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh today convened a meeting to review the preparations for the smooth and peaceful observance of the fasts and prayers in the district.

The ADDC instructed the concerned authorities to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Sehri and Iftar times, when the devotees consume their pre-dawn and post-sunset meals. He also asked them to provide adequate water supply. He further directed the JMC to ensure proper garbage management and sanitation in and around

the religious places. The ADDC ordered the market checking teams to conduct regular inspections of the pricing and quality of the food items, especially meat, in the markets. He warned of strict action against any violation of the norms and regulations.

He also discussed the security arrangements with officers from the district police and others and termed coordination and cooperation essential for all arrangements.

The meeting was attended by Sub Divisional Magistrate Jammu North Nitish Rajora, SDM Jammu South Atul Dutt Sharma, officers from Jammu Municipal Corporation and from other line departments and the district Police.

Animal Husbandry Department organises awareness camp across Ramban



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

The Animal Husbandry Department Ramban, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, today conducted an awareness camp at Ind area of Subdivision Gool.

The main objective of the camp was to educate farmers about various departmental schemes such as IDDS, IPDP, HADP and IFFD. Additionally, the importance of vaccination and deworming in controlling animal diseases was

emphasized by Dr. Zaid Bashir and Dr Ilyas Ahmed.

Under the leadership of CAHO Ramban, Dr. Suhail Kawoosa the

programme was efficiently conducted with Dr. Zaid and Dr. Ilyas oversaw the proceedings.

CAHO said that these awareness camps play a vital role in disseminating knowledge, empowering farmers, and promoting sustainable practices in animal husbandry.

The sessions featured insights from progressive farmers who shared their firsthand experiences as beneficiaries of government-sponsored schemes, highlighting the positive impact on their livelihoods.

DIG DKR Range interacts with AVSAR Trainees at Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MARCH 7

Deputy Inspector General of Police, DKR Range, Shridhar Patil, along with Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and SSP, Javaid Iqbal interacted with AVSAR trainees at District Employment and Counseling Centre, Doda.

The purpose of the visit was to engage with the trainees enrolled under the AVSAR scheme and currently undergoing training being imparted to them by expert faculty from IIT Jammu.

The Deputy Inspector General (DIG), who was the chief guest, along with the Deputy Commissioner Doda and SSP Doda delivered empowering messages to the train-



ees. They emphasized the importance of dedication and passion for their work, encouraging them to strive for excellence in respective fields they ven-

ture into. The gathering also included officers and officials from the District Industries Centre (DIC) Doda, alongside the train-

ees. This collective presence underscored the collaborative effort towards fostering skill development and empowerment of the community at large.

EDITORIAL

Complexities of Indo-Pak relations!

Finally, Pakistan has got a “democratically-elected” government. Almost a month after Pakistan’s elections resulted in an inconclusive verdict, Shehbaz Sharif has begun his second term as Prime Minister. The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) have formed a coalition after extensive negotiations. The country’s military leadership has achieved its goal of preventing jailed former-Prime Minister Imran Khan and his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf from returning to power, despite candidates backed by the party winning more seats than both the PML-N and the PPP in the February 8 elections. This indicates that the Pakistani military establishment will continue to wield significant influence. Facing an economic crisis, Shehbaz has prioritized improving the economy. The immediate challenge is to persuade the International Monetary Fund to extend the funding facility beyond the current agreement, which expires in April. On the geopolitical front, Shehbaz faces challenges due to Pakistan’s strained relations with neighboring countries Afghanistan, Iran, and India. India-Pakistan relations have been frosty since 2019, marked by the Pulwama terror attack, the Balakot airstrikes, and the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. While Shehbaz has pledged to improve Pakistan’s ties with all major nations, including its neighbors, he has stirred controversy by equating Kashmiris with Palestinians. Pakistan recently raised the Kashmir issue at the UN Human Rights Council, prompting a strong reaction from India, which urged Islamabad to address its ‘appalling human rights record’ and its reputation as a ‘terrorism factory’. The relationship between India and Pakistan is one of the most intricate and volatile in the world. Rooted in a shared history but divided by deep-seated animosities, the two nations have struggled to find common ground and build lasting peace. Recent events have once again underscored the fragile nature of this relationship, highlighting the urgent need for both countries to reevaluate their approach and prioritize dialogue and cooperation over hostility and confrontation. At the heart of the Indo-Pak conflict lies the issue of Kashmir, a region that both countries claim in its entirety but control only parts of. The dispute over Kashmir has been a major source of tension and conflict between India and Pakistan for decades, leading to several wars and numerous skirmishes. Despite various attempts to resolve the issue through bilateral negotiations and international mediation, a lasting solution remains elusive. It is imperative for both India and Pakistan to recognize that peace and stability in the region are in their mutual interest. Continued hostility and confrontation only serve to deepen mistrust and breed further conflict. Both countries must demonstrate the political will and leadership necessary to engage in meaningful dialogue and resolve their differences peacefully. The path to peace between India and Pakistan is fraught with challenges, but it is not impossible. It requires courage, vision, and a genuine commitment to dialogue and reconciliation. Both countries must rise above their differences and work together to build a future of peace, prosperity, and cooperation for the betterment of their peoples and the region as a whole. Having said this, the new Pakistani government seems set on maintaining good relations with both China and the US, suggesting that cross-border terrorism is unlikely to cease and relations with India will remain strained.

Philanthropic collaboratives: A new paradigm for social impact

PRITHA VENKATACHALAM

India’s philanthropic landscape has shifted significantly in recent years, particularly since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic four years ago. In early 2020, The Bridgespan Group, a reputed research group published a report on philanthropic collaboratives in India, delving into how and why philanthropists and other stakeholders were working together to address social challenges at scale. It was an early signal of the change that was to come.

When the pandemic hit, the collaborative model gained momentum. During the early months of the lockdown, diverse NGOs, philanthropists, CSR organisations, and the private sector came together to reach vulnerable communities—particularly to enable access to healthcare, nutrition, and education. The need for prompt relief meant that grassroots NGOs, working alone, could have only limited reach and impact, especially in far-flung rural communities. This is how the Responsible Coalition for Resilient Communities (formerly the Rapid Com-

munity Response), or RCRC, was started. Growing from 20 NGOs in May 2020, RCRC now has more than 98 member organisations united by a desire to help India’s rural population.

From facing crisis to building resilience

In its 2020 research, it tracked 13 philanthropic collaboratives across the country, which were defined as entities co-created by three or more independent actors, including at least one philanthropist or philanthropist. As we note in our latest report, The Growing Momentum of Philanthropic Collaboratives in India, the number of collaboratives in India has grown at least threefold since, with capital invested in them having grown more than sixfold. These collaboratives pursue shared visions and strategies for achieving social impact, using common resources and agreed-upon governance mechanisms.

While the pandemic was key in uniting diverse stakeholders for humanitarian and relief causes, there have been other reasons behind the recent rise in collaborative initiatives. Chief among them is the ability to share risk

across many players, making it easier to build solutions at scale. EdelGive Foundation’s Grassroots, Resilience, Ownership, and Wellness (GROW) Fund brings together Indian and international funders—including philanthropic institutions, individual philanthropists, eminent businesspersons, and change-makers. Together, they build the capabilities, resilience, and future-readiness of 100 grassroots organisations across India, by investing up to Rs 100 crores across them over two years. Additionally, when collaboratives enable funding for early-stage, innovative initiatives, the risk is divided so it does not fall upon a single funder. The India Climate Collaborative is a case in point, having launched in 2019 with more than 10 funders coming together.

Philanthropic collaboratives also tend to have greater credibility with governments: Having several organisations and individuals united in collective thinking can assuage and influence those in the public sector wary of individual, vested agendas. Another growth driver is the community-level lens

many collaboratives undertake, bringing together partners with complementary skills to deliver integrated solutions that aim to lift entire communities or demographics, rather than solve one challenge at a time. Anamaya, the tribal health collaborative, and the Dasra Adolescents Collaborative, each aspire for population-level change for specific communities.

The research also pointed to how collaboratives are now forming across a wider set of issue areas. While most of them addressed near-term pandemic needs in healthcare and education in 2020, collaboratives are now working on environment, rural transformation, climate, equity, and other issues. The power of the collective

Collaboratives offer efficient solutions because of how they approach their work—most notably how they set goals for field strengthening, scaling impact, and supporting promising organisations. Field strengthening, also known as ecosystem building or field building, is critical in a country like India, where entire ecosystems with multiple stakeholders need

to evolve to drive sustainable impact. It involves the often-unseen work of coordinating across diverse actors to pursue shifts in policy and institutional practices, strengthening relationships, enhancing funding, or changing public narratives around an issue. The Migrants Resilience Collaborative (MRC) a grassroots-led multi-stakeholder initiative formed at the height of the pandemic to provide relief to migrant workers, it now focuses on building resilience by fixing broken social protection delivery systems across India for these communities. They hold the potential to address complex social challenges across the Sustainable Development Goals—such as gender inequalities, poverty, WASH, and climate change—over the long term. This offers domestic philanthropies—corporations, family foundations, and wealthy individuals—many untapped opportunities to have an outsized impact on India’s development through joining forces with other mission-aligned stakeholders.

(The author writes on philanthropic subjects; views are personal)

Boost deterrence to subdue China

ASHOK K MEHTA

Earlier this month former Army Chief Gen Naravane at a literary festival in Ajmer called China India’s primary threat adding confrontation along the LAC was a good thing as it exposed this ground reality that Delhi was shy to admit. Last week EAM S Jaishankar and Defence Secretary Girdhar Armane called a spade a spade which will infuriate Beijing.

In 1998 India gave China as the reason for carrying out nuclear tests which annoyed the Chinese so much that then foreign minister Jaswant Singh had to travel to Beijing to “untie the knot”. I was witness to the repair exercise in Beijing even as our Army was retaking Tololing Heights, Kargil. Singh had to say that China was not a threat. Sometime later than defence minister George Fernandes called China the number one threat though it was misreported as the “No. 1 enemy”. This caused a diplomatic furore as China is acutely sensitive to being seen as or worse a threat by any country.

