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PM Modi inaugurates PMBJ Kendra at Srinagar railway station, Gati Shakti Terminal at Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for revolutionising rail infrastructure and connectivity in J&K and dedicating number of railway projects to the people of the Union Territory.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stone and dedicated Railway projects worth over Rs 85,000 crores.

shadhi Kendra at Srinagar

He inaugurated Prad- railway station and Gati dedicated 'One Station han Mantri Bhartiya Janau-Shakti Terminal at Samba. One Product' (OSOP) Prime Minister also stalls at Anantnag, Awanti-

pora, Banihal, Baramulla, Budgam, Jammu, CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

EC amends rule on party symbols, makes it applicable in J&K ahead of announcing LS polls

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 12

Ahead of announcing schedule for the Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission has amended a key rule relating to the allocation of party symbols to make it applicable in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

A notification issued by the poll panel on Monday said Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 stands amended and will come into force with "immediate effect". Till the time Jammu

and Kashmir was a state, it had its own version of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and the

in country was not appli- became applicable in cable there. Jammu and Kashmir. Now, ahead of announc-

Later, provisions of ing Lok Sabha polls, the EC Article 370 of the Constitution were abrogated and has amended the Election Jammu and Kashmir was Symbols (Reservation and

Allotment) Order to make divided into two Union territories in 2019. it applicable in the UT. The provisions of the The earlier order said

Representation of the it extends to the whole of law applicable elsewhere People Act, 1951 then India and applies in rela-

tion to elections in all parliamentary and assembly constituencies other than assembly constituencies in the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Accorded to the amended version, it extends to the whole of India and applies in relation to elections in all parliamentary and assembly constituencies.

The earlier order said State" includes the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

The amended order says that "'State' includes the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Union Territory of Puducherry and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir".

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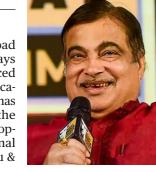
outlay for Shopian Bypass

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAR 12

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari announced on Tuesday that an allocation of Rs 224.44 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the Shopian Bypass on National Highway-444 in Jammu & Kashmir.

Engineering Procurement mode. The minister said ers in south the project also holds



This development, strategic significance as which will comprise a it links Shopian district 2-lane stretch across 8.925 with Pulwama on one side km in the Shopian district, and Kulgam on the other will be executed using the within Jammu & Kashmir. It is poised to signifi-

and Construction (EPC) cantly benefit apple grow-CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Centre approves Rs 224 crore LG inaugurates 3-day capacity building programme in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 12 Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Tuesday inaugurated the threeday capacity building programme on 'Leadership Development of Academic Administrators and Principals of Colleges of J&K'. In his keynote address,

the Lt Governor lauded the collective effort of the University of Jammu and National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) for organizing the work-

He said, under the guidance of Prime Minister shop which focuses on implementation of Nation- reforms in nation's edu- and skills to compete al Education Policy 2020 cational ecosystem.

higher education.



"J&K UT is committed to reform and revamp higher education with the objective of giving our students Narendra Modi, Jammu the best curriculum and Kashmir is leading the provide them knowledge

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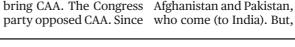
PM Modi honoured Hindu, Jain, Sikh refugees by granting citizenship through CAA: Amit Shah

AGENCIES HYDERABAD, MAR 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has honoured Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain refugees by giving them citizenship through CAA, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

Addressing a BJP social media volunteers meeting here, Shah alleged that the Congress party opposed the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) due to stitution that citizenship appeasement and votepersecuted on religious bank politics.

bring CAA. The Congress Afghanistan and Pakistan, lakhs and crores of



Independence it was a due to appeasement and promise of the Congress vote-bank politics, Conand makers of our Con- gress party opposed the CAA," Shah said, justifying will be granted to those its implementation.

He said in order to save "We had said we will grounds in Bangladesh, their faith and honour

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Dr Jitendra launches 'common fellowship J&K leads India in job creation under PMEGP

and internationalisation of

Three bikers killed after hit

portal' for aspiring students, startups



AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 12

Atomic Energy, Depart- and various fellowship

nel, Public Grievances ment of Biotechnology and Pensions, Dr. Jiten- today at National Media Union Minister of State dra Singh today launched Centre, New Delhi. (Independent Charge) for "Common Fellowship

The portal will save the Science & Technology, Portal", a single inter- energy and time of aspir-MoS PMO, Department of face between applicants ing students and CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAR 12

At national level, Jammu and Kashmir has topped for generating maximum employment under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

As per the figures, available with the news agency, the union territory received the highest assistance for projects under the scheme and Uttar Pradesh and Tamil 1,107.4 crore, leading to Nadu for generating maximum employment under PMEGP.

Figures suggest that Jammu and Kashmir saw 44,542 projects assisted between 2021-22 and 2023-

24 (until Jan 30, 2024), resulting in an estimated receiving a margin money 1,38,696 jobs.

subsidy of Rs 921.38 crore. Overall, the PMEGP has This has led to an estiassisted 2,53,710 projects with a margin money submated 3,56,336 employment opportunities, the sidy of Rs 8,099 crore, highest among all states generating an estimated and accounting for 18 per 20,29,680 jobs over the cent of the total employpast three years. Since its ment generated nation- inception in 2008-09, the wide under the scheme PMEGP has assisted a total during this period. of 9.35 lakh enterprises,

Uttar Pradesh, India's creating employment for 76.35 lakh persons. The largest state, has seen 32,629 projects assisted scheme, implemented with a margin money by the Ministry of MSME even surpassed states like subsidy utilisation of Rs through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), aims to provide an estimated 2,61,032 employment opportuni- employment opportunities. Tamil Nadu, on the ties to traditional artisans other hand, witnessed and unemployed youth, 17,337 assisted projects particularly in rural areas. with a margin money sub- The UT government sidy of Rs 500.56 crore, CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

by truck in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 12

Three bikers were killed when a motorbike they were riding on was hit by a speedily driven truck in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Police here on Tuesday said that the bike on which three youth travelling from Doda towards Jammu last night, was hit by a truck near Garnai on Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur.

The riders suffered critical injuries leaving two dead on the spot while the third died while being shifted to the Government Medical College and Hospital, Jammu.

'The deceased persons were residents of Doda district while the driver has been taken into custody and a cognizance has been taken into the matter," said police.

Jammu court convicts railway official in bribery case

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAR 12

The Special Judge, Anti Corruption (CBI Cases) Jammu has convicted Tilak Raj, then head goods clerk of the northern railway, who was posted at railway station Jammu in a bribery case.

In a statement, issued to the news agency, a spokesperson said that CBI had registered the case on 08.07.2013 on a complaint against Tarsem Lal and Kameshwar Singh.

The statement reads that it was alleged that accused were demanding bribe of Rs 22,000 from the complainant for reducing the penalty charges, levied due to delay in lifting the consignment from Railway Station.

"CBI laid a trap on 08.07.2013 and during the trap, the accused Tilak Raj accepted bribe of Rs 20,000 from the complainant, which he shared with other two accused persons as well. The trap team caught all the three accused and arrested them," it reads.

It added that after completion of investigation, chargesheet was filed before the court of Anti Corruption (CBI Cases) Jammu on 02-01-2014 against all the accused and charges were framed against them on 30-04-2014.

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ECI Team's Kashmir Visit: Political parties call for simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha elections in JK

ment of Space, Person- schemes by the Depart-

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SRINAGAR, MAR 12

jointly advocated for the voiced their concerns and with the Election Commis- from the National Con-Tuesday.

Political representatives of on Tuesday. Amidst a ment. He questioned the various parties in Jammu charged atmosphere, rep- rationale behind delayand Kashmir Wednesday resentatives from various ing the electoral process, synchronization of assem- their demands and expec- of Prime Minister Modi's bly elections with the tations regarding the elec- push for 'one country, one Lok Sabha polls as they toral process in the region. election', urging equitable

the long-standing demand underscored the urgency As per the news agency, for conducting assembly of holding assembly elec-Led by Chief Election Com- elections concurrently tions before the com-

missioner Rajiv Kumar, the with the Lok Sabha polls. mencement of the Amar-Election Commission team Wani emphasized the nath Yatra, citing security

mir, commencing their the decade-long hiatus engagements in Srinagar in electing the governpolitical parties put forth especially in the context

Notably, Nasir Aslam treatment for Jammu and demands during a meeting Wani, a representative Kashmir. Echoing similar sentision team in Srinagar on ference (NC), articulated ments, another NC leader

embarked on a three-day need for democratic par- concerns and the impera-

tour to Jammu and Kash- ticipation, highlighting tive of safeguarding democratic rights.

On the other hand, representatives from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) outlined their respective stances on electoral reforms

RS Pathania, representing the BJP, emphasized the need to enhance voter turnout in Lok Sabha elections and proposed measures to facilitate smoother voting processes.

Additionally, the BJP advocated for the **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

banned by govt under UAPA

Jammu Kashmir National Front

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 12

security of the country." It said members of the JKNF have remained

involved in supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda for fuelling secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir and providing logistic support to terrorists in the Union territory. It also said JKNF members "have been involved in mobilising violent protesters in various parts of ciation" with immediate Kashmir for perpetrating unlawful activities, includ-

The government said ing supporting terrorist the JKNF has been "indulgactivities, sustained stone ing in unlawful activities, pelting on security forces." which are prejudicial to the The order will have effect integrity, sovereignty, and for a period of five years.

The Government on Tuesday banned the Jammu Kashmir National Front led by Nayeem Ahmad

Khan under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. In an order, the Ministry of Home Affairs declared the JKNF, a constituent of the hardline Hurriyat Conference, an "unlawful asso-

effect.



Omar Abdullah calls CAA notification BJP's Ramzan Gift to Muslims

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR 12 MAR

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Party Vice President Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said that BJP has given Ramadan gift to Muslims by notifying CAA "which is against the very foundation of our constitution".

He said this while talking to the press at the party headquarters Nawae-Subha. Omar Abdullah said that notifying (CAA) days before the announcement of the Lok Sabha ing polls.

passed in 2019, but notify- told reporters. ing the CAA (rules) just a



perhaps makes it clear Sabha polls. "Muslims elections shows the BJP is what their aim is. They have always been a target not confident about win- were saying that after the of the BJP, which is not ning 400 seats in the ensu- construction of the Ram something new for the Temple, they could not party. Even in the CAA, "It is evident that the lose. But perhaps they feel Muslims have been made Bharatiya Janata Party that their position is weak a specific target. This is (BJP) wants to use reli- and that is why they have not new for the BJP as this gion in the upcoming to use these new weapons has been their approach Lok Sabha polls. "It was to sway gullible voters," he before as well. It seems

they want to use the poli-He further emphasised tics of polarisation in the few days before the bugle that BJP wants to use reli- upcoming elections," he of elections is to be blown, gion in the upcoming Lok said.



Job Fair in the Govern-Doda, today. Dr. Sandeep and Employment Officer occasion.

seling Centre (DE&CC) events.

under the supervision and Guidance of District Development Commis-Chairman District Devel- sioner Harvinder Singh, opment Council Doda aimed to provide a conve-Dhananter Singh Kotwal nient platform to educate inaugurated a one-day unemployed youth and job seekers to interact ment Degree College with potential employers for placement oppor-Kotwal, Convenor of the tunities. The event wit-Placement Cell GDC Doda, nessed an overwhelming Prof Mansa Ram, Prof response from job seeking Waheed and Imtiyaz Ali youth from the district. After the inauguration,

were also present on the the Chairman engaged with employers and job The mega job fair, seekers, providing guidorganized by the District ance for the best pos-Employment and Coun- sible outcomes from such

CEO inspects class **10 Annual Exam Centers in Kishtwar JI NEWS SERVICE** KISHTWAR, MARCH 12

Chief Education Officer Kishtwar, R K Vesheshta today conducted inspection of examination centers for the Annual Regular class 10 exams at GHSS Boys and GHSS Girls. During the surprise inspection, the CEO identified one case of unfair means at GHSS Girls Kishtwar and promptly took stringent action against the individual involved.

In addition to addressing the specific case, Vesheshta took the opportunity to caution all examinees against resorting to cheating or any other unfair means during examinations.

Emphasizing the importance of integrity in the examination process, he urged students to uphold the principles of fair and honest conduct.

ACD inspects Handicrafts Centers, MGNREGA works in Kishtwar



JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 12

During his visit to Assistant Commissioner Poohie and Cherhar Kisht-Development Kishtwar Phulail Singh, who is also with artisans, trainers, holding Charge of AD and stakeholders to gain Handicrafts today con- firsthand insights into the ducted an official inspec- challenges and opportution and meticulously nities in the handicrafts examined the advanced sector. This interaction training centers for crewel not only highlighted the in Poohie and Cherhar commitment of A.C.D Kishtwar.

Additionally, he scru- but also provided valutinized ongoing develop- able feedback for further ment initiatives under the improvements. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guar- keen interest in the develantee Act (MGNREGA) at opmental endeavors initi-

In a proactive move B. The Mahatma Gandhi towards promoting skill National Rural Employdevelopment and pre- ment Guarantee Act has serving traditional crafts, been instrumental in Phulail Singh dedicated enhancing livelihood time to assess the train- opportunities in rural ing centers specializing in areas, and Phulail Singh crewel work. These cen- visit underscored the ters play a pivotal role in significance of monitorimparting advanced skills ing and evaluating such and knowledge to arti- projects for their effecsans, ensuring the pres- tiveness.

war, the ACD engaged to skill enhancement

ervation and evolution of

traditional handicrafts.

Moreover, ACD took a Panchayat Lachdayaram ated under MGNREGA at Panchayat Lachdayaram

International Women's Day celebrated at Kupwara



PM SHRI GHSS Bhalra embarks on vocational tour



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 12

PM Shri Government the students and commit-Higher Secondary School ment to equip them with Bhalra, Bhaderwah organthe knowledge required to ised one day Educational cope up with the rapidly Tour for the students of evolving world. 6th to 10th classes here

under PM Shri Scheme. During the tour, students along with the staff kash (Nodal Officer) and members of the Insti- supervision of Principal tution visited Khellani Pradeep Singh Billawria. Top and Drudhu Herbal Garden.

Students enjoyed the organised by PM SHRI scenic beauty and added Govt. HSS Bhalra Bhadup to their knowledge erwah. about the flora and fauna specifically medicinal dents were briefed by plants.

Dr Sanjeev Kumar (Associate NCC Officer)

Satish Chandra presides over maiden meet of JK RERA-Realtors at Jammu

DDC Chairman inaugurates

One-Day Job Fair at GDC Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 12

In a landmark initiative to bolster the real estate sector's transparency and accountability, the maiden JK RERA-Realtors meet was held today at Civil Secretariat, Jammu.

The event, held under

Satish Chandra, was also Department, Mandeep operations within the ry framework established 2020. by JK RERA.

On this occasion, stu-Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul

the Chairmanship of estate agents, indicating tect the interests of home JK RERA mandates. The Chairman, JK RERA, the sector's eagerness to buyers and enhance the meet also served as a platalign with the regulatory attended by Commis- mandates. The focus of rity. He highlighted the and agents to understand sioner Secretary, Housing the meet was to enlighten and Urban Development the attendees about the including registration bilities in fostering a more provisions and require-

a pivotal step towards department has made a and transparent transacaligning the real estate detailed presentation on tion processes. The sesprovisions of RERA Act sion facilitated a compre-

realty promoters and real which is designed to pro- ing implementation of and growth.

real estate sector's integcritical aspects of the Act, their roles and responsiof real estate projects, Kaur. The meet marks ments of JK RERA and the timely project completion able real estate market.

region with the regulato- 2016 and J&K RERA Rules hensive dialogue between ing a robust regulatory the stakeholders, the framework for the real The Chairman, JK regulatory body and the estate sector in Jammu The meeting wit- RERA, emphasized the government allowing and Kashmir, promising nessed an enthusiastic importance of compli- for an exchange of ideas a future marked by transparticipation from local ance with the RERA Act, and concerns regard- parency, accountability

form for realty promoters organized and account-

The convening of this meet signifies a significant stride towards ensur-

Koul briefed students about the Viksit Bharat about the floral cover of Sankalp programme the area and historical under the theme "Sughao importance of the places. Aapka Sankalp Humara".

He also emphasized the

school's commitment to

holistic development of

The whole program

Latter, Viksit Bharat

Sankalp programme

was organized under the

guidance of Sh. Om Par-

Chairperson DDC conducts extensive tour of Panchari area



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 12

Block of Panchari in District Udhampur.

Udhampur.

DDC Councillor Panchari for timely completion Moungri, AEE PWD Sub and to maximize tangible Division Panchari, and results on the ground.

local residents. Additionally, he visited the Health and Wellness Centre at

To assess the progress of Meer, inspected the ongodifferent developmental ing developmental work projects and mega initia- of Govt Higher Secondtives across different sec- ary School Panchari, and tors, Chairperson DDC reviewed the renovation Udhampur, Lal Chand, work of the Agricultural undertook a comprehen- building and Panchari sive tour of the remote Treasury building. While inspecting the ongoing

developmental projects, During the tour, the DDC the DDC Chairperson Chairperson inaugurated emphasized expediting the a 2 Km road from Upper pace of work and ensur-Meer to Draman, cost- ing timely completion. He ing Rs 7.23 crore, under urged the executing agen-NABARD. The Executive cies to mobilize resources agency is PWD, Division and manpower effectively to meet the stipulated The road, benefiting deadlines. The DDC Chaira population of 2000, person also directed conwas inaugurated in the cerned officers to adopt a presence of Jasvir Singh, mission mode approach

Vision 2024: Pioneering Real Estate Growth in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 12

In a significant development aimed at bolstering the real estate sector in Jammu and Kashmir, a high-profile meeting was convened at the Civil Secretariat, Jammu. The meeting was co-

chaired by Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Housing and Urban Devel-strategizing on how to nationally. opment Department, and effectively mobilize these Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries.

included a delegation enhancing the real estate Estate Development region but also ensuring policies. Council (NAREDCO), sig- sustainable urban develnifying a collaborative opment. effort towards the region's

real estate growth. The primary focus of ing the unique potential Kashmir into a real estate one of the most preferred the meeting was to revisit of Jammu and Kashmir's and industrial hub, capathe key outcomes of the real estate market, making ble of contributing signifi- Besides, roadmap for Real Estate Summit 1.0, it more accessible and cantly towards region's organizing Real Estate evaluating the current attractive to investors economy. They reiter- Summit 2.0 was also disstatus of its initiatives and both nationally and inter- ated the commitment cussed in the meeting.



The meeting explored for moving forward. This various avenues to stimuapproach underscores late growth in the sector, the government's com- including easing regula-The participation mitment not only towards tory processes, enhancing transparency and implefrom the National Real infrastructure in the menting investor-friendly

Mandeep Kaur and Vik-

towards working closely with stakeholders such as NAREDCO to facilitate realization of this vision.

The meeting concluded with a resolution to take proactive steps towards implementation of the discussed strategies to

bring out the progressive policies and required changes in the regulatory investment destinations.

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, MARCH 12

International Women's a future filled with glory. Day at Government ments of distinguished neering spirit in all walks young women achievers the community to make in the region.

various age groups par- receive their rightful erment and the positive the nation at large. impact of women in all facets of life.

theme for this year, acclaimed actress Matee-'Invest in Women: Accel- na Rajput and Refat Wani erate Progress,' focuses on shared their personal addressing the economic inspiring stories of the disenfranchisement of challenges and opportuwomen. It aligns with nities they faced in diverse the agenda of the event, fields like sports, enterwhich was to highlight the tainment, social welfare importance of investing in and defense to motivate women for the betterment and inspire the young of society.

The chief guest for the event was the Chair- achievers including person AWWA, Kupwara Fareeda Bano, Aliya who highlighted the criti- Azmat, Saleeqa Tariq and cal role women play in Pakeeza Qureshi were also maintaining societal bal- felicitated for their contriance and their burgeon- butions in their respective ing success across various fields.

domains. She emphasized that such strides forward are key to propelling Vair Division of Chinar Kupwara and the entire Corps celebrated the Kashmir region towards

She also praised the Degree College, Kupwara attendees and the women to honour the achieve- of Kupwara for their piowomen and to felicitate of life and called upon a commitment to women More than 250 young empowerment and urged girls and women from for ensuring that women

ticipated in the interactive opportunities to meanforum with the panellists ingfully contribute in the to engage in a dialogue growth and prosperity of about growth, empow- the Kashmir valley and

The panellists consisting of Colonel Pooja Chau-The United Nations han, SP Sopore Divya D, women of Kupwara.