The government hopes to secure full disengagement of Chinese intrusions diplomatically though the gloves came off last week in Febru-

ary. EAM S Jaishankar speaking at the Raisina dialogue said that China should not be allowed to play mind-games to counter which India must use other means (implying US help) to seek better equilibrium. His comments came a day after Armane at the INDUS-X FORUM in Delhi called Beijing a bully adding “We expect our friend US will be there in case we need their support”. Not since 1962 have we sought US military support. Calling China a bully will incense China.

US help so far is high-tech military equipment worth USD 20bn and another USD in the pipeline. During the PLA incursions in Ladakh and later in Tawang, the US provided critical real-time intelligence, and high altitude equipment for India’s counter deployment. Whether combat contingencies on LAC and US help; and India’s assistance to the US in a Taiwan conflict have been discussed is not known though boots on the ground are unlikely. In 1962 Jawaharlal Nehru sought military assistance from President John Kennedy when Se La and Bomdi La had fallen. 12 squadrons of fighters manned by US pilots, and two squadrons of B47s to take out PLA bases in



Tibet were sought. Nehru wrote: “Chinese invasion threatened the survival of India. We are confident that your great country will help us in our fight”. Armane’s plea indicated a “strong resolve that we will support each other in face of common threat”. This brings the centre-stage question of US reliability as a partner given India’s historical experience of US sanctions/embargos. It recalls that when Delhi signed a contract with the UK for Hawk trainer aircraft, a clause was inserted that there would be no US parts in the aircraft. The US similarly questions India’s reliability given its close ties with the USSR/Russia and strategic autonomy. At the Munich Security Conference last month Jaishankar

was asked whether the US is happy and comfortable with India doing whatever it wanted whenever it wanted. His reply: “India is smart enough to exercise multiple choices”.

Jaishankar says that China has broken protocols and faith which have violated a peaceful and tranquil border that is essential for normal bilateral relations whereas China’s line is that border issues and bilateral relations are two separate issues. Its spokesperson reminds India ad nauseum that the border problem “is leftover from history and not whole of China-India relations” lately adding “It is unwise and inappropriate for the Indian side to insist on linking border with bilat-

eral relations”.

Two video clips reflect how seriously and diligently China diplomacy is being pursued. The first video shows Prime Minister Modi rising from his dining table accompanied by an interpreter during the Bali G20 summit, walking up to President Xi Jinping and engaging in conversation without his two shadow aides, NSA Ajit Doval and Jaishankar.

This video was soon blanked out. The other video is more recent at the Munich Security Conference where Foreign Minister Wang Yi is speaking and Jaishankar is in the audience. As soon as Wang finishes, Jaishankar walks up to him for a ‘chance encounter’ and conversation. Neither side has reported the contents of the conversation. Indian aim is to keep dialogue and diplomacy alive even if the Chinese have closed the door to further demilitarisation in Depsang and Demchok, two key launchpads for offensive operations by India. Jaishankar has not yielded about seeking ‘equilibrium’ in bilateral relations even as successive Army Chiefs have sought restoration of

the status quo ante April 2020. He is buying time until the elections ensuring the word ‘China’ does not figure during the election campaign.

The Chinese fired the last salvo during the Raisina Dialogue last month when Jaishankar said that the biggest opponent to Security Council reforms is not a Western country alluding to China. Its spokesperson Mao Ning retorted, “Reform should benefit all member states rather than serving self-interests of a few”. That puts paid to India’s prospects for reforms at the UN. The 1988 modus vivendi has expired. China’s continued coercive behaviour is increasing. Jaishankar proudly talks of India’s swift counter-deployment along LAC which is tantamount to closing the stable door after the horse has bolted. Unless India substantially enhances deterrence vis a vis China—the military modernization budget in real terms is less than the previous year’s—Beijing will continue to bully Delhi.

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The consequences of workplace stress

RAVI VALLURI

Karoshi was a successful Japanese entrepreneur, educated at the Lakeland College and the International University of Japan, who possessed a Midas touch and magically amassed trillions of Yen. As a youngster he was fearless, but soon his mind gave way to the lucre of money; indulging in forbidden activities, he perilously ignored the tenets of Shinto and soon succumbed to Karoshi.

Karoshi is a Japanese word that signifies sudden death by cardiac arrest or stroke, triggered by overwork. “The present moment is inevitable,” is a sutra that has been articulated by several enlightened Masters. Only by living in the present moment can an individual annihilate the cobwebs of fear and stress which mushroom in the mind. It is prudent to live and

traverse purposefully and mindfully, rather than think about the past or the future and lose track in the Byzantine labyrinths and consequently misplace precious peace of mind. It should not be forgotten that the Japanese entrepreneur became deceitful and snuffed out his life. Stress over a period acquires a negative connotation. However, some high-end achievers rekindle their passion to excel in high-pressure conditions.

Tension or stress in these individuals increases tautness or stretch in the mind, which makes them deliver on the world stage. Even if they are girdled with negative emotions, their minds are robust and resolute enough not to capitulate and instead blossom like a lotus in a lake that is otherwise overflowing, and live in the present moment to accomplish their Holy Grail. Those not blessed



with such an attitude flounder while clambering to the summit and accumulate stress due to the constraints and demands they face.

This occurs when high expectations do not match with the desired results. In an organisational setup, an excellent performance review normally triggers a jump in emoluments or even a promotion, while

a below-par presentation review may be interpreted as a lackadaisical performance which can even amount to being fired from the placement. An organisation is akin to an organism which has its limitations and can lead to intriguing situations.

An employee can also suffer from family, economic or personality misadventures which

may disorient his performance and thus result in a tardy result. Many times privation of an adequate social support system or hostility and perceived malevolence of co-workers affect the performance of employees and thereby lead to stressful situations.

The tragic consequences of such situations are dangerous as they often lead to physiological disorders like migraines, insomnia, spondylitis, diabetes, obesity, infertility, and hypertension/hypotension which can result in cardiac problems or strokes.

Dreaded psychological symptoms can also arise in the form of anxiety, depression, and diminishing interest in the job at hand, which leads to enormous vexation. They are a demotivated set of personnel whose productivity is singularly low and the organisation is plagued by a high percentage of absenteeism and turn-

over. Organisations need to follow a two-pronged strategy to win the problem. Actuate the employees by offering suitable apertures and resort to mid-course corrections by stimulating the mind through proper time management, prioritising activities, rescheduling work, and offering packages of mental diversion. Alternatively, employers could set up gyms and swimming pools on the premises, which exhort employees to do physical exercise to soothe frayed nerves and undertake wellness programmes such as the Happiness Programme of the Art of Living or the Vipassana breathing techniques. Know your enemy, know yourself and you can fight a hundred battles without disaster,” wrote Sun Tzu.

(The writer is the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd and is a faculty of the Art of Living. Views are personal)

BJP holds Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Election Management Committee meeting

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

After the declaration of the candidates for LS elections, BJP held meeting of Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary constituency at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, chaired by the Constituency Incharge Balwant Singh Mankotia, the former MLA.

Former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, BJP State Vice Presidents Sham Lal Choudhary (former minister), Surjeet Singh Salathia (former minister) and Chander Mohan Gupta (former Mayor), shared the dais in this meeting.

The meeting was convened to further gear up the election related activities across the constituency, wherein, the working of different departments was also discussed in length.

Balwant Singh Mankotia, while chairing the meeting, said that the party activists have to put best efforts in all the



2363 booths, 73 mandals and 790 shakti kendras in the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary constituency and not rest till the lotus blooms with record victory. He said that every election is an opportunity to reach the masses with the achievements of the party and its government and mobilize the public support for winning every seat and the BJP has too much to claim as its achievements.

Chander Mohan Gupta, also the Convenor of the constituency, said that micro-management upto the booth level will lead to success and every activist

bestowed with an important responsibility has to devote more time for the entire campaign period. Everyone has to deem first and most important duty to contribute in victory of party's candidate, he said.

Kavinder Gupta, while addressing the meeting, said that every activist of the party has been given an important assignment and opening of election offices, which will obviously prove to be a plus point in comparison with the other parties. The meeting was attended by all the Convenors and Co-Convenors of all the departments of Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Election Management Committee.

in the upcoming polls of Lok Sabha. Sham Choudhary said that there is great enthusiasm among the people and are waiting for the polling day to vote overwhelmingly in favour of the BJP candidates and to ensure maximum voting every activist has to knock the doors of every single voter to contribute for making BJP win with thumping majority.

Surjeet Singh Salathia said that the BJP has an experienced cadre and is well versed in election management related homework, which is going to prove of great help. He said that the BJP has already taken lead in announcing its candidates and opening of election offices, which will obviously prove to be a plus point in comparison with the other parties. The meeting was attended by all the Convenors and Co-Convenors of all the departments of Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Election Management Committee.

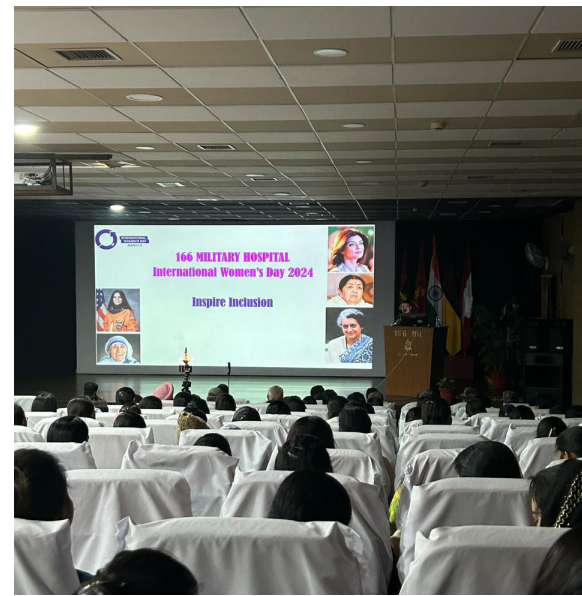
166 MH, 136 Station Health Organization celebrate Int'l Women's Day 2024

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

In honor of International Women's Day 2024, the 166 Military Hospital (MH) and 136 Station Health Organization (SHO) in Jammu Cantt came together to organize a series of impactful women's health seminars. The theme for this year's celebration was "Inspire Inclusion," reflecting the commitment to empower and uplift women in the community.