The panelists and

Selected Haj-2024 Pilgrims asked to deposit Haj Arrangement Dues

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 12

The Haj Committee Tuesday informed all selected be downloaded from www. charges/ Services of Home-

J&K Bank in Account No: 1206040500005039.

The pay-in-slip can also travel documents. Pilgrims who do not want Haj Arrangement Dues can also be made using J&K facility at Haj House, Sriviz. Transport/ Container Bank's Application 'M-Pay'. nagar shall pay Rs.1000/charges to be incurred by of respective Deputy Com- ing/ lodging facility at Haj Administrative charges.

JK Haj Committee through missioners/ Haj House, Sri- House, Srinagar shall have nagar at the time of collec- to pay an additional amount tion of passports and other of Rs.500 per night.

Pilgrims of Ladakh/ Other States/ UT's travelling Haj Pilgrims to deposit the jkshc.org. The payment to avail boarding/ lodging from Srinagar Embarkation Point shall have to deposit Rs.550 per pilgrim only. Pil-The concerned pilgrims per pilgrim only. Pilgrims grims travelling from Delhi/ guard Volunteers/ Air Cargo are required to deposit belonging to Kashmir/ Mumbai/ Other Embarka-Charges/ Service provid- the receipt (pay-in-slips) Jammu Division / Ladakh tion Point shall have to pay ers and other handling of the amount at the office who want to avail the board- Rs.300 only per Pilgrim as

ramjit Singh highlighted The discussions emphathe government's vision of sized the need for leverag- transforming Jammu and frameworks making J&K

Lok Sabha Election 2024 Kishtwar: Training imparted to Nodal Officers on enforcement of MCC, EEM

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 12

The District Election Office Kishtwar today commenced preparations for the Lok Sabha Election 2024 with an Exhaustive training programme for election staff.

Additional District Development Commissioner Ghulam Rasool led the session held here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

The extensive training programme on the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) Monitoring was organised and Police Administration.

The training proto acquaint the Nodal and Tehsildars about their

toring



the overall guidance of Dy instructed to be wellfor Nodal officers and the adept guidance of tures. dedicated teams besides Master Trainer /Nodal Ahmed Butt.

Master Trainer throwteam, DySPs, Inspectors, the Lok sabha elections.

role and responsibilities sion, it was emphasized election process. for effective implementa- that the Election Com-

and Election Expenditure District Election Officer, versed in the methodology Idrees Lone, and under to calculate poll expendi-The ADDC asked the officers/Officials of District Officer for Trainings, Rivaz teams to closely moni-

tor election expenditure, The training program enforce MCC guidelines, gramme included two adhered to the cascading and ensure compliance to extensive sessions aimed training schedule, with the fixed rates for every item. Strict enforcement Officers, District Officers, ing light on the role and of the MCC is essential, AROs of Assembly Con- responsibilities of all the with stern action against stituency 48, 49, and 50, stakeholders and officers/ any negligence. He also Model Code of Conduct officials associated with emphasized the significance of the teams and During the training ses- officers involved in the

The Participants had tion of MCC and EE Moni- mission of India has set the opportunity to interact an expenditure limit for with the Chairperson and The proceedings of the both candidate and Politi- Master Trainer, addressing training sessions were effi- cal Party for the general their doubts about their ciently carried out under elections. The teams were roles and responsibilities.

Amar Singh College celebrates **International Women's Day**

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 12

Amar Singh College, Cluster University Srinagar observed International Women's Day in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Directorate of Mission Shakti J&K.

Dr Sheikh Ajaz Bashir, the nodal principal of Kashmir division colleges and Principal of Amar Singh College Srinagar delivered the presidential address. He emphasized that gender equality is a significant marker of a healthy society. He also pointed out that the equality and empowerment of women must be focused both in the education sector and entrepreneurship.

Earlier, Dr. Bazigha Badar Head, Department of Environmental Science, Amar Singh College delivered the inaugural address. She apprised the the day. audience about this year's theme and stressed the students and other stake-



need for women's empow- holders. erment. Day-long celebration

Hafiz Abdul Bari, Tehsil was observed with art-Social Welfare Officer ists performing Skits and North, also spoke on the cultural songs. The Chess occasion and highlighted event was also organized the importance of women exclusively for women, in society. Dr. Sabina along with self-defense training camp for women, Rasool, Head Department of Education, Amar Singh and a singing competition. College also delivered a ing different skills and detailed lecture on the significance of the Womcrafts by the women were en's Day celebration. Prof. displayed in the Taseer (Dr.) Syed Ajaz Farid, Head Hall. The stalls witnessed an encouraging footfall of Department of Geography also shared his views on visitors. The day-long cel-

ebration concluded with The event saw mas- the certificate distribution Women's Day celebration sive participation by the and a brief felicitation ceremony.

SVEEP Awareness programme held at GCW Udhampur



Director Agriculture Jammu inaugurates first harvest of Himsona tomato variety



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 12

Eleven stalls showcas-

Director Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu Arvinder Singh Reen, inaugurated the first harvest of the Himsona tomato variety, here today.

The Director picked up these high-quality tomatoes, grown under the controlled conditions of Naturally Venti- sion Satish Sharma, lated Poly Green House (NVPGH) structure.

sion, the Director said besides other field staff that this marks a signifi- of vegetable improvecant achievement for the ment scheme were also Vegetable Improvement present at the inaugural Scheme, showcasing the function.

potential for cultivating advanced and productive tomato varieties in the Jammu region.

He emphasised farmers to cultivate Himsona tomato variety which has high yield potential, long duration variety and good for long distance transportation.

During the programme JD Inputs Sanjay Verma, JD Exten-Agronomist Vegetable Development Scheme Speaking on the occa- Jammu Vikas Padha

Bhaichara T-20 Cricket Tournament Udhampur DM-XI seals victory over CAPF-XI in thrilling Match



State Level India Skills Competitions Elevating J&K Youth Talent: JK SDM Contest in Full Swing across 18 Skill Trades with 250 Participants





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is known for its amazare getting recognized tionally. in the Union Territory robotics.

Kashmir Skill Develop- Jammu and Kashmir. ment Mission is lead-

expertise and excellence Mission. ing artistic and cooking in diversified skill sets skills, now these skills nationally and interna- across the UT of J&K

The ongoing state- Competition, a stepping (UT) through India-Skills level competitions 2023competitions. J&K youth 24, a collaborative effort competitions, National is also actively participat- between JKSDM, the level competitions, and ing in web design, graphic Ministry of Skill Develop- ultimately the World Skills design, software solutions ment and Entrepreneur- Competitions set to be

This competition, and the National Skill tor, J&K Skill Development called India Skills 2023- Development Corpora- Mission, Leena Padha 2024, is happening to tion (NSDC), are being said, "JKSDM remains make India famous for conducted with the active committed to organizing its skills all around the support of the Skill Devel- such initiatives, providworld. The Jammu and opment Department in ing opportunities for the

Fashion Technology, and ly taking place on March Level Competitions."

technical skills like CNC 12, 2024, at CIIIT, Govern-Turning, Cyber Security. ment Polytechnic Jammu The platform provides - academic partners to Jammu and Kashmir, J&K youth to showcase their the J&K Skill Development

> Participants from engaged in the State Level

stone to pre-National for business, and mobile ship (MSDE) under the held in Lyon, France later Government of India, this year. Mission Direcyouth of J&K. State Level

The competitions Competitions in 18 skill ing this effort. In simple encompass a wide array sets are being conducted terms, the competition is of job roles, with the at various venues across a way for talented people State Level Competition the UT, where more than to show off their skills, for Refrigeration & Air 250 candidates will comin beauty therapy, Cook- Conditioning and Beauty pete to represent J&K in ing, Graphic designing Therapy Skill Sets recent- Pre-National and National

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 12

SVEEP Cell of Government College for Women, Udhampur today organised an awareness Programme on SVEEP in collaboration with Electoral Cell District Office Udhampur, under the supervision of District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai and Officer, Dr Anirudh Rai.

The event featured varied activities including active participation and ent activities and events Nukkad Natak, Motivational Speeches by students, Poetry recitation, Patriotic and members for organis- gramme a success. songs and dance perfor- ing the wonderful awaremances and Tug of War. ness programme. Prof. was organised by Prof. The purpose of organising these activities was to emphasise the value member and NSS PO of of voting, how to make the college also spoke on informed choices, and the occasion and inspired kash, Assistant Prof. Sanunderstanding of electoral process. The programme kind words. was organised by keeping general elections 2024 .

began with the welcome a team of artists were address by Prof. Swarna amongst the guests from Devi, Nodal Officer of the the DC Office, Udhampur. SVEEP GCW Udhampur. Dr. Preeti and Atul Rasyal She inspired the students motivated the students especially the new voters for casting their votes in for casting their vote with the upcoming elections in full zeal and by sacrificing the district through their their personal interests motivational speeches. and by ignoring caste, reli- Artists inspired the stugion, region, etc. factors dents through the ramp while casting their votes. song and Gitadu. Almost Prof. Nalini Pathania, 200 students of the col-

Deputy District Election Principal of the college, lege participated and in her speech, congratu- contributed with full zeal lated the students for their and enthusiasm in differappreciated the efforts of organised in the college the SVEEP Nodal Officer for making the whole pro-The whole Programme

Shama Rani, District Core Swarna Devi, Assistant Committee, Udhampur Prof of Political Science (SVEEP Nodal Officer of the college), Dr Om Parthe students through her skrit, and Dr. Swati Dutt, SVEEP members. Pro-

Dr. Preeti Sharma, Dis- gramme concluded with into consideration, the trict Panchayat Officer the Vote of thanks pre-(DPO) and Atul Rasyal, sented by Dr. Om Prakash, The programme SVEEP Nodal Officer and HOD, Sanskrit.

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 12

Udhampur DM-XI today stellar performance, conmarked its third consecu- tributing with both bat tive win in the ongoing and ball, taking three cru-Tournament hosted runs. under Ops Sadhbhavana Command Udhampur.

elected to bat first. Uttam well-deserved victory. Palsar and Azam Khan showcased their prowess pur DM-XI over CAPF-XI with the bat, each contrib- marked the third conuting 35 runs, while Ash- secutive win for the team wani Kotwal added 19 to in the ongoing Bhaichara the total. Vikram and Sahil T-20 Cricket Tournament Verma set the stage ablaze under Ops Sadhbhavana, with aggressive innings of organized by the 71 Sub 24 runs in 9 balls and 10 Area Udhampur on behalf runs in 4 balls respective- of Northern Command ly, guiding their team to Udhampur. Despite their a formidable total of 180, administrative commit-

scalps.

Ashwani Kotwal rightfully earned the title of Man of the Match for his Bhaichara T-20 Cricket cial wickets and scoring 19

Under the adept guidby the 71 Sub Area Udham- ance of Rafiq Jaral, SDM pur on behalf of Northern Ramnagar, the entire DM-XI team showcased The Udhampur DM-XI, exemplary skills and after winning the toss, teamwork, securing a

The victory of Udhamin the stipulated 20 overs. ments, the DM-XI play-In response, CAPF-XI ers have demonstrated a struggled to keep up, fall- commendable dedication ing short by 42 runs with to the sport, showcasing a total of only 148 runs on the true spirit of the game.

the board. Rahul, Godara, The captivating comand Saddam displayed mentary of Inder Gupta, good resistance, scoring coupled with the soothing 19, 35, and 34 runs respec- voice of Capt. Sanchayan tively. Ashwani Kotwal Ghosh, transformed the and Nipun emerged as the ambiance of Vikram Stachief tormentors, snatch- dium, injecting it with ing three wickets each, a pulsating energy that while Sahil Verma con- amplified the spectators' tributed with two crucial enjoyment and intensified the allure of the game.

6-month Training Programme under Karkhandar Scheme concludes in Ramban

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completing the course.

encouraged the trainees to utilize the skills acquired during the training for The first batch of the six- their socio-economic betmonth training programme terment. She emphasized under the Karkhandar the abundant opportunischeme, launched by the ties available in the handi-Department of Handicraft craft sector for employ-Ramban in September ment generation, par-2023 concluded success- ticularly for unemployed fully today with 10 trainees youth and females. She

highlighted the market



At the closing ceremony, demand for crochet and scoring the potential for the Handicraft Department Trainer Shahida Parveen related products, under- trainees to register with and establish themselves

in the industry.

Expressing gratitude to programme and their aspithe Handicraft Department rations for the future. for providing this valuable ing and earning for themselves.

The successful compleopportunity, the Trainer tion of the first batch commended the trainees under the supervision of for their dedication and Handicraft Training Offienthusiasm towards learn- cer, Tuiab Mujtaba Rashid underscores the effectiveness of the Karkhandar

the value gained from the

Trainees also had the scheme in empowering opportunity to share their individuals through skill training experiences with development and fostering dignitaries, reflecting on economic independence.



FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

PM Modi inaugurates...

Qazigund, Katra, Srinagar, Bijbehara, Kathua, Pampostations and Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station.

In a post on X, the Lt Governor said: "A significant day for railway connectivity & infrastructure in the country. Hon'ble PM Sh Narendra Modi Ji laid foundation stone, PM Modi. dedicated Railway projects worth over Rs 85,000 crores that will shape the economic trajectory of various states Ram Mandir issue for 70 years and boycotted the conand UTs."

"Grateful to Hon'ble PM for revolutionising rail infra & connectivity in J&K. The opening of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at Srinagar railway station will ensure quality medicines at affordable prices to passengers & livelihood opportunities to many."

"One Station One Product' (OSOP) stalls at Anantnag, Pampore, Pattan, Kakapora, Panzgam, Sadoor, Mazhom, Awantipora, Banihal, Baramulla, Budgam, Doing Science" for igniting scientific minds of Viksit Jammu, Qazigund, Katra, Srinagar, Bijbehara, Kathua Bharat", said Dr. Jitendra Singh, while addressing the will provide additional income opportunities to artisans from marginal sections."

"OSOP will promote rich heritage of these areas and it will also strengthen 'Vocal for Local' and 'One District One Product Campaign'. These stalls will provide passengers the opportunity to experience and purchase authentic local goods."

"PM has also gifted a Gati Shakti Terminal at Samba & Rail Coach Restaurant at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra railway station. Gati Shakti terminal will play a pivotal role in bolstering transportation networks and streamlining movement of goods across the region".

EC amends rule on...

Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir are the only UTs with a provision of an assembly.

The order deals with allocation of symbol for parties. reservation of symbol and resolving intra-party disputes.

It also lays down procedure on how parties file candidates in elections.

The commission is at present visiting J-K to assess poll preparedness there.

Centre approves...

Kashmir, particularly in Shopian district, known as the "Apple Bowl of the Valley," by facilitating swift transportation of produce to the markets.

The overall impact includes improved connectivity and heightened road safety measures, he added.

LG inaugurates 3-day...

with the best in the world," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor called upon educational institutions to transform their campuses into the hub of skill development and innovation, and make their important contribution in realising the limitless potential of the youth of Jammu Kashmir.

"Ideas are new wealth and Universities should focus on creating intellectual property. Educational institutions should focus on developing students' capacities to edged that it is not an easy task to coordinate, gather be creative, innovative and focus on programme to bring positive social change," the Lt Governor said.

Addressing the eminent educationists and heads of vision to create a strong foundation for future-oriented education.

Classrooms should be enabler of imagination. Mentoring and not teaching should be the main focus of educa- INSPIRE were also present for the launch ceremony. tional institutions to thrive in 21st century, he observed.

"Education should be driven by creativity than by cur-

struction of the Lord Ram temple in Ayodhya, 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state re, Pattan, Kakapora, Panzgam, Sadoor, Mazhom railway Assemblies, abolition of instant triple talaq and the country emerging as the fastest growing economy as some of ne achievements of the Modi government.

He further said India is poised to become the third largest economy in the world under the leadership of

He alleged that the Congress party dragged on the secration due to vote-bank politics.

Shah said PM Modi ensured corruption-free governance in the past 10 years.

Dr Jitendra launches...

StartUps, besides bringing ease of applying.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisaged "Ease of programme after launch of the portal. He added that this portal will enable a simplified and streamlined process from the submission of application forms for selection. The applicants can create their profile on the portal and use the same information to auto-fill different applications. Thus, this Portal will help all applicants by reducing their time and energy by getting full information and submission of applications at a single place by click of a mouse!

Dr. Jitendra Singh said initiatives of science & technology are in line with PM Modi's wh, he saidle of Government Approach- one centralized portal for all research applications. Dr. Jitendra Singh further informed that at present, Departments under the Ministry of Science & Technology (DST, DBT, CSIR) have come together for submission of application forms and soon application forms for all other Departments such as ICMR, UGC and AICTE will also be on-boarded.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said "Eligibility Calculator- a unique feature of the portal will prove to be a real gateway to research aspirations which allows applicants to check their eligibility for various fellowship schemes by providing specific details and also act as a data repository.

The Union Minister categorically mentioned that PM Modi has emphasised on providing a level playing field and giving equal opportunities to students and scholars from even the remotest parts of India. He expressed confidence that in the coming days we will also strive for industry linkage to create a bridge between academia and industry and prevent brain drain from our country.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, while addressing the ceremony, congratulated the team of the 'Department of Biotechnology' under guidance of Dr Rajesh Gokhale - for developing the Common Fellowship Portal for benefit of PhD and Postdoctoral students of the country.Dr. Singh guided them by saying that we have set a benchmark in technology and lead by example for other departments.

Dr. Jitendra Singh also congratulated the Working Group consisting of HRD divisions of DBT, CSIR and INSPIRE, KIRAN Divisions of the DST for their hard work in designing and successfully on boarding of application forms of various schemes of the Ministry. He acknowland map the information from various Departments and develop such a common portal.

Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechinstitutions, the Lt Governor highlighted five aims and nology. Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary Department of Science & Technology. Dr Sanjay Mishra, Senior advisor along with Dr.Pragya Palliwal Gaur, Director General, Press Information Bureau and Ms. Namita Gupta, head,

J&K leads India...

IPL 2024: Rishabh Pant declared fit; Shami, Prasidh ruled out, says BCCI

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MARCH 12

Rishabh Pant is all set to make his long-awaited return to competitive cricket as he has been granted a fitness clearance for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL), the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) issued a medical and fitness update on Monday.

"After undergoing an extensive 14-month rehab and recovery process, following a life-threatening road mishap on December 30th, 2022, near Roorkee, Uttarakhand, Rishabh Pant has now been declared fit as a wicket-keeper batter for the upcoming TATA IPL 2024," BCCI statement read.

Pant's return to action

ulously survived a near- the pace duo will miss the fatal car crash while on upcoming edition of the fast bowler underwent the way to his hometown IPL after undergoing sur-surgery on February 23, Roorkee on December 30, 2022. He has undergone injury issues.

multiple surgeries and The IPL 2024 will mark extensive rehab to reach a cessful surgery on his by the BCCI Medical Team stage where he is ready to since the two-match Test return to cricketing action. tendon last month was at the National Cricket series in Bangladesh The BCCI also provided a injured during India's Academy soon. He will ended in December 2022. medical update on fast 2023 ODI World Cup cam- not be able to take part in A couple of days after the bowlers Mohd Shami and paign and has not played the upcoming TATA IPL series ended, Pant mirac- Prasidh Krishna, saying any form of cricket since 2024," it added.

the defeat in the final to Australia at the Narendra Modi Stadium back on November 19.

He also missed the subsequent T20I home series against Australia and also the tour of South Africa and five-match Test series against England.

"Mohd Shami: The fast bowler successfully underwent surgery on February 26th, 2024, for his right heel problem. He is currently being monitored by the BCCI medical team and is ruled out of the upcoming TATA IPL 2024," it said in a statement.

"Prasidh Krishna: The 2024, on his left proximal quadriceps tendon. He is Shami underwent suc- currently being monitored heel to repair his Achilles and will resume rehab

Legends League Cricket Season 3 to be played in India and Qatar

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MARCH 12

The Legends League Cricket (LLC) organisers on Tuesday announced that the next tournament season will be played across two countries, India and Qatar, from September 11 to October 5.