The seminars, which took place on 7th March, were met with enthusiastic participation from the families of Jammu Cantt. The lineup of events included insightful sessions addressing crucial aspects of women's health and well-being:

Inspire Inclusion- Importance of Women Empowerment by Lt Col Sumeena Bajaj, OC SHO, Jammu Cantt, highlighted the significance of empowering women across various spheres of life.



Child Mental Health for 'HER' by Col RN Mani, Psychiatrist, focused on the impact of women's mental health on their children.

Fertility and Issues by Lt Col Amandeep Raj, Gynecologist, provided essential information and support for women dealing with fertility challenges. **HER' Mental Health**

by Lt Col Manisha Jindal, Psychiatrist, addressed specific mental health concerns that women may encounter.

Following these enlightening seminars, an inauguration for a screening cum wellness camp for the families of Jammu Garrison was held from 7th to 14th March 2024 at the wellness clinic, 166 MH. The camp

offered a range of valuable services, including breast self-exam tutorials, anemia screening, Vitamin D level checks, and PAP smears. This holistic approach aimed to provide essential preventive and early detection measures for women's health issues.

The events saw significant participation, with 30 officers, 40 officers' families, 30 Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs), and 156 JCOs' families, along with the families of other ranks from Jammu Cantt, actively engaging with the seminars and the wellness camp. This widespread and diverse participation emphasizes the relevance and impact of the initiatives organized by the 166 MH and 136 SHO. The positive impact of the women's health seminars and wellness camp is poised to create a ripple effect in the community, contributing to a healthier and more inclusive environment for women in Jammu Cantt.

Marathoners across India, overseas joining at Manali for Snow Marathon

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Marathoners and runners from India and overseas have started to gather at Manali to participate in the third edition of Snow Marathon on March 10 at Sissu, the Lahaul & Spiti district of neighbouring Himachal Pradesh. This event has the reputation of being the only snow marathon in Asia and highest in the world at around 10,000 feet above the sea level. The event is being organised by Reach India in association with Himachal Tourism and District Administration.

The event is supported by Fortis Hospital as Medical Partner, Polaroid as Eye Wear Partner, Campus Shoes as Running Partner, Fast & Up as Nutrition Partner, Bonn as Energy Partner, Youngear & Gokyo as Awards Partners.



Organizers Rajeev Kumar and Gaurav Schimmer are confident that this time they will surpass last year's figure of participants which could reach beyond 250 in four categories of full marathon (42 kilometers), half marathon (21 kilometers), ten kilometers and five

kilometers. Ten marathoners are participating from overseas nations like the UK, USA, Australia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Ethiopia.

Continuing the trend, as many as runners of the Indian Navy have reached Manali and are going through acclimatization from the last three days.

These sailors hailed from as far as naval bases of Mumbai, Kochi, Goa and Visakhapatnam along with New Delhi. The team, led by Commander Dinesh Bali said sailors are well trained to overcome the different geographical conditions of the country apart. Apart from sea diving, they are sent to different expeditions and exercises. Apart from them, 15 jawans from the Indian Army are also participating in the marathon.

These runners practiced extensively under the guidance of high altitude trainer Nakul Bhutta on Wednesday. After trekking nearly seven kilometers, the team did a snow walk of about two kilometers for the first time in this tour. During the training, emphasis was laid on nutrition, trekking gear, snow running and other aspects of the adventure.

Two -day Multi Media Exhibition organized by CBC, Rajouri concludes

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MAR 7

On Day-2 Multi Media Exhibition on the theme of "Vikisat Bharat" "Mission Life" "Agnipath Scheme" "EBSB" "Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan" and other allied themes of Govt of India organised by Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Rajouri (J&K) at Government Degree College, Kalakote attended the function as Chief Guest. Dr. Seema Arora, Principal Degree College, Kalakote. Sh. Sunil Kumar, JCB, Field Unit, Rajouri presided over the function along with faculty Government Degree College, Kalakote, Staff of CBC J&K and representatives of Health, and Agriculture, Fire, Social Welfare departments of Kalakote.

Dr. Seema Arora, Principal Degree College,



Kalakote (Rajouri) appreciated the efforts of Central Bureau of Communication, J&K for organizing the event at Kalakote. He said that CBC's programmes serve as a bridge for Information between Government and Common Masses. The valuable information disseminated through displays and Expert Lectures will help locals think about availing the benefits of various centrally sponsored schemes and becoming entrepreneurs. She highlighted the role of teacher in students' life, Unity in diversity and role of responsible and aware citizens. Sh. Sunil Kumar, CBC,

Rajouri in his address said that CBC has the mandate of disseminating information and awareness among common masses in rural as well as urban areas. CBC uses Exhibition, Cultural programmes, Seminars, Expert Lectures, Competitions etc. to aware/engage the masses about various schemes. He advised the students to avail benefits of Govt. schemes and earn besides studies to become Atamnirbhar (self reliant). He urged the audience to spread the message about benefits of various CSS among common masses.

Prominent among others who spoke on the occasion were Dr. Avtar

Charnal Ayusman Department, Mr. Rajesh Langer, Agriculture Department. Shri Khursid Anwar Malik, Social Welfare Department and Fire Department Kalakote. All the resource persons gave a detailed overview of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes related to their respective departments. Students of Government Degree College, Kalakote also participated the function i.e. lecture on central sponsored scheme and song etc.

Sh. Ram Lal, Performer, CBC, Jammu conducted the programme on "Vikisat Bharat" "Mission Life" "Agnipath Scheme" "EBSB" "Swatchh Bharat Abhiyan" and other allied themes, theme based cultural programmes, the attractions for the youth. Winners of Culture Activities, Resource person, and guests were honoured by CBC, Rajouri.

Congress protests against Modi govt, SBI over electoral bonds issue

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 7

As part of nationwide programme, the JK Congress today held a strong protest demonstration against Modi Government and State Bank of India (SBI) over the issue of non disclosure of requisite information regarding electoral bonds, as per orders of supreme Court and accused the government of pressurising the SBI to seek five months more time to disclose the information.

Apart from several district headquarters in Jammu region, a strong protest demonstration was held in Jammu at Shaheedi Chowk in which large number of senior leaders and activists including women & district, block workers participated. Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla led the demonstration accompanied by Senior Vice Presidents Balwan Singh & Ravinder Sharma (Chief Spokesperson) Vice presidents Yogesh Sawhney, Vinod Sharma, Naresh Gupta, District President Jammu Urban Th Manmohan Singh, besides other senior leaders, General Secretaries, secretaries, secretaries frontal heads,



DCC Jammu urban & rural leaders & workers.

Raising slogans against Modi government and SBI, the Senior Congress leaders accused the government of pressurising the SBI to seek more time of five months in order to hide the vital information from the general public. The Modi government doesn't want the requisite information from the SBI to be exposed which will expose the BJP govt on donations from corporates.

Raman Bhalla lashed out at the BJP govt for hiding the vital information from the public before elections since the supreme Court has held the scheme as illegal and unconstitutional. The dis-

closure will expose the BJP govt and corporate nexus and large scale illegalities & Irregularities.

He said that SBI is having 48 crore bank account holders, 66000 ATMs and fully digitalized and computerized then why it needs such a long time to share information about 22000 electoral bonds. It's deliberate attempt by SBI on the instructions of Modi government, he added.

JKPCC Senior Vice President and Chief Spokesperson Mr. Ravinder Sharma hit out at the Modi government and BJP for pressurising SBI not to share information as per Supreme Court directions and termed it serious issue. Supreme Court

judgment has vindicated Congress stand & exposed BJP over the legalized corruption and loot through electoral bonds scheme.

He disclosed that government tried to scuttle Congress protests by imposing heavy restricted all over Jammu & Kashmir under the garb of PM visit and PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani was restrained from joining the protest by the police by not allowing him to move out of the hotel in Srinagar in the morning. He termed it panic of BJP and Modi government for resorting to such dictatorial & anti democratically approach. Prominent leaders who took part including PCC General Secretaries Narinder Gupta (Org),

Pawan Raina, Shashi Sharma, T.S. Tony (DDC), Anayatullah Rathar (DDC), Satish Sharma, Amrit Bali, Thomas Khokhar, Secretaries Sanjeev Panda, Rajvir Singh, Hoshiyar Singh, Michael Wazir, Chairman Congress Seva Dal Vijay Sharma, President NSUI Ajay Lakhotra, Chairman Social Media Dept. Jatin K Raina, Sr. Vice President Mahila Congress Bhanu Mahajan, I/C PCC Ricky Dalotras, Vice Chairman Kissan Cell Daleep Kumar, DCC functionaries Dr. Rama Kant Khajuria, Ajaib Motton, Sat Pal Sapolia, Ram Prakash Magotra, Baldev Singh, Samanpreet Singh, Ram Magotra, Sanjay Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, Atul Sharma, Anoop Gupta, Bushan Kumar, Rafiq, Manddep Choudhary, Tableen Boprai and others.

Similar protests were held at Katua, Udhampur & some other places.

At udhampur the protests were held by - Vinod Khajuria DCC President accompanied by Former MLA Krishan Bhagat and others

At Kathua Protest was led by DCC President Pankaj Dogra and attended by large number of congress workers.

GDC, Ramnagar organizes Poster Making Competition on Women's Day



J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMNAGAR, MARCH 07

Women Development cell of Government Degree College Ramnagar organised a Poster making Competition to celebrate International Women's Day today on the theme "ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA".

The whole program was convened under the able guidance of worthy principal, Dr. Bhavnish Chand. The welcome address was presented by Prof. Ashni Devi, convenor Women Development Cell, in which she told that the aim of conducting this competition was to check the creative and

artistic skills of the students. The objective of this poster-making activity was to raise awareness of women's rights, to educate students about gender sensitivity, equality, and to inculcate values in them.