The league garnered a viewership of 180 million across India for the previ-This season it features 34 Matches



ous season of 19 matches. of the league, apart from world-class competitive 110 other legend crick- cricket is always welcome. eters. Manipal Tigers With more matches, more During the last season led by Harbhajan Singh legends will join the game our League was launched in India, some of the top won the title in 2023. As and much more fun is in 2022 but we are setplayers, who quit interna- per sources, the reten- expected on the field. ting global benchmarks in tional cricket, like Suresh tion policy of the teams This is what a fan like me Legends space and shall Raina, Aaron Finch, will be announced soon would want. We expect to leave no stone unturned Martin Guptill, Gautam along with the new Player make the league one of to make the next season Gambhir, Chris Gayle, Draft Pool. Ravi Shastri, the best experiences for bigger and better," Raman

The league is experiencing significant growth and positive changes, season on season. The next one in India and Qatar will likely contribute to its popularity and appeal further."

"Expansion from 4 teams to 6 last year helped the league become more competitive and fun. There would be 34 matches this time and the league will add more players in this season."

"The sector has grown significantly ever since Hashim Amla, Ross Taylor Commissioner, Legends the fans and cricketing Raheja, Co-founder and





gery for their respective





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riculum. It should be about developing the capacities of young people to be creative. It should be the main lever for a more competitive economy and educational institu- ous schemes to the youth to generate employment for tions as well as other social institutions must follow this themselves and others. model," the Lt Governor said.

to work with the resolve to establish Jammu Kashmir as a knowledge economy and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

He further emphasized on creating a conducive environment for foreign students in educational institutions of the Union Territory

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor and Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council highlighted the reforms to transform the Universities into the centre of knowledge and excellence.

Yashvardhan Sinha, Ashok Kumar Kanth - former Ambassadors; Prof. Pankaj Chandra, Vice Chancellor, University of Ahmedabad and Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor University of Jammu also spoke on the occasion

The Lt Governor released several publications including a magazine titled 'Litzine', Translation Samvad and Academic Journal 'Pariprekshya'.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department; Prof. Manisha Priyam from NIEPA, Vice Chancellors, HoDs and faculty members of various Universities and educational institutions, educationists, experts and scholars were present.

PM Modi honoured...

people from Pakistan and Bangladesh came to India, but were not granted citizenship.

"They felt insulted in their own country when they were not granted citizenship," he said, adding that PM Modi honoured Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh refugees by granting them citizenship through the CAA.

The Centre on Monday implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

With the unveiling of the rules that came days ahead of the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections, the Modi them was abated. After trial, the court held remaining government will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants - Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians – from the three countries. The rules came into force with immediate evidences in support of the charges which stood test of effect, according to a Gazette notification.

Shah highlighted the abolition of Article 370, con-

has also enhanced the financial support through vari-

As per the figures given during the UT Level Bankers On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the Committee Meeting, banks operating in J&K have sancteaching community, students and all the stakeholders tioned Rs 1,213.60 crore in favour of 25,875 beneficiaries under various employment generation schemes, including PMEGP, NRLM, NULM, PMWMY, CCS for artisans and weavers and JKREGP up to September 30, 2023.

> Out of Rs1,213.60 crore, the banks sanctioned Rs 882.64 crore for 15,230 beneficiaries under PMEGP, Rs 274.14 crore for 9,145 beneficiaries under NRLM, Rs 9.99 crore for 323 beneficiaries under NULM, Rs 1.31 crore for 116 beneficiaries under PMWMY, Rs 8.22 crore for 516 beneficiaries under CCS for Artisans and Weavers and Rs.37.30 crore for 545 beneficiaries under JKREGP-(KNO)

ECI Team's Kashmir Visit...

establishment of polling booths in regions with Kashmiri Pandit populations to bolster their electoral participation. "BJP is in favor of holding assembly elections in the state soon. If Lok Sabha and Assembly elections are held simultaneously, BJP will support it," he said.

PDP representative Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura stressed the importance of conducive security conditions for holding assembly elections, expressing hope for their expeditious conduct.

"If the security situation with the Lok Sabha is good, then assembly elections should be held. We only hope that assembly elections should be held as soon as possible," Hanjura said.

Following the deliberations with political stakeholders, the Election Commission officials are scheduled to conduct comprehensive reviews of the election preparations in collaboration with local authorities. This includes consultations with District Election Officers and Superintendents of Police to assess logistical requirements and security arrangements.

Jammu court convicts...

"During trial, two accused persons namely Tarsem Lal and Kameshwar Singh expired, hence trial against accused Tilak Raj guilty. Quantum of punishment will be pronounced tomorrow," it reads.

It added that CBI cited 21 witnesses and 31 documents/ trial in the court–(KNO)

Ajit Agarkar to decide Virat Kohli's selection in T20 WC squad; report

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MARCH 12

Virat Kohli might get snubbed from the T20 World Cup squad, and his selection hangs now on chief selector Ajit Agarkar's decision, say a report.

According to The Telegraph, the national selectors and the team management are ready to take some harsh decisions ahead of the tournament. The BCCI doesn't want to get involved in this and has left it to the selection committee and the team management to take a call. "It remains a very delicate matter and not many are willing to get involved," the report stated.

Kohli played his last T20I series against Afghanhe scored 29 & 0 in two matches. It is understood that Agarkar had a chat with Virat before the series regarding the change in the T20I approach that the T20I series against Afghans.

wickets are also seen to tion. be an unsuitable surface for him. Nothing has been had confirmed Rohit as suggested regarding a captain for the World Cup final Test in Dharamsala,



change in plans despite during the Rajkot Test but the selectors' prolonged remained silent on Kohli. istan in January where flirting with the subject. With selection hanging on Agarkar, Virat will have to perform exceed- players like Shivam Dube, ingly well in the upcoming Rinku Singh, Tilak Varma, Indian Premier League. It will once more be up to better equipped to lead Virat implemented in Agarkar to take up the the team. It is also anticicause and persuade Kohli pated that Hardik Pandya, by the first week of May. that he needs to create The West Indies' slow room for the next genera-

BCCI secretary Jay Shah to action.

Rinku joined team India players for a photo shoot for the T20 World Cup. Rinku has had an incredible performance in the 15 T20 internationals, with a strike-rate of 176.23.

Although the wicketkeeper's position is still up for debate, it is understood that the selectors have shortlisted the individuals. Although his fitness is still an issue, KL Rahul appears to be the best option.

Another player who has gained attention is Dhruv Jurel, who will be keenly monitored during the Indian Premier League after making an encouraging debut in the Test series against England.

India had played well,

winning 4-1 at home in the T20I series against Australia in November, under Surya's captaincy. After the first game washed out, the three-match series in South Africa was tied 1-1.

The provisional squads for the T20 World Cup have to be sent to the ICC who has been out since India have been kept in the middle of the October Group A alongside Paki-ODI World Cup, will return stan, USA and Canada. India will start their cam-A few days before the paign against Canada on June 5.

"We will discuss Virat's role

in due course," Shah said.

It is believed that younger

and Suryakumar Yadav are

CSU organizes 'Saral Manak Sanskrit Workshop' at MAM College

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Saral Manak Sanskrit Workshop was organized on Tuesday under the joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University, Sri Ranbir Campus, Jammu; Indian Language Committee, Ministry of Education, Government of India; and MAM College, Jammu. In this workshop comprising of MAM College.

ored the invited guests by



of four sessions, eminent and a flower bouquet. of IGNOU, Dr. Jaiprakash scholars from literature Discussing the objectives Verma said that Sanskrit and Sanskrit field who of the workshop in detail, language is very simple had been invited from he said that in the Saral and easy. It is helpful in different places of Jaipur Manak Sanskrit Work- human welfare and develand Jammu, discussed in shop, we will be able to opment. It is believed by detail on the teaching and know the varoius simple all that not only Vedapalearning of Sanskrit in an forms of Sanskrit. He said nishad and Puranas, but easy way. The workshop that Sanskrit is the most many other texts like the practice of simple started with lighting of suitable language for com- Ayurveda, Astronomy the lamp and invocation puters. If any student is and Yoga Shastra were discussed by Dr. Praveen by the guests. Thereafter, curious and wants to learn also first published in this Saraswati Vandana was to speak Sanskrit, then language. presented by the students our teachers and students

Campus Director Prof. language of the Gods in is the most ancient as well

country is in Sanskrit.

comprehensible, we can pants. make the subject more understandable. He also

tant points of Saral Manak Sanskrit is a rich and fluent language. Sanskrit conversation was

Mani Tripathi. He made the trainees practice conversing with each other Special guest, Principal of the music department can teach him to speak of MAM College, Prof.B B through simple sentences. and write Sanskrit i.e. the Anand said that Sanskrit The trainees very enthusiastically practiced speak-Shreedhar Mishra hon- 15-day conversation camp. as modern language being ing simple and daily life Chief guest of the pro- the language of Gods. It sentences in Sanskrit in ottam Dash extended the giving them a memento gram, Regional Director is well known that the an interesting manner. In vote of thanks.

knowledge base of our the third session, while discussing the implemen-Jagadguru Ramanan- tation of Saral Manak Sandacharcha, Dr. Diwakar skrit, Dr.Khem Narayan Mishra of the Department Regmi gave examples of of Education, Rajasthan simple sentences to the Sanskrit University, while audience groupwise and discussing the form of explained the tricks of simple standard Sanskrit learning Sanskrit easily. in his keynote speech, In the concluding session, said that by making the certificates were distribteaching style in the uted by the guests to all classes interesting and the 150 registered partici-

Sanskrit teachers, researchers and students highlighted many impor- of government colleges of Jammu were present Sanskritam and said that in the workshop. The stage was moderated by Dr. Khem Naravan Regmi. In the second session, On this occasion, IQAC coordinator of MAM College, Dr. Neeraj, Dr. Sunil Uppal, Dr. Yogendra Dixit. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Kamal Kishore, Dr. Kamaljeet,

Dr. Nazia Chaudhary were also present. Technical support was provided by Mrs. Tirupati bala and Mr. Manoj Abrol. Dr. Purush-

BSF organizes exhibition of weapons in Akhnoor under Drug Free India campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE AKHNOOR, MARCH 12

On Tuesday, while implementing the Drug Free India Campaign, 46th Battalion of Border Security Force organized Drug Free India Campaign through weapons exhibition and photographs at Headquarters, Akhnoor. In the exhibition, students were given information about the establishment, development, bravery stories

videos. They were also that have been deployed to stop anti-national forces and protect the borders. The program was presided over by Sanjay Doval, Commandant 46th Battal-

of BSF during peace and Akhnoor participated in Commandant had special war through pictures and this exhibition. During the contribution in making exhibition, information this program successful. introduced to the weapons about weapons was given to all the students present ent during this program by the officers and soldiers said that the today's propresent.

Raj SDM Akhnoor, Satish the army and any force Sharma SDM Khoud, deployed for the security ion Border Security Force. Akhnoor police station of the country. They said More than 300 stu- in-charge Tariq Ahmed, they are highly motivated dents from Government principals of local schools by having close view of Higher Secondary School were also present as repre- such arms and are highly Akhnoor, Government sentatives of local admin-Boys Higher Secondary istration. C.R. Chauhan path of being selected in School Akhnoor, Govern- and D.M. Punetha, Second ment Girls Higher Sec- Commanding Officer, Shri of choosing path of drug ondary School Akhnoor, Anulesh Kumar, Subash Government Degree Col- Prajapati, Anil Chauhan students also presented lege Akhnoor and IDPS and Anil Saroj Deputy

The students presgram gave them a lot of On this occasion, Lekh encouragement to join encouraged to choose defence forces instead addiction. During this, patriotic songs.

> Jammu Police in Domana recovered 4

gms of Heroin (Chitta)

and cash Rs 30450

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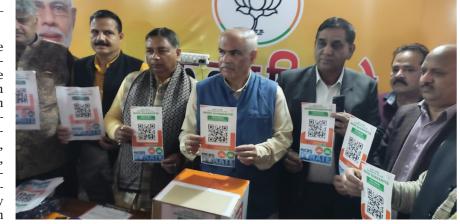
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BJP launches micro donation campaign

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Ashok Koul, BJP state general secretary (organization) launched the special micro donation campaign for the party in a function held at Jammu-Reasi parliamentary constituency election office, Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, along with former minister, Sat Sharma, BJP Vice-President & constituency Convenor Chander Mohan Gupta, state general secleaders.

constituency.



ter, Dr. Devinder Kumar supporters and members the task and reach nook hary and others were also Manyal, former MLA Bal- from across the UT, like and corner of the UT to present. want Mankotia, and other other parts of the country. encourage people for Anyone can donate rupees micro donations.

BJP leaders Narain five, ten, twenty, fifty, hun-Singh and Munish Khaju- dred, five hundred, one the BJP had won this Lok ria managed the overall thousand and two thou- Sabha seat by securing 56

retary & former minis- tions from its activists, activists to gear up for Khajuria, Surinder Choud-

In a similar programme, held for Udhampur Par-Ashok Koul, said that liamentary Constituency, BJP Vice-President Aseem Gupta along with Addiprogramme for the launch sand by cashless transac- per cent votes last time tional Treasurer Prem of micro donation cam- tion through Namo App. and now the party is set Gupta, District President paign in the Parliamentary He said that the party has to create record by regis- Gopal Mahajan, Rahul lakhs of members, besides tering victory by getting 76 Dev, Akshay, Mehta, office

IIT Jammu Successfully concludes 5-Day Program on AI and ML in Manufacturing, Sponsored by MSME GoI



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

From March 5th to March 9th, 2024, a 5 day program ship Excellence: AL and ties. ML based smart manufac-

changing applications of harnessing the power of machine vision, predic- incubation for sustainable tive maintenance, and growth.

defect prediction, every There was an enrichsession was a gateway to ing plant visit to Shalimar on Building Entrepreneur- new insights and possibili- Flooring Pvt Ltd, where participants witnessed Sessions were arranged firsthand the integration turing was conducted at to build an understanding of cutting-edge technolo-IIT Jammu sponsored by that entrepreneurship is gies into real-world man-MSME GoI. Throughout not just about technology ufacturing environments. the five days, participants but also about business Additionally, hands-on were exposed to different acumen; dedicated ses- workshop experience

Jammu Police acting taugh against drug peddling,on 11.03.2024 a police party of Police Station Domana led by SHO Domana Inspector Arun Sharma, assisted by PSI Murtaza Rehman while performing vehicle checking at Domana naka under the jurisdiction of PS Domana apprehended one m/cycle rider namely Abdul Hamid S/o Lt Abdul rashid R/o Javed Nagar Nikki Tawi Jammu along with M/cycle JK02DG-8255. During checking 4 grams of Heroin like Psychotropic Substance and Cash Rs 30,450 has been recovered from the possesion of said person.

The said person have been arrested and a case FIR No. 53/2024 U/S 08/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at P/S Domana. The arrest and recovery took place under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sh Mudassir Hussain (JKPS) and SP Rural Sh. Brijesh Sharma (JKPS).

Ashok Koul, while other lakhs as workers and per cent votes. launching micro donation donate for the party. campaign to accept dona-

speaking about the cam- supporters and all of them paign, said that the party is need to be encouraged to Khanna, Rajinder Sharma, ency, launched the micro

He asked the party Parmod Kapahi, Munish party office, Kathua.

bearers of Hiranagar and Party leaders Veenu Jasrota Assembly constitu-Prabhat Singh Jamwal, donation campaign at

digital twins to the game-

facets of AI and ML's role sions were delivered on with 3D printing and in revolutionizing manu- essential topics such as modern manufacturfacturing processes. From crafting a robust business ing machines provided a the pivotal role of IoT and plan, navigating fund- tangible glimpse into the ing opportunities, and future of production.

Hegde's remarks vindicates Cong stand that constitution in danger under BJP rule: Karan

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JKPCC SC Deptt Chair man Karan Bhagat on Tuesday attacked the BIP over Anantkumar Hegde's remarks about amending the Constitution, saying such a move would cause "upheaval" in the country and BJP should clarify the matter. Addressing a press conference in Party headquarter in Jammu, Bhagat accused the BJP of being against social justice and secularism as enshrined in the Constitution and said remained silent so far.

change the Constitution," es, and secularism. he said, hitting out at the



and MPs have made such ing them, their remarks, or unconstitutional, social statements in the past, views and sentiments and justice or exploitation, had said the BJP needed Dr. Ambedkar's Constituthe Prime Minister has will decide accordingly in secularism or communal-2024 elections," he said. ism, civil rights or helpless both Houses of Parliament Bhagat said that BJP was He said the BJP aims to get people, freedom of speech to amend the Constitution against social justice and a massive mandate only or fearful silence, love or secularism enshrined in for amending the Consti- hate, diversity or monopothe Constitution."This is tution according to their ly, just order or dictatorial additions made to it by the not a good mindset, this needs as their leaders are injustice."Changing the Congress". will create upheaval in against social justice to the Constitution, India's most the country if you want to poor and oppressed class-

BJP. He said, "If social jus- that, "Narendra Modi's ing the country towards

though many of its leaders the people are watch- ideologies!""Constitution at a gathering in Karwar precious heritage obtained

Bhagat further said pendence, means pushspeak with such mindset, test now is between two attack came after Hegde, made not by any fringe ele- ence

in Karnataka on Saturday, a two-thirds majority in and "set right the distortions and unnecessary

Bhagat claimed that on one hand Prime Minfrom the struggle for inde- ister Modi states that the Constitution will not be changed and on the other tice is denied to the poor silence on BJP MP's state-slavery. The decision on hand, he makes his people and the oppressed, they ment of 'changing the the future of the coming say that they need two- Kumar, Pardeep Kumar will not remain silent.""If Constitution' is danger- generations is now in your thirds majority to amend and Sunil Thappa also the BJP continues to ous. The electoral con-hands," Bhagat said. Their it This statement has been spoke in the press confer-

ment but a BJP MP, he said That is why PM Modi says 400-plus seats for the NDA as they want to amend the Constitution, he claimed.

Bhagat also alleged that the BJP has a "forked tongue" with which it conveys two messages -- one for public decorum and the other its "Mann Ki Baat". The BJP believes in imposing duties on citizens, while snatching away their fundamental rights, he said.He said, adding that democracy however is in the veins of Indian society and it will reject these anti-Constitutional forces who look to destroy tion." If the Constitution is amended according to the RSS/BJP agenda, that will be the end of Parliamentary democracy, Federalism, rights of the Minorities, and the English language being one of the two official languages," Bhagat claimed.

District Chairman Shamsher Chand Bhagat, Dewan Chand, Surinder

A Hat-Trick Win For Camikara: Wins Two Golds and A Silver At **Masters Competition 2024**

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rum category with two tion maintains a high stanthe finest rum and cachaça of rum and cachaça. brands from around the

world. The well-deserved ment, Siddhartha Sharma, premium category Indian kara.

cant weight due to its rig- ent to any global product. orous blind tasting format, The aged versions, which which ensures an unbiased are matured for more than India's first pure cane juice evaluation of each entry. eight years, are more comrum maker, Piccadily Dis- The assessment criteria, parable to cognacs than tilleries, has once again set including aroma, flavor, rum and the three-year-old a benchmark for Indian complexity, and balance, younger expression is more Rums and has created his- reflect the nuanced quali- akin to premium tequila, tory for India at a global ties that define exception- giving you the taste of the level. At the recently held al rum and cachaça. With soil and vegetation where Rum & Cachaça Masters experienced professionals it comes from. Camikara is 2024 competition, Cami- and connoisseurs serving an all-natural product with kara aced the Agricole aged as judges, the competi- no added sugar." golds and a silver: Cami- dard of evaluation. Their sugarcane producer, never

kara 12YO and 8YO won meticulous scrutiny of each created a quality, luxury gold medals and Camikara entry underscores the ded- rum - until the launch of 3YO secured a silver medal. ication to identifying the Camikara. Although there Camikara is the only Indian most exceptional expres- have been several brands brand to have won among sions within the categories available in the Indian

accolade shows that the Founder, Piccadily Dis- rum capable of competing indigenous premium rum tilleries said, "We wish on a worldwide platform has emerged as a worthy to break the mindset that and making India proud contender, and the world is rum is a cheap drink. We has never been researched. awakening to the new star have therefore produced Derived from the Sanskrit from India that is Cami- India's first pure cane juice word for "liquid gold", rum which is an Agricole Camikara rum is a celebra-The Rum & Cachaça style made from fresh tion of land, time, culture Masters competition, cane juice and the palate and people. Camikara was chaired by The Spirits Busi- of which is reminiscent of born for two reasons: to ness, is a prestigious event our weather, soil and sug-rediscover the past; and to within the spirits industry arcane. This rum stands as pave the way for the future held in London, UK. This a testament to our land and making it truly a 'rum like competition holds signifi- time, unabashedly differ- no other'.