Principal Dr. Bhavnish Chand in his address said that achievements of women in all fields, from science to politics, education to business, and beyond should be celebrated and this can be best celebrated through such artistic activities.

The competition was judged by Dr. Kewal Kumar, from Department of Botany, Dr. Isha Goel from Department of Psy-

chology and Prof. Sonia Raj from Department of Zoology.

Total 12 students participated in the competition. First position was bagged by Ms Anisha Sharma of Sem IV, 2nd position was secured by Ms Krishika of Sem IV and 3rd position was acclaimed by Mr. Vidut Modi of Sem-II. The winners of the competition were felicitated with trophies and certificates. About 50 students were present to witness the event.

Staff members present during the prize distribution ceremony were Dr Pankaj Sharma, Dr. Majeed, Prof. Ritika Mahajan, Prof Sunil Mehra and Prof Kaku Ram.

BJP effectively bridging gap between govt-public: Yudhveer Sethi

Organizes public grievance camp

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President today emphasized that the BJP leadership in Jammu and Kashmir is working relentlessly to bridge the gap between the government and the people. He underlined the need for efficient governance and emphasized that the BJP is committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He was speaking after listening to the grievances of general public at Pt Prem Nath Bhawan in Kacchi Chawni, Jammu. The camp was organized by Yudhvir Sethi with the primary objective to address the problems being faced by the general public. Arun Sethi, General



Secretary East Mandal, Naseeb Singh, Vice President Bajalta Mandal and Ricky General Secretary BJYM Bajalta Mandal also accompanied the senior BJP leader.

Sethi pointed out that the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has a personal interest in the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The BJP-led government at the Centre has taken various initiatives to address the issues of unemployment, poverty, and underdevelopment

in the Union Territory. He reiterated the government's commitment in delivering basic amenities and facilities to the people, particularly in rural areas.

Yudhvir said that BJP remains committed to addressing the issues and concerns of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, thereby bridging the gap between the government and the masses with efficacy.

Earlier, the camp witnessed a huge rush

of people from across Jammu city who came to the party office to discuss their issues with senior BJP leaders. Various deputations, including individual persons--most of whom were women--visited the camp to present their grievances on issues such as ration, education, pension, PHE, PDD, revenue, power, water scarcity, roads, and other development-related topics, as well as personal issues.

Yudhvir Sethi gave a patient hearing to the deputations and resolved most of their issues instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on the phone. He assured the visiting people that he will take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get them resolved soon.

CUJ organizes Educational visits of Schools of Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 7

Central University of Jammu under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain organised the study visits of students and Teachers of High and Higher Secondary Schools of district Samba covering all zones viz. Samba, Ghagwal, Ramgarh, Purmandal, Marh, Gandhi Nagar (Khanna Chhargal) and Vijaypur starting from 27th of February, 2024 to 6th of March, 2024. The Study visit of around 3000 students and 300 teachers was jointly organized by the office of Dean Students' Welfare and Indian National Young Academy of Science under the convenership of Dr. Shweta Yadav.

A team of University faculty coordinators and co-coordinators were framed in each department with the purpose of orienting the students and teach-



ers about the University. The students and teachers from schools of Samba district visited the different departments of CUJ, Campus including the Auditorium, ISRO, DRDO, Computer labs, Language labs, Library and hostels. The educational tour forms the part of their modern teaching-learning process, wherein the students learned first-hand experience with respect to real-time working of Central university of Jammu.

The departments of university welcomed the students and teachers and oriented them about various courses offered by

their departments along with the speciality of each program/ course offered. The students and teachers were oriented about the procedure of admission into various courses. The coordinators also briefed them about various curricular and co-curricular activities and fests organised by the University from time to time.

During the visit, the teachers and students also came across the facilities like Health centre, Sports, Gym, Canteen and Banking services provided in the campus. Special arrangements of refreshment were also made available for

students and faculty members. The students and teachers felt very happy and entertained. They expressed their gratitude and shared their valuable feedback regarding their exposure to university life. They left the place with the rich vivid experience of academic and hostel life. The whole event was carried out smoothly under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain who is always a source of inspiration and very committed for school university partnership thereby encouraging academia community participation.

Apni Party committed to empower women in J&K: Manjit Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has reiterated commitment of the Party to empower women in Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the press release, a meeting of the Party workers was organized by Provincial Secretary Women Wing, Jammu, Shikha Bhardwaj at ward number 23 in Nai Basti in Jammu District.

While speaking at the meeting, the Former Minister said the Party is committed to the empowerment of women in Jammu and Kashmir by giving them the opportunity to represent themselves in politics.

He said that the Party wants to upgrade their living standard of women economically, politically, and educationally.

"There shall be women



centric Govt sponsored schemes to guide them to set up industrial units and guide them throughout the process and make them a successful entrepreneur," he said. He said that the women should have proper political representation in Jammu and Kashmir, and the

Apni Party is committed to ensure their appropriate political representation so that their aspirations can be addressed adequately. Meanwhile, he also discussed developmental issues and expressed his concern over the slow pace of development,

and poor implementation of Smart City Project in Municipal limits.

He said that it was unfortunate to see the slow pace of development, and poor drainage system in Nai Basti with poor cleanliness which shows that the JMC has failed in its motive.

He also expressed concern over unprecedented power cuts and demanded that the electricity supply system should be improved especially in the wake of the upcoming summer season.

The meeting was also attended by Provincial Vice President, Ex-MLA Prem Lal, Women Wing Vice President Women Wing, Neelam Gupta, Secretary Women Wing, Sheetal Sharma, Senior District Vice President, Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, District President, Minority, Dalbir Singh, District President Youth, Shubam Choudhary, and others.

SBI donates Bio Chemistry Analyser, Complete Blood Cell Counter, Chair for CHC Batote

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Today Donation of Bio-Chemistry Analyser (Fully Automatic), Complete Blood Cell Counter And Chairs For Doctors (10) And Patients (3) For Community Health Centre, Batote Distt Ramban Under CSR Initiative of The BankState Bank of India, Administrative Office, Jammu under Banks CSR initiative has donated a Bio-chemistry analyzer (fully automatic), Complete blood cell counter and Chairs for doctors (10) and patients (3) worth Rs 8,00 Lacs for the benefit of local population falling under the Community Health Centre, Batote.

The event was organised on 06.03.2024 in the presence of Dr. Opinder Singh (Block Medical Officer, Batote). Dr. Singh hailed the Bank's initiative and said that the equipment will be of great help for the needy people residing in this far flung area. The equipment was handed over by AGM (RBO V, Jammu) Sh. Rajeev Kumar Chhabra and Sh Rahul Gupta, CM AO Jammu also graced the occasion. Sh. Chhabra emphasized on the importance of corporate social responsibility initiative by the Bank for the betterment of society and was pleased that the equipment will be of great help to visiting patients at CHC, Batote.

Indian Army organizes "Kaumi Ekta Meet" at Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAR 7

To promote everlasting peace and prosperity in the region a 'Kaumi Ekta Meet' organised at Suigarh, Doda (J&K). The Nation consists of people from diverse cultures, religions, traditions and ethnicity, all co-existing within one entity. Kaumi Ekta acts as a binder for National Integration to keep these diversities together. The scope of this meeting was to include analysis of the communal and ethnic milieu existing in the region and the role of various pillars of soci-

ety in promoting everlasting brotherhood, National Integration and Communal Harmony. A total of 53 persons from both the communities attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion Mr Rohit Sharma, Teacher, Government High School, Thalela thanked all the participants of Suigarh, who whole heartedly participated and expressed their views on spreading the message of peace, harmony and brotherhood in the region. He also stated that such constructive efforts will go a long way in promoting brotherhood and communal harmony in the area.

Ajaz Jan asks party cadre to escalate activities ahead of LS Polls



JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAR 7

Ajaz Jan, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Youth, Jammu, today called upon party workers to intensify their efforts in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the country.

He made this appeal during a meeting held at the Mandi area of Poonch district.

Expressing disappointment with the present administration, Jan highlighted its failure to provide basic amenities to the general public. He emphasized that the absence of a popular government in Jammu and Kashmir has led to a manifold increase in the sufferings of the people. In this context, he stressed that only the National

Conference can fulfill the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

As the Lok Sabha elections draw near, the National Conference, under the guidance of Dr Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, remains committed to represent the aspirations of the people and addressing the challenges faced by the region, he said, adding that the party will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the voice of Jammu and Kashmir is heard at the national level.

Earlier in the meeting, Bashir Naik Sarpanch was elected as the New Block President of Mandi. Having contributed his services to the party in various capacities, Naik's association with the National Conference dates back to the time of Sher-e-Kash-

mir Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah. Notably, four candidates were initially shortlisted for the position of Block President, including Bashir Naik, Abdula Razaq, Mubassir Bandyaj, and Abdul Ghani Lone. However, ultimately, Bashir Naik was elected unopposed as the other three candidates withdrew their candidacy in support of him.

Ajaz Jan conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Bashir Naik on behalf of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, the Party President, Omar Abdullah, the Vice President, and the General Secretary. He said that the National Conference values the support and dedication of its party workers, who play a crucial role in furthering the party's mission and serving the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mesmerizing performance by GCW Udhampur at Int'l Women's Day celebration



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 7

In view of the outreach activities, the students from Government College for Women (GCW) Udhampur put up a mesmerizing performance during the celebration of International Women's Day held at District Police Lines Udhampur.

The Theme based cultural programme was prepared under the supervision of Principal of the college Dr. Nalini Pathania. Additional Deputy Commissioner Udhampur Mr. Joginder Singh Jasrotia was the chief guest while Judicial First Class Magistrate Ms. Malika Sharma was the guest of honour on the occasion.

The programme orga-

nized by Jammu and Kashmir Police Udhampur in collaboration with Department of Social Welfare Udhampur and Special Cell for Women Udhampur.

Students of music department GCW Udhampur namely Shruti Sharma and Party presented a theme based scintillating cultural programme which was highly applauded by the audience. Besides a motivational theme based skit was also presented by the students of GCW Udhampur namely Seema and party which was also highly appreciated by the audience.