India, the world's largest

market, they have always Speaking on the achieve- been at the entry level. A



EDITORIAL

Call for simultaneous LS, Assembly polls gets shriller

The demand for simultaneous assembly elections alongside the Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir reflects the political parties' eagerness to restore democratic processes in the region. The absence of an elected government in J&K since June 2018 has left a governance void, and the people of the region deserve elected representatives to address their concerns effectively. The National Conference, Congress, PDP, and CPIM, among others, have voiced their support for holding both elections concurrently. They argue that if the situation in the region permits conducting Lok Sabha elections, there should be no delay in holding assembly elections as well. This demand highlights the parties' commitment to democratic principles and their belief in the importance of representative governance. The team of the Election Commission has started discussions with political parties in Jammu and Kashmir after reaching Srinagar to assess readiness for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the region. Led by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, the commission officials held discussions with delegations from various parties, including the National Conference, PDP, BJP, CPI(M), Congress, and the Aam Admi Party. After meeting with representatives of the political party, the team of the ECI will conduct a comprehensive review of election preparedness with district election officers and police superintendents. Later today, officials will confer with Jammu and Kashmir Chief Electoral Officer P.K. Pole and state police nodal officers. Similar engagements are scheduled in Jammu. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo also reviewed the preparedness of the civil and police administration officials to ensure the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha polls in the Union Territory. Different political parties have been demanding Assembly elections simultaneously with the Lok Sabha polls in J&K. On Monday, National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah demanded the holding of simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and the legislative assembly in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that it would be an injustice to the people if the assembly elections were postponed. Jammu and Kashmir is without an elected government since June 2018, when the BJP dumped the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) followed by the resignation of the then Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti. Five months later, on November 28, 2018, the then Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik dissolved the legislative assembly minutes after Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP staked a claim to form the government with the support of Congress and the National Conference. A month later, on December 19, 2018, the then President Ram Nath Kovind issued a proclamation promulgating President's Rule in J&K under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. Eight months later, on August 5, 2019, the BJP government abrogated Article 370 and bifurcated Jammu and Kashmir into two Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The decision ultimately rests with the Election Commission of India, which will assess the feasibility and readiness for conducting simultaneous elections in J&K. The commission's engagement with political parties and the local administration is crucial for ensuring a smooth electoral process and upholding the democratic rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

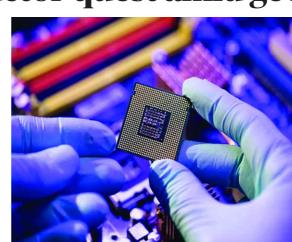
India's semiconductor quest amid geopolitical dynamics

ISHOO RATNA SRIVASTAV order of global superpowers by building advanced

remiconductor chips technology manufacturare posited as the ing capabilities, includnew oil by some; ing semiconductor chips, some see them as a threat is aptly based on a bold to national security, while vision, the realization of others view them as a which requires careful passport to economic analysis of the following:

prosperity. Dominated Complex value chain: by companies from the The three core verticals United States, Taiwan, of Design, Fabrication, South Korea, Japan, and and ATP form one of the most diverse supply chains the Netherlands, the semiconductor industry is seen in the world, crossing as as the new oil, serving as many as 70 borders before a fulcrum of future geoporeaching the consumer. litical strength for these US companies dominate nations. Similarly, tradi- the design of advanced tional military combat is chips, capturing ~47 per no match for AI-enabled cent of the value. Foundmissile attacks, quantum ries manufacture the computer-driven decisiondesigned chips operating making, drone swarms, at subatomic-level preciand cyberattacks powsion, capturing ~24 per ered by state-of-the-art cent of the value. ATP is semiconductor chips, the a relatively automated manufacturing capabilities and lower-value business of which bestow power but is now changing with advanced packaging tech-

They are embedded niques. Precision: The in our lives, from coffee advanced chips, benchmachines and mobile marked below 7 nanomephones to electric vehi- ters (nm), are the true test cles and health equipof technology manufacturment, offering an indus- ing capabilities, currently try potential of trillions of largely vested with Taiwan dollars by 2030, according and South Korea. These to McKinsey. India's ambi- foundries require facilities tion to ascend the pecking 10,000 times cleaner than



a hospital surgical room, up of South Korea and and the purity standards of some of the 300 different materials needed to produce an advanced semiconductor are 1,000 times higher than for solar energy panels.

Geopolitics: The US continues to control key choke points of the global supply chain and retains the ability to influence other nations that wrest control over manufacturing processes. Samsung's decision to diversify its manufacturing to Vietnam signals the unfolding of opportunities for other nations from a technological decoupling with China.

twenty years, Taiwan and South Korea displaced the technology leaders like tional strategic partner-Germany and climbed the patent charts on semiconductors from zero to 386

and 267 respectively in ing US firms like Micron the late nineties. In South are aimed at exploiting Korea, the chaebols led vertical integration from the design to the testing and research. However, in of chips and anchored R&D, whereas a network of specialised firms and Government-supported can do so much. Talent acquired foreign technol- industry, whereas India's ogies in Taiwan. Though skilled workforce can at they followed different best claim expertise in

development of the semi- to be two decades behind conductor industry, both the Chip curve, and some leveraged inter-country of the most developed mobility of experts where- nations in advanced manin return of foreign-edu- ufacturing have struggled cated nationals provided to establish prominence in significant transfer of best the field. practices and state-of-the-

art knowledge. India's moonshot at beyond the availability of becoming a Semicon- cheap land and capital ductor Hub: The recent and instead emerge as promise of \$10 billion an attractive destination under the Semicon India for the highly specialised programme, the PLI global knowledge workers scheme, and the separate Design-Linked Incen- families and participate tive (DLI) scheme aspires in the country's ambitious Taiwan: In less than to build India's muscle journey of development. across the semiconductor It's also important to grab value chain. Its internaships as part of the QUAD, India-US iCET, and investment interests from leadopportunities in technology, resourcing, talent, a complex industry such as Semiconductors, only industrial cooperation institutions developed is identified as one of the to realise its formidable the R&D capabilities and top three risks for the vision.

India's attractiveness therefore needs to extend who relocate with their the opportunities offered by the decoupling that allows India to find value-aligned international partners, who, knowing its history of respectful coexistence and burgeoning economic prominence, bridge the R&D and execution gaps. India's success with Chandrayaan-3, 5G, and Digital technologies does offer optimism with respect to its ability

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Technological Catch- evolutionary paths in the Chip design. India is said

Electoral Bonds | SBI's time-wasting tactic is laughable

SUBHASH CHANDRA GARG scheme, from January 2,

submit the electoral bonds details for the buyers and denomination of bonds, by March 6.

and influence.

and directed it to furnish in addition to the date of details of purchasers of these bonds and the that encashed it by March 12.

process" for "decoding"

2018, prescribed a specific n February 15, the set of information to be Supreme Court of collected for each buyer, India directed the in addition to prescrib-State Bank of India (SBI) to ing a clear procedure for making the applications.

recipient political par- among others, required ties, along with the date each buyer to furnish of purchase/deposit and details of the mode of payment, the status of the applicant, the denomina-On March 11, the court tion, and the number of rejected the SBI's plea bonds to be purchased,

application. The notification further names of political parties mandated that the information furnished by the

buvers be treated as con-Instead of furnishing fidential, and shall not be the information, the SBI disclosed to any authority, pleaded with the court, except when demanded by two days before the dead- a competent court or upon line, for time until June 30, registration of a criminal on grounds of a "complex case by a law enforcement sibly informed that to pro- ageable constraint, the SBI agency.



The SBI's application internal matter only. stated: "...Due to the strin-The SBI plea goes beyond this alibi to muddy gent measures undertaken

to ensure that the identity the waters further. of the donors was kept anonymous, 'decoding' of the electoral bonds and the matching of the donor the data related to the to the donations made would be a complex process." different silos."

The SBI has also ostentect the donors' anonym-

Quite obviously, the SBI invented this excuse of 'complex process' to push the sharing the informacourt beyond the Lok Sabha elections.

SBI can never match buyer and depositor

The electoral bonds had no serial number or any months' time or ever. On other identifier. The purchase and deposit processes did not allow the SBI to was required to be readily record any identifier of a kept by the SBI. specific electoral bond for

The petition says: "The critical documents - the amount of electoral bonds data related to the issuapplication, the electoral ance of the bond and bond, and the deposit slip - recorded an identifier. respective bank accounts redemption of the bond How can the SBI 'decode' was kept recorded in two or 'match' an electoral bond with its buyer and/or buyers). Citing this as an unman- depositor in such a case?

SBI's plea was deservingly outrightly rejected Alarmingly, what the

SBI was seeking to do tion asked by the apex matching each electoral bond with its buyer and depositing political party - was neither asked for by the Supreme Court, nor can it be done, not in four the contrary, the information directed by the court

The SBI can easily genits purchaser or depositor. erate the information for None of the three each buyer relating to the purchased, along with date of purchase, from the of the buyers (from transaction records of non-SBI

The details of the The electoral bonds, amount of electoral bonds petition argues: "It can printed in the security deposited, along with the

The prescribed form,

the electoral bonds and "matching of the donor to encashing the electoral directed: "No details of sets of information were security feature, to avoid political parties is readily the donations made". bonds, the scheme provid-

Was producing the said ed that the bonds be credinformation a 'complex ited only to a specifically process'? Was the infordesignated bank account mation which the SBI in the SBI.

claimed to be a 'complex The scheme unambiguprocess' really what the ously provided for the colcourt asked? lection and furnishing of Why did the SBI make the information directed by the Supreme Court.

this plea? Collection of specific SBI hiding behind something which has not been information The electoral bonds asked

be entered in CBS (core banking system)."

The electoral bonds amount of effort.' scheme mandated the SBI to collect and keep all the information in a confidential manner. Whether the ent political party. The SBI could confidentially keep this information by for this information. Then recording it in its CBS or why did the SBI offer to bonds, with its purchaser otherwise was the SBI's do it?

KYC and other details will ly of each other. Thus, to task requiring significant

> The SBI wants to match the buyer of each electoral bond with its recipi-Supreme Court did not ask

For political parties ity, the bank had internally thus be noted that both printing press, did have a date of deposit, for the bond purchaser including being stored independent- somebody faking the bond available as all the bonds - a secret number embedre-match them would be a ded in the bond which could be seen only in ultraviolet light.