About 38 students of the college participated and received mementoes of participation. Refresh-

ment was also served to the students by the organizers. HoD Music Associate Professor Dr. Seema Sharma, Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Shailu Jasrotia, Assistant Professor of Music Mr. Yash Kumar and Mr. Kuldeep Singh LFE escorted the students. The proceedings of the programmes were conducted by Ms. Azra Parveen of Special Cell for Women Udhampur.

Among others, Additional SP Udhampur, Mr. Baljeet Singh, District Social Welfare Officer, Ms. Kanika Gupta, Wing Commander Indian Air Force Sonam Bakshi, Advocate Sanjeet Kumar, other senior officers of district police and students were also present on the occasion.

Sahil Mahajan, others release Maha Shiv Ratri Devotional Album "Shiv De Malang"



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sanskriti, Art and Culture cell released Devotional Album "Shiv De Malang" at Near Vaishno Devi Mandir Shahidi Chowk, Jammu.

BJP Jk Ut Co-Convenor Sanskriti Art Culture Cell Sahil Mahajan Along With Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra, Singer Kuldeep Majotra & Sunil Rana released the Album.

The programme was organized by Maa Bawe Wali Records (MD) Sahil Mahajan.

The song "Shiv De Malang" has been sung by singer Athwal Brother, and composed by Chandan Jassu. The video has been prepared by Kk Malhotra Lyrics Rajan Athwal under Special thnx Kuldeep Majotra, Naresh Kumar .The Album has been released on YouTube Athwal Brothers Music Channel " simultaneously.

Sahil Mahajan appreciated the BJP Sanskriti Art &

Culture Cell J&K for encouraging the young talent. He said that we as a societal family must endeavour to support and nurture young talent which will bring laurels to the whole Jammu & Kashmir.

Keshav Chopra while speaking lauded the young talent of Jammu & Kashmir in bringing out melodious devotional albums. He said that "Shiv De Malang" is revered by one and all in the whole region. He praised the whole production team, especially.

The Singers and Sahil Mahajan for their efforts in making the release of the album. Keshav also said that new opportunities are being opened up everywhere today for the innovative mind setup. He said that "Bharat Bhoomi" has a vast and rich cultural heritage and these devotees of fine arts ensure that the mind of our creative youth is directed towards nurturing their skills with a positive mind setup.

Jammu police beat drums and made announcements against proclaimed offender

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 07.03.2024

Today an accused person namely Faquir Chand son of Jeet Raj R/O Pasgal Bishnah Jammu who was evading his arrest in FIR No 42/1990 U/S 302 RPC 4/25 A Act of PS Bishnah for which the Honble court of JMIC Bishnah has declared him "Proclaimed Offender" to proceed further into the matter, a poster of his proclamation was pasted in public places as well as on the gate of house of the accused person was done and announcements regarding the same was also made, by beating the drums in and around the vicinity of his house, to aware the general public with the request that if anyone has information with regards to the whereabouts of the Proclaimed Offender may kindly be shared with PS immediately, otherwise his property would be attached under section relevant provisions of law.

Jammu Police arrested narcotic Smuggler in Trikuta-nagar area

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

Continuing its mission against peddlers in Jammu District, today Police Party of Police *Station Bahu Fort while patrolling in the jurisdiction of Police Station when reached near Grand Inn Hotel Trikuta Nagar, one person who was coming from Channi Puli towards Railway Station and was carrying one bag at about 1800 hours today. On seeing the police party, he tried to escape. On suspicion, alert police party chased and over powered him, during questioning, he disclosed his name as Booby Kumar S/O Mantu Mandal R/O Radhanagar Banka Bihar A/P Sector No.1 Trikuta Nagar Jammu. On his search, 560 grams Ganja like substance, cash amounting to Rs 77,000 along with material used for preparing the packets of Ganja were recovered from his bag. Accordingly FIR No.58/2024 U/S 8/20/62 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort, Jammu & further investigation is going on. People have applauded the efforts of Jammu Police.

Jammu police convenes Police-public meetings at Rajpura Kanachak and Chinore

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 7

In order to further strengthen the relationship between police and public, the Jammu Police organised a PCPG meeting at Rajpura area falling under Kanachak police station and Chinore area of Domana Police Station in Jammu district. Meeting was chaired by SP Rural Jammu Sh. Brijesh Sharma-JKPS alongwith SDPO Domana, concerned SHO's and IC Police Posts. A large number of civil society members, youth and other people of the areas participated in the meeting wherein issues of public importance were discussed.

CBC Doda concludes 2-Day Photo Exhibition, Outreach Programme

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MARCH 7

The Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Doda, under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, successfully concluded its two-day Photo Exhibition and Outreach Programme today at the Government Model Higher Secondary School (GMHSS) in Batote. The event witnessed a large turnout of citizens eager to learn about various national initiatives. The captivating photo exhibition showcased key national themes such as Viksit Bharat, Ek Bharat Shreshht Bharat, Mission Life, Swachh Bharat Mission, and the Agnipath Scheme. Visitors gained a comprehensive understanding of the progress and impact of these transformative initiatives through the informative Pictures.

Distinguished speakers delivered insightful presentations on a variety of topics. Dr. Shuaib Balwan shared valuable insights on "Mission Life: Lifestyle for Living - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," emphasizing sustainable living practices. Dr. Rajesh Kotwal shed light on the significant aspects of the Ayushman scheme, highlighting its importance in providing accessible healthcare to all citizens. Sh. Satish Singh from 23RR elaborated on the Agnipath scheme, showcasing its impact on rural development and empowerment. Sh. Vinod Kumar discussed "Ek Bharat



Shreshht Bharat," emphasizing national unity and cultural diversity. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest, Sh. Dev Raj Principal of Government Higher Secondary School Batote, who shared inspiring thoughts on the event's themes. He commended the efforts of the CBC Doda for organizing such a grand event aimed at educating and empowering the community. Earlier, Sh. Vikram Uppal from CBC Doda presented a welcoming address, providing a brief overview of the bureau's

role in disseminating information and promoting public engagement. Sh. Rajesh Sharma, Executive Officer of the Municipal Committee Batote, also graced the occasion with his presence. The two-day Photo Exhibition and Outreach Programme proved to be a resounding success, fostering public understanding and encouraging participation in national development endeavors. The CBC Doda remains committed to facilitating open communication channels and empowering citizens through informative initiatives.

Modi's Srinagar Rally marks as watershed moment for peace restoration: Kavinder

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Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, expressed his utmost admiration for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's today rally in Srinagar, hailing it as a watershed moment for peace restoration in the region. He emphasized that the rally witnessed an unprecedented unity and enthusiasm among people belonging to various faiths, marking a significant shift after decades of conflict. In a statement issued here today, Kavinder highlighted the transformative impact of PM Modi's decision to abrogate Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that this historic move has played a pivotal role in reshaping the destiny of the region and generating a renewed sense of hope and progress. He emphasized that today Jammu



and Kashmir witnessing unprecedented development under the regime of PM Modi. Kavinder further emphasized that the valley is flourishing with tourism, with a record number of visitors flocking to witness the natural beauty and cultural richness that Jammu and Kashmir has to offer. Additionally, significant development projects have been initiated, which aim to enhance the infrastructure and socio-economic well-being of the people. He extended his gratitude to PM Modi and his government for their unwavering commitment towards the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. Through their concerted efforts, peace and prosperity have become tangible realities for the people of the valley, he added. As a firm believer in the vision of a New India, Kavinder expressed his optimism for a bright and harmonious future for Jammu and Kashmir. He urged all stakeholders to actively contribute towards building a progressive society that cherishes unity, growth, and peace.

MDU felicitates NC Block President Udh for his dedicated service towards community

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UDHAMPUR, MAR 7

The Mazdoor Dastkar Union Udhampur today felicitated Om Prakash, City President of JKNC for his unwavering dedication and service towards the community during a programme held today. On the occasion, Shashi

Syal, State General Secretary, Mohd Ashraf Sr Vice President, and Darshan Kumar, District President of the Union, were present. Accepting the honour, Om Prakash expressed his appreciation for the support of the Union members and assured them of his backing in the



resolution of their issues with the administration. He also promised that if the National Conference is voted to power in the upcoming Assembly elec-

tions, their issues would be accorded priority attention. Om Prakash emphasized the National Conference's commitment to their vision of supporting labour communities in addressing their pressing challenges. He said that it is essential to work cohesively with worker representatives to support and elevate labour rights in the area. The National Conference has always been engaged in promoting a just and equitable society, and Om Prakash's efforts further exemplify our Party's commitment to serve the Udhampur community.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER THATHRI

Subject: Provisional/Tentative selection list of candidates for the posts of Sanginis (Anganwadi Worker)- inviting objections thereof.

Whereas vide this office notification No. 01 of 2024 Dated 02-02-2024, applications were invited from the eligible female candidates for various vacant posts of Sanginis (AWWs) in panchayats/Municipal wards under the jurisdiction of Poshan Project Thathri. Whereas detailed scrutiny of application forms was conducted by the members of District Level Selection Committee on 02-03-2024 as per the guidelines laid down in the Human Resource Policy issued vide Govt order No. 222-JK SWD of 2022 Dated 30-11-2022 and also Govt order No. SWD-ICDS/43/2022 Dated 14-08-2023. The following candidates have been provisionally/tentatively considered for the post of Sanginis (AWWs) against available vacant posts in Anganwadi Centres of Panchayats/Municipal wards mentioned against each.