This number was not also recorded anywhere. Given this, it is impossible for the SBI to link a single electoral bond, forget more than 22,000 and depositor.

tries somewhat sceptical

were deposited by the parties in their respective SBI bank accounts.

This, the SBI petition for extension deserved no consideration and was rightly rejected outrightly.

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China's strategy of creeping jurisdiction

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The essence of the exploitation are affected by strategic issue in the the maritime boundary. seas around China China's actions are not can be summarized as the contextually a China-US US determination to secure issue, which relates to the a cordon of island chains US placing stress on freeto contain China, and the dom of navigation and latter's attempts to breach China making claims on this confinement. In so other coastal countries doing, China interprets regarding how maritime its obligations under the boundaries are drawn and UN Convention on the disputes about sovereignty Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and resources resolved. in a manner at odds with China has no settled mariother countries and theretime boundary with any fore not in line with inter- country except, in a small national order because sector, with Vietnam in the UNCLOS has the widest Gulf of Tonkin. subscription and compli-

China wants its neighance of any agreement in bouring coastal counthe UN system other than tries, and the US, to keep the UN Charter itself. out of what it considers its waters, and it keeps

China's attitude to maritime and territorial sover- up the pressure with its eignty is fluid and essen- coastguard's presence as tially long-term. Control it tries to prevent others, of the maritime space is such as Japan, from accessimportant also because it is ing those waters, thereby directly linked to the con- exercising physical possestrol of a nation's airspace sion on the basis that this

navigation, fisheries and sovereignty. oil and gas exploration and There is therefore a cap-

of maritime vessels by China. Small uninhabited rocks have been turned into habitations which help in assertions of sovereignty. This can be termed creeping or incremental jurisdiction, and Chinese domestic law legitimizes such control.

China and Taiwan have a median line between the Taiwan coast and mainland China which China had observed for several years but no longer does because Taiwan is a strategic objective for China. This is a slow, patient, and deliberate process of nonobservance of the median line, which affects both the maritime boundary and airspace, and is an incremental assertion of sovereignty. For China, the

ital-intensive deployment brought into power a ritorial Sea, Contiguous est all of China's coastal leader opposed to reunitactics of creeping jurisdiction will intensify, with contiguous zone.

It needs to be noted that about American inten-China is conservative in tions

considering how much risk its policy may involve. Its general position is strategic ambiguity, which could be intensified to heighten as far as Vietnam and Philor reduced to lessen tension. What the policy is aimed at is to both create a new normal of customary law and also to display evidence of its capabilities. The international com-

munity does not favour unilateral activities. However, the position of the Taiwan Strait is within its US, which is in the fore-

exclusive economic zone front of contesting China's needs to focus on the of Chinese water-cannons since it does not recognise policy, also has strategic resources and claims of aimed to deter them. and, apart from rights of will sustain its claims of Taiwan's sovereignty. After and tactical limitations. the exclusive economic

tarisation

the January presidential While it is party to three zones, especially regarding election in Taiwan, which 1958 conventions on Ter-fishing. This would inter-Zone, Continental Shelf neighbours, including fication with China, this and the High Seas, which Japan, Korea, Malaysia and trend of intrusion will be it invokes, it has failed to Brunei. And the US should enhanced and China's ratify UNCLOS and conse- use its coastguard ships quently, in public opinion, instead of naval military looks unprincipled and vessels, because only the the greater erosion of the without locus standi. This coastguard can frustrate median line and Taiwan's makes the regional coun- China's extensive fishing in contested waters and marketing the catch at lowerthan-competitive prices.

Besides this, the free-However, it is not all dom of navigation princione-way traffic to China's ple strongly advanced by advantage on the sea. To the US is only theoretical counter China's islandbuilding, countries like ippines and other coastal Philippines and Vietnam, nations are concerned, in particular, have shown because they do not have themselves to be ready to the air or sea power to take some risks in copyexercise it. This permits ing the same techniques China to assert that US and, while keen to avoid policy is a sign of the Amer- any incidents, have set up ican desire for domination, maritime military units on power projection and milithe Chinese model, and have used similar tactics Accordingly, the US while running the gauntlet

Dr. Kunwrani Ritu Singh, honored at 17th Edition of International Women's Day Awards

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Dr. Kunwrani Ritu Singh, a distinguished figure in education,women empowerment and culture preservation, was conferred with the prestigious International Women's Day (IWD) Award 2024 by the Public Diplomacy Forum headed by Ratan Kaul and Nikita Khattar Arya in association with the Aruna event held at Le Meridian Hotel, New Delhi.

underprivileged women, many and creating a posi-Dr. Singh embodies the tive impact. perfect blend of business



at the 17th Edition of the tive change. She brings a Women, as the guest of wealth of contribution to honor. Other esteemed A trailblazer in fostering women empowerment. Abhey Oswal, K J Alphons, innovation in education, Her visionary leadership former Union minister and promoting traditional has left an indelible mark author, and Dr. Sachidanvalues, and empowering on these fields, inspiring and Joshi, MS IGNCA. Mrs. Ratan Kaul, a

renowned figure in New The ceremony wit- Delhi's cultural, social, acumen and social respon-nessed luminaries like diplomatic, business, and sibility. Her deep-rooted Laxmi Puri, former Assis- political circles, celebratspirituality and unwaver- tant Secretary-General ed the spirit of 'Being a ing dedication to women's at the United Nations, Women' at the 17th edi-

Abhay Oswal Foundation, a driving force for posi- Executive Director of UN Women's Day Awards. The event showcased women achievers from differeducation, culture, and guests included Aruna ent genres of life, setting examples for women globally by excelling in their respective fields.

Anshu Khanna, the legendary founder of Royal Fables was a partner for the IWD event.

of awardees included to connect and celebrate Aditi Maheshwari, Anu- the accomplishments of radha Prasad, Arti Bisaria, inspiring women across empowerment make her and the Former Deputy tion of the International Arunima Kukreja, Chaiti various fields.

Narula, Harpreet Hanjra, Kandla Nighowne, Manika Badhwar, Manjari Mishra, Pratima Pandey, Radhika Bharatram, Richa Anirudh, Ritika Jatin Ahuja, Ritu Singh, Ruchira Priyanka Hoon, Tulsi Kumar, and Varuna Anand. Marryam H Reshi was honored with the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. The UN theme for

International Women's Day '24, 'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress,' resonated throughout the ceremony, emphasizing the importance of recognizing and supporting women's contributions. The award presenta-

tion was followed by a High Tea/Networking session, providing an oppor-The distinguished list tunity for the attendees

Airtel celebrates Customer Day, all employees in Jammu join frontline teams for insightful customer interactions



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Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), celebrated Customer Day across all its office locations in the country. All in non-customer facing

roles stepped out of their everyday role to join their the customers.

Employees across all Through the direct cus-Airtel office locations in tomer, connect for all its the country worked with employees, Airtel aims to home delivery engineers, drive deeper engagement one of India's leading fiber executives, and to understand customer telecommunications retail workforces in the viewpoints and customer service providers, today markets. These employ- pulse especially their conees include everyone from the topmost senior The company is certain leadership team to the that "Customer Day" will Airtel employees who are junior managers in all bestow "new eyes" for a offices.

part of Airtel's multiple tions and unlock a whole frontline counterparts initiatives that are cen- new mindset and culture and directly interact with tered on its core DNA of customer obsession of customer obsession. across the organization.

cerns and suggestions. large number of employ-The Customer Day is a ees from diverse func-

Omar communalising CAA eyeing **Chunav Ka Parv** political gains: Kavinder

the nation as a whole,

without any bias or

that the implementa-

tion of CAA by the Min-

istry of Home Affairs

reflects the strong

commitment of the

PM Modi led BJP Govt

at the Centre towards

upholding the basic

humanitarian values

and principles in order

of Indians living in the

The former deputy

tioned under the Act.

Kavinder asserted

prejudice," he added.

Says CAA implementation reflects humanitarian face of **Modi Govt**

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Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister has accused the NC leader Omar Abdullah of communalizing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) for political gain which aimed at exploiting communal sentiments rather than addressing the genuine intent of the CAA.

here today, the BJP stalwart emphasized that the implementation of the



ing that the CAA targets to safeguard the lives Muslims. The CAA is a leg- of thousands and lakhs islation that aims to provide refuge and support concerning nations mento persecuted minorities from neighboring coun-In a statement issued tries. It is not based on Chief Minister stated, "The religion but rather on CAA is a necessary step humanitarian grounds."

towards ensuring justice "Contrary to Omar and protection for those who have faced persecu-CAA is not based on any Abdullah's claims, the BJP religious bias, but solely has always been inclusive tion. The Party will conon the principles of justice and has worked towards tinue to work tirelessly to and humanitarianism. He the welfare of all commu- create an inclusive and stated, "It is disappointing nities. The Party's inten- harmonious India where to see that Omar is trying tions are focused on the every citizen's rights are to create division by alleg- well-being and progress of respected."





JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Central University of Jammu, under the patronorganised an awareness campaign to sensitize the vouth of the University to "vote for sure".

also emphasised that the members.

power of youth to decide the roadmap to Vikshit

It is pertinent to mention here that the CUJ is campus to be the part of "Chunav Ka Parv- Desh Ka

The main objective of choose the dynamic lead- nation. The programme ers, they will lead Bharat to ended with a Voters Pledge Vishwapatal. Prof. Bakshi by students and faculty

IIA JK Chapter commemorates Foundation Day

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

The Institute of Indian Architects (IIA) Jammu and Kashmir Chapter led by chairman Ar Vikas Dubey, vice chairman Ar Vishal Abrol, jt Hon. secretaries Ar Harbinder pal singh and Ar Anil verma and Treasurer Ar Sanjiv Mahajan, commemorated the chapters 3rd foundation day with a series of enriching events that brought together eminent architects of the UT along with celebrating the

ture profession. The festivities commenced on 8th March achievements but also a the institute expressed its with a heartfelt initiative aimed at making a positive impact in the society. The IIA JK Chapter orga- ful dinner at Hotel Zone nized an Interaction with by Park, near the Railway Inmates of a shelter home station in Jammu, where tion of women in architecdedicated to supporting attendees continued to ture