Merit list of Sanginis (AWW) of Poshan Project Thathri Advertised vide notice No. 01 of 2024 Dated 02-02-2024.												
Panchayat Sunarthawa Anganwadi centre Binola B												
S. No.	Name of Applicant	Parentage/Husband Name	Name of Panchayat	Ward No.	D.O.B.	Age as on 01.01.2023	Qualification	Marks Obtained	% age	Weather the candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH (Additional 2% Marks)	Total % age	Remarks
01	Sumrina Banoo	W/o Mohd Ashraf	Sunarthawa	06	10-11-2003	19yrs	12th	329/500	65.80	Nil	65.80	
02	Razana Banoo	D/o Liyaqet Ali	Sunarthawa	06	04-04-2003	19yrs	12th	327/500	65.40	Nil	65.40	
03	Samera Banoo	W/o Nayeem Ahmed	Sunarthawa	06	28-11-1999	24yrs	12th	273/500	54.60	Nil	54.60	
04	Rahila Anjum	W/o Imran Ahmad	Sunarthawa	06	16-04-1995	28yrs	12th	271/500	54.20	Nil	54.20	
05	Mahnaz Akhter	W/o Yassar Arafat	Sunarthawa	06	20-12-1990	33yrs	12th	344/750	45.86	Nil	45.86	
06	Sayma Banoo	W/o Raif Hussain	Sunarthawa	06	02-02-2004	18yrs	12th	229/500	45.80	Nil	45.80	
07	Fozia Farooq	W/o Zaheer Abbass	Sunarthawa	06	15-01-1989	33 yrs	12th	273/600	45.50	Nil	45.50	
08	Allia Tabasam	W/o Mohd Asif	Sunarthawa	06	02-02-1990	33yrs	12th	340/750	45.33	Nil	45.33	
Selection list of Sanginis (AWW) of Poshan Project Thathri Advertised vide notice No. 01 of 2024 Dated 02-02-2024.												
Panchayat Sunarthawa Anganwadi centre Binola B												
S. No.	Name of Applicant	Parentage/Husband Name	Name of Panchayat	No. of Ward	D.O.B.	Age as on 01.01.2023	Qualification	Marks obtained	% age	Candidate is available within the family of Retiring AWW/AWH (Additional 2 % Marks)	Total % age	Remarks
01	Sumrina Banoo	W/O Mohd Ashraf	Sunarthawa	06	10-11-2003	19yrs	12th	329/500	65.80	Nil	65.80	
Note: Subject to verification of residence from the concerned competent authority.												
Merit list of Sanginis (AWW) of Poshan Project Thathri Advertised vide notice No. 01 of 2024 Dated 02-02-2024.												
Municipal Ward Thathri Ward No. 03 Name of Anganwadi centre Chinar Mohalla.												
S. No.	Name of Applicant	Parentage/Husband Name	Name of Panchayat	Ward No.	D.O.B.	Age as on 01.01.2023	Qualification	Marks Obtained	% age	Weather the candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH (Additional 2% Marks)	Total % age	Remarks
01	Sahila Parveen	D/o Ajaz Hussain Khan	Thathri Ward No. 03	03	03-02-2003	19yrs	12th	422/500	84.40	Nil	84.40	
02	Mehruma Banoo	D/o Farooq Ahmed	Thathri Ward No. 03	03	01-02-2006	16yrs	12th	381/500	76.20	Nil	76.20	Under age
03	Seema Amin	W/o Tariq Hussain	Thathri Ward No. 03	03	11-03-1998	24yrs	12th	379/500	75.80	Nil	75.80	
Selection list of Sanginis (AWW) of Poshan Project Thathri Advertised vide notice No. 01 of 2024 Dated 02-02-2024.												
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S. No.	Name of Applicant	Parentage/Husband Name	Name of Municipal Ward	No. of Ward	D.O.B.	Age as on 01.01.2023	Qualification	Marks obtained	% age	Candidate is available within the family of Retiring AWW/AWH (Additional 2 % Marks)	Total % age	Remarks
01	Sahila Parveen	D/O Ajaz Hussain Khan	Thathri Ward No. 03	03	03.02.2003	19yrs	12th	422/500	84.40	Nil	84.40	

Whereas objections are invited from the general public regarding the above mentioned provisional/selection list within 10 days from the date of issuance of this notice after which no objection shall be entertained.
Note: The above selection list is purely provisional/tentative and may likely be modified in case of valid proven objections or detection of forged documents or any other reason.
No.: ICDS/Th/Selection/24/2522
Dated: 05-03-2024

Sd/-
Child Development Project Officer
Thathri

DIP/J-15810/23
Date: 7-3-24

Women Entrepreneurs are accorded top priority by Modi Govt: Manhas

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Former Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & Ex State President Bharatiya Janata Party, Jammu & Kashmir Shamsher Singh Manhas today Inaugurated a mega awareness camp cum Loan Mela organized by Vandana Kumari, Ex Sarpanch of Nagbani sponsored by National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India.

About 600 women beneficiaries participated in the camp amongst whom loan application forms as well as pamphlets were distributed.

While speaking to the women beneficiaries Manhas said that in India, where there are over 15.7



million women-owned enterprises and women are driving the start-up ecosystem, female entrepreneurship is gaining ground. It is anticipated that during the next five years, this number will rise by 90%. Despite their

growing zeal, women entrepreneurs still face a variety of challenges, such as bias against them because of their gender, a lack of funding, and inadequate support. Manhas said Modi government has introduced a number

of programmes to assist female entrepreneurs in response to these difficulties.

Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY) intends to empower women by providing spinning equipment at reduced prices following proper skill development training. Under this scheme, women entrepreneurs can get a subsidy of up to 75% of the cost of equipment and machinery for coir processing. The scheme also provides a margin money subsidy of up to 25% of the project cost, he added. While elaborating Modi Government schemes Manhas said Women Entrepreneurs are accorded first priority under the Centre's flagship Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana scheme which offers financial assistance to beneficiaries.

SMVDU, 06-Bn CRPF jointly organize 'Anti Drug Awareness Campaign'

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The Anti-drug awareness campaign was organised at SMVDU as a step to make the future generation conscious of the ill effects of drugs in youth, which was attended by more than 800 students. Welcome address was presented by NSS Coordinator, Dr. Rajiv Kumar. Various cultural performances by the students were featured during the event which included skits, dances, songs, speeches and poems on the theme. Pre-events were also organized like awareness rally, Rangoli making and Poster making contests pertaining to the theme on the days preceding the event. Prizes were also presented to the winners of these competitions. The Comman-



dant 06-BN CRPF, Shri. Y. R. Bunker shared his insights on the vices drug addictions could bore. In his address, the Commandant sternly cautioned students against the perils of drug indulgence, emphasizing the paramount importance of prioritizing their well-being and academic pursuits over substance experimentation. Chief guest of the event, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Pragati Kumar graced the occasion and elucidated on the importance of being free from recreational drugs in a student's life. The event was coordinated by Dr. Varun Dutta, Dr. Rajiv Kumar

and Dr. Kamaldeep. Pledge was also taken by the students of University, which was administered by NSS volunteer Sadhvi Sharma, against the Drug abuse. Registrar, SMVDU, Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma (JKAS), Dean Student Welfare, Prof. R. K. Mishra, Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Balbir Singh, Finance Officer, Sh. Neeraj Gupta (JKAS), Training & Placement officer, Sh. B.K. Bhatia, Second-in-Command, 06 BN CRPF, Sh. Rajpal and Sh. Rajesh Sharma were also present during the event. The event ended on a patriotic note with the euphony of the national anthem.

Apni Party will resolve issues of VDCs/SPOs & daily wagers, says Vikram Rathore

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAR 7

Apni Party's Legal Cell Provincial President, Jammu, Vikram Rathore today said that the Party is committed to address issues of VDCs / SPOs and daily wagers in Jammu and Kashmir if it forms the next Govt.

To discuss the issues confronted by the VDCs/SPOs and daily wagers, a meeting was organized at Dak Bungalow in Doda under the leadership of Vikram Rathore, who is Provincial President of Legal Cell, Jammu Region.

During the meeting, a threadbare discussion was held regarding the issues of the VDCs/SPOs and the daily wagers who have been working tirelessly to keep the system working despite facing financial issues, and hardship in their life.

In his address, Vikram Rathore extended all possible support to the VDCs/SPOs and daily wagers while assuring that if the Party forms next Govt, the regularization issue of the daily wagers in various departments would be addressed within six months of the Govt formation in Jammu and Kashmir as assured by the Party's leadership.

He said that the VDCs/SPOs issues regarding wage disparity would be addressed.

The meeting was also addressed by District President Doda (Urban), Saleem Magrey, and Legal Cell District President Manmeet Singh.

Youth Exchange Program of NCC opens New Vistas

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In a remarkable display of commitment towards the cause, the Group Commander NCC Jammu, Brig PS Cheema, recently engaged with three exceptional cadets from the 2 J&K NCC Battalion. These young leaders shared their transformative experiences as part of the Youth Exchange Program, shedding light on life-changing opportunities, immersive moments, frozen memories and wealth of new experiences from their extraordinary journeys.

Senior Under Officer (SUO) Vireshwar Manhas, a native of Pallawala, ventured to Vietnam, while SUO Abhishek Saini explored Kyrgyzstan, and SUO Sameer Singh, hailing from Doda, embarked on a journey to Bhutan. These cadets recounted their mesmerizing moments, including the exhilarating experience of air travel for the first time, particularly on an international flight.

Having taken a solemn vow to mentor ten cadets



each from their institutions and friend circles, these cadets are on a mission to inspire bigger dreams and hopes among the youth. Their role as mentors during camps has proven to be an incredible source of inspiration for their peers. All these three cadets hold the aspiration of joining the Indian defence forces and are preparing for the same.

Under the overarching guidance of JK & L Directorate and the immediate command of Col Rajesh Jasrotia, the 2 J&K NCC Battalion of Jammu Group has consistently created extraordinary achievements for its cadets. This is the first time in the history that three cadets from one battalion got selected for different Youth Exchange

Programs in a single year; which is a testimony of right selection, perfect grooming and constant motivation for the cadets to aim for higher goals and achieve these with commitment and dedication. Huge credit goes to the Heads of the institutes of MAM College and GGM Science College as well as Associate NCC Officers, Care Taker Shiv Kumar and Lt Devender Kumar Sharma. The cadets expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to meet Indian ambassadors and high-level officials of the host countries, engaging with fellow cadets from diverse backgrounds and cultures. This included demonstrations of their country's programs, visits to institutes of academic

excellence, insights into armed forces training, exploration of architectural marvels in palaces, and exposure to the history and cultural heritage through museums.

The Youth Exchange Program facilitated by the NCC has played a pivotal role in providing these cadets with an enriching experience. The initiative has not only broadened their horizons but has also strengthened the bonds of friendship and understanding between India and the host countries. SUO Sameer Singh recounts "Exposure to concepts such as Gross National Happiness of Bhutan has left an indelible mark on him".

The NCC, through such initiatives, continues to fulfil its stated objectives of instilling a sense of discipline, leadership, and national pride among the youth of India. The Youth Exchange Program is a testament to the NCC's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who contribute positively to society.

NABARD J&K Regional Office, Jammu celebrates International Women's Day - 2024

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JAMMU, MAR 7

"International Women's Day - 2024 Celebration" was organized with great enthusiasm by NABARD Jammu & Kashmir Regional Office, Jammu on 07 March 2024. Successful women from different fields were invited for addressing participants for women empowerment.

On this occasion Shri Bhallamudi Sridhar, Chief General Manager, NABARD Jammu & Kashmir Regional Office, Jammu sensitized the participants about the importance of women led development in the society. He discussed the importance of women's contribution in development and inspired them to become self-reliant. He also spoke about tailor made development initiatives for active participation of women at all stages. Ms Varuna Anand, Chairperson, FICCI, FLO, JKL motivated the participants to be self-reliant and



successful entrepreneur. In this event, Professor Amisha Gupta, Jammu University, inspired the participants to become successful businesswomen by getting higher education and technical education. Professor Jyoti Kachroo, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu, discussed in detail the important role of women in agriculture and agriculture allied activities and highlighted their significant contribution in these sectors. He stressed on increasing one's income and becoming self-reliant by starting an Agri Startup to increase their income and lifestyle. Smt. Namrita Dogra, Additional Secretary, State Tax (J&K) highlighted the role of women in development and empowerment of women. She motivated women to come forward

in administrative services. Women members of self-help groups from various districts of J&K also participated in this program. Stalls were set up by various SHG members in NABARD Office, Jammu. Women members of self-help groups showcased their products and got a chance to sell their products during this event. NABARD shared the energy, inspiration and excellence of women and honored their excellent works and raised awareness about the contribution of women in the society and supported them to become self-reliant. On this occasion, NABARD General Manager Shri Sandeep Sharma, Sohan Lal, Assistant General Manager and other officers and staff were also present. In the end, General Manager Mrs. Anamika presented the vote of thanks.

One Week Special Winter Camp concludes at GLDMDC, Hiranagar

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HIRANAGAR MARCH 7

Under the patronage of Principal Dr. Pragya Khanna and in supervision of NSS Program Officer Dr. Ram Krishan, NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College Hiranagar concludes the week long winter camp (29th February- 7th March 2024) with a full week organized series of events under the theme "Nothing like voting I vote for sure". The motive behind organizing such events was to motivate and prepare the students and community for the theme of the special winter camp.

The Camp was inaugurated by the Worthy Principal of the College, Dr. Pragya Khanna Madam in the presence of the NSS Committee Members and NSS volunteers with the lighting of Traditional Lamp and Saraswati Vandana.

Worthy Principal Madam emphasized in her address that NSS volunteers being in direct contact with the community at large are better placed to disseminate the awareness on the Voting Rights and other electoral processes to further enrich our largest democracy. She further exhorted the NSS volunteers to utilize these seven days effectively to educate the students of the college and residents of the adopted village Pathwal.

To begin with, Dr Rajani Bala, NSS Committee Member introduced aims and objectives of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and briefed the NSS Volunteers of the Week Long activities to be



undertaken on the theme "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure". NSS volunteers too highlighted the importance of Voting in a democratic set up. Prof. Madhavi Manohar Lal coordinated the entire Programme and Dr. Namarata Choudhary presented the formal vote of thanks.

Govt. GLDM organised poster making competition under 7-Day Winter Camp on second day. NSS committee of Govt. GLDM Degree College organised Poster making competition on the theme - Nothing like Voting, I vote for sure. Students of Semester II, IV and VI participated in the competition. Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Anupma Arora and Dr. Rajni Bala were the Judges. Prof. Madhavi Manohar Lal, Prof. Nerru Sharma and Prof. Amit Singh were the main organizer for programme. Other NSS committee members were also present on the occasion.

On the third day, NSS unit 'Cheshta' of Govt. GLDM Degree College organized a Slogan Writing competition under the banner of 7-Days Special Winter Camp. Students crafted effective slogans on the theme - Nothing

like Voting, I vote for sure. Prof. Balbir Chib, Prof. Anupma Arora and Prof. Madhavi Manohar Lal were the Judges. Prof. Namrata Choudhary, Prof. Raman and Prof. Bharat Bhushan were the main organizers of the programme. Other NSS committee members were also present on the occasion.

On the fourth day, As part of 7 Day NSS winter Camp, NSS Unit of Govt. Degree College, Hiranagar organized a Quiz Competition on the theme 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure'. To begin with, Prof. Amit Singh, NSS Committee Member introduced the theme and the structure of the quiz. Four teams were constituted. In all, four teams- Democracy, Citizen, Voter and Election comprising four participants each participated in the quiz competition. The questions were asked from the topics- Right to Vote, Fundamental Rights, Parliamentary Elections, National Voters Day, Number of Voters etc.

Team democracy with 45 Marks was declared winner while Team Voter (35) and Team Election (30) secured second

and third positions respectively. Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor of Political Science was the Quiz Master for the Quiz and conducted the proceedings of the programme. The score card was maintained by Prof. Neeru Sharma, NSS Committee Member and time was kept by Mr. Sushil, NSS Volunteer from class Sem-VI.

On fifth day, NSS unit of Govt. GLDM Degree College Hiranagar, 'Cheshta' organised a visit to its adopted village Pathwal for Plantation-cum-Cleanliness Drive and Voters Awareness rally as part of the ongoing 7-Days NSS Winter Camp. Principal of the College, Dr. Pragya Khanna flagged off the rally from the college and guided the volunteers to share the knowledge on Voting and Electoral Process with the residents of the adopted village Pathwal. NSS volunteers of the college then enthusiastically proceeded to the village holding the placards with the slogans on the theme- Nothing like Voting, I vote for sure. The visit started with the plantation drive at Govt. Middle School Pathwal. The teachers and students of the school actively participated in the drive. After plantation, the cleanliness drive was set off in the village in which volunteers collected the plastic waste from the streets. The visit ended with the Voters Awareness rally in which volunteers raised the slogans "Shodo Apne saare Kaam", Chalo Pehle kare Matdaan, 'Hume apna farz nibhana hai, Matdaan karne

Zaroor jana hai" for sensitizing the people for casting their valuable votes as informed voters. Prof. Poonam Kamotra, Prof. Bindu Sharma, Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma, Dr. Rajani Bala, Prof. Surinder Kumar, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Dr. Bharat Bhushan also accompanied the NSS volunteers for their encouragement. On the sixth day, A short video clip was shown to the NSS volunteers again on the theme- "Nothing like I vote for sure" of the camp.

On the seventh day, a valedictory function was organized where function started with the traditional lightening of the lamps by the Worthy principal, Dr. Pragya Khanna, Prof. Bindu Sharma, Dr. Ram Krishan NSS Programme officer, Prof. Madhavi Manohar Lal, Prof. Rakesh Kumar, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma, Prof. Neeru Sharma, Prof. Rajni Sharma, Dr. Amit Singh, Dr. Mukesh Kumar.

Prof. Amit Kumar Sharma gave the welcome address, thereafter NSS Program Officer; Dr. Ram Krishan read the report of the whole winter week camp with all the activities. Different NSS volunteers increased the craze of the valedictory function with cultural activities. At last the volunteers who stood first, second and third in the activities conducted during the seven day winter camp were honored with medals and certificates. At the Last Prof. Madhavi Manohar Lal gave the vote of thanks and the valedictory function was concluded.

Project Sampark (BRO) holds Snow Clearance Operation



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JAMMU, MAR 7

Project Sampark of BRO through its 69 Road Construction Company (GREF) with its dedicated staff has ensured continuous snow clearance operation to facilitate movement of security forces, tourists and residents.

69 Road Construction Coy (GREF)/35 BRTF Project Sampark has also taken up simultaneous snow clearance operation in Dalhousie area of Himachal Pradesh. Adequate state of the art equipment's have been deployed for snow clearance. Due to extreme cold climate in this area icing on road surface makes the work more challenging. Despite various odds BRO men & resources have been working continuously to keep the line of communication through for forces, tourists and civil population.

Int'l women's day 2024 celebrated in District Doda

J I NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MARCH 7

The International women's day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal in the Community Hall Doda here today.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Pran Singh presided over the function as chief guest, while Project Officer ICDS Paramjeet Singh was the special guest of honour.

District Social Welfare officer, Parisha besides other officers and staff of the social welfare department were also present at the function featuring a scintillating cultural programs including dance performances, songs, and poetry recitations by women from different walks of life.

An exhibition of stalls was also set up, showcasing products made by women entrepreneurs and self-help groups. Visitors had the opportunity to buy



handmade crafts, clothes, supporting the livelihood of these women.

A skit, highlighting the challenges and struggles faced by women in society breaking stereotypes and advocating for women's rights, was a major highlight. The audience was deeply moved by the powerful performance and applauded the artists for their dedication and commitment.

The ADDC, while speaking on the occasion, highlighted the role and importance of women in nation

building. He said Doda District has done well in Beti Bachao Beti Padhao by organizing a series of activities and it is achieved due to active participation of all stakeholders especially women folk.

Several women achievers were felicitated for their outstanding contributions in various fields, inspiring the younger generation to strive for excellence and follow their dreams.

Talk show discussion was held on women's issues, addressing topics

such as gender discrimination and domestic violence, education, and employment opportunities for women.

Participants engaged in a meaningful dialogue, sharing their opinions and ideas on how to create a more inclusive and equal society for women.

Painting exhibition was also organized to showcase the artistic talents of women in the community.

The celebration of International Women's Day was a resounding success, bringing together women from diverse backgrounds to celebrate their achievements and advocate for gender equality. It was a day filled with joy, empowerment, and solidarity, emphasizing the importance of women's rights and the need for continued efforts to create a more just and equitable world for all.

Similarly, the Social welfare Department Baderwah in collaboration with

the District Legal Services Authority celebrated the day at Baderwah by hosting a colourful function based on the theme "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao".

DDC member, Youdhvir Singh Thakur was the chief guest on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC member Youdhvir Singh highlighted different aspects of women empowerment and their rights. He said that women should be given equal status and respect in all fields.

Child Development project officer, Farat Shameem Khan, Principal HSS Boys Dr. Nazir Ahmad, Social Welfare Officer Subash Chander, Majid Malik, Javid Ahmed ITI and Arif Rana from education Department were also Present on the occasion.

Girl students of different educational institutions of the district spoke on the significance of "Beti Bachao Beti Padho" campaign.

Sheep Husbandry Department organises series of capacity building programmes in Udhampur

J I NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 7

Department of Sheep Husbandry Udhampur today organized four Capacity Building awareness camps for farmers/self help groups (SHGs) and Farmer Producers organizations (FPOs) under Wool and Pelt project of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme-HADP.

The camps were held at Block Head quarter Panchari, Chenani, Ramnagar and District Sheep Husbandry Office Complex Udhampur.

District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Dr. Farhat Bashir, delivered lecture and advised the sheep/goat farmers to avail the benefits of ongoing departmental schemes particularly Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) for enhancing their Socio economic status. More



than 400 Sheep farmers, breeders, SHGs, FPO members participated in the camps who were educated about departmental schemes and techniques by delivering lecture, depicting banners and posters and by distribution of resource material. Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of different blocks of District Udhampur attended the camps and educated the farmers regarding latest Sheep Husbandry Practices including Artificial Insemination, Embryo

Transfer Technology and urged the participants to avail the benefit of various schemes being implemented by the Department. The farmers lauded the role of Department in organizing such awareness camps and demanded more camps to be organized in far flung areas for the benefit of General Public particularly Gujjars, Bakarwals and Gaddies. The participants were provided with pamphlets, Medicine kits and refreshment during the above mentioned camps.

NABARD Celebrates International Women's Day in Anantnag, Kulgam

J I NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 7

To celebrate International Women's Day, NABARD organised two impressive programmes at RSETI Anantnag and RSETI Kulgam.

The programmes attracted a large number of female trainees who have undergone training in various trades such as tailoring, beautician, general EDP and other courses.

Besides, Cluster Head, Shaziya Khan who was chief guest; DDM NABARD Rouf Zargar, LDM Anantnag, Director, RSETI Anantnag, DST Trainer attended the International Women's Day celebration event at Anantnag.

Similarly, at Kulgam the event was attended by District Officers of NABARD including DDM, LDM, Director RSETI, DST and others.

On the occasion, Ridwana, a successful social entrepreneur running



Kashmir's first sanitary pad making unit in Anantnag was invited as special invitee.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDM NABARD highlighted the theme of International Women's Day, "Count her in - Accelerating Gender Equality through Economic Empowerment". He quoted instances of various SHGs promoted by NABARD who have set the example of women empowerment and financial independence.

He also shared the details of various schemes of NABARD for empowerment of rural

women through Micro-enterprise Development Programmes (MEDPs), Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programmes (LEDPs), Self-help Groups (SHGs), Joint Liability Groups (JLGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), watershed, financial and digital literacy campaigns.

Lead District Managers spoke on the occasion and expressed their views about women empowerment. They threw light on the role of banks in supporting female entrepreneurs. Details about women centric schemes of central and state gov-

ernment were discussed in detail which are aimed to give priority to women by empowering them in various fields.

Speaking on the occasion, Shazia said that there is the need to celebrate this day to highlight the importance and significance of the women's role in developing the prosperous and respectable society. She said women with their sheer grit, dedication and determination have achieved their goals.

She said women need to be empowered at par with men as they have the capacity, capability and even talent to demonstrate with enormous success in every field.

On the occasion, 05 female trainees in each RSETI were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in livelihood generation and establishment of income generating units. These women shared their journey and success stories with other participants.

Commissioner Secretary inaugurates International Women Day celebration by SWD

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JAMMU, MARCH 7

As part of International Women's Day, the District Social Welfare Office, Jammu, organised International Women's Day under the theme "Invest in Women - Accelerate Progress".

The department launched and a series of events and initiatives to celebrate and promote gender equality on this significant day.

Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare, Sheetal Nanda, inaugurated the celebration comprised of several events including the walkathon, marathon and cyclothon at Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, where around 700 youth participated.

The mega event was held in the auditorium of Government Women College Gandhi Nagar where



different activities including nukkad natak, demo on self defence, group dance, song performance, cultural activities, games, puzzles, tongue twister were presented by women youth.

The women entrepreneurs were encouraged through their stalls established in the exhibition organised by the National Rural Livelihood Mission and Women Development

Corporation. The Commissioner Secretary visited the stalls and had feedback from the women entrepreneurs regarding their performance and progress as well. She appreciated the promising entrepreneurs for their creativity and hard work.

While addressing the gathering, the Commissioner Secretary stressed on providing equal oppor-

tunities and power to women for financial independence, education and personal development.

Later, the Commissioner Secretary felicitated the women achievers including Navneet Kour, NGO support; Nirmal Pawar, JKRLM; Pooja Devi, first female JKSRTC bus driver of J&K, Bindiya Raina Tickoo, Nationally known Anchor, Author and Poet and Advocate Meenu Padha, child and women activist.

Dr. Paras Khanna also delivered brief lecture on awareness about malignancy among the women youth.

Director, Mission Shakti/Mission Vatsalaya, Harvinder Kour, Director, Social Welfare Department, Jammu, Bharat Bhushan, District Social Welfare Officer, Jammu, Reasi and other officers were also present on the occasion.

BBBP: DC Rajouri flags off Mega Awareness Rally under Save Girl Child campaign

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RAJOURI, MARCH 7

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today flagged off a mega rally of students, fervently championing the cause of gender equality and saving girl child through the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme.

The rally was organised by the Social Welfare Department. It started from the DC office and culminated at PWD Dakbungalow Rajouri. The event aimed to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the girl child and underscore the significance of education in fostering a more equitable society.

The BBBP scheme stands as a testament to the commitment of the Government to addressing gender discrimination and advancing women's empowerment across the nation.

The DC emphasized the multifaceted objectives of the BBBP scheme, which extends beyond education to challenge ingrained gender bias. The scheme seeks to catalyze a societal shift by fostering awareness about the inherent



value of the girl child and promoting gender-neutral opportunities for growth and development.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner drew attention to the comprehensive approach of the scheme in improving the efficacy of welfare services for girls. By creating a supportive environment and dismantling systemic barriers, the BBBP initiative strives to ensure that every girl has access to education, healthcare, and opportunities for a brighter future.

The mega rally, comprising enthusiastic students, echoed the collective call for societal transformation. The vibrant display of banners, slogans, and the palpable energy of

the participants conveyed a unified commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable future for the girl child in Rajouri and beyond.

The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme, fortified by events like these, emerges as a beacon of hope and progress, guiding the nation towards a future where every girl is empowered to realize her full potential.

Among the others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Mohd Jhangir Khan; District Social Welfare Officer, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; Administrator OSC, Nitu Sharma, officials of the Social Welfare Department and students in large numbers were present on the occasion.

DC Kathua inaugurates Kisan Mela as part of Mahashivratri celebration

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KATHUA, MARCH 7

Deputy Commissioner Kathua Dr. Rakesh Minhas today inaugurated a vibrant Kisan Mela as part of Mahashivratri festivities, illuminating the serene precincts of Airwan Mandir, Nagri.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic convergence of farmers, artists, and devotees alike, fostering a spirit of community and celebration. Commencing with an auspicious ceremony, the Kisan Mela served as a beacon of agricultural prosperity and cultural richness, showcasing an eclectic array of locally sourced produce and other products. Farmers from the surrounding regions congregated to exhibit their bountiful harvests, offering a kaleidoscope of fresh fruits, vegetables & grains embodying the essence of rural abundance.

Amidst the bustling milieu, artists showcased their talent, presenting a mesmerizing performance and exhibited the region's rich cultural heritage and artistic finesse,



captivating the senses of attendees and dignitaries alike. Inaugurating the festivities, DC Kathua lauded the efforts of the Airwan Mandir Committee in fostering community cohesion and promoting rural entrepreneurship. Emphasising the symbiotic relationship between tradition and modernity, Dr. Minhas underscored the pivotal role of such cultural celebrations in preserving

rural resilience and communal harmony, served as a prelude to the grand festivities slated for Mahashivratri, underscoring the timeless allure of Airwan Mandir as a sanctum of devotion and cultural reverence.

The DC also extended his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all attendees on the auspicious occasion of the upcoming Mahashivratri. He emphasized the significance of this sacred festival, highlighting

its role in fostering unity, spirituality, and cultural heritage. Encouraging the community to embrace the spirit of reverence and introspection synonymous with Mahashivratri, the DC underscored the importance of celebrating traditions that bind us together as a cohesive society. Among others, ADC Kathua, CAO Kathua and other Sectoral Officers were present on the occasion.

Capacity-building program for farmers organized by Sheep Husbandry Department Kishtwar

Capacity-building program for farmers/breeders was today organised by the Department of Sheep Husbandry at Karai Sarthal, under the promotion of wool and pelt for effective processing and marketing under HADP.

The program was attended by 85 breeders from the area, along with PRIs (Panchayati Raj Institutions). The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon Dr. Mussawar Rashid informed the breeders about various schemes run by the department for unemployed youth in the area. The officer stressed the importance for breeders to register themselves in the HADP portal to avail the benefits of the scheme, including self-sufficiency in mutton production and the promotion of wool and pelt for effective processing and marketing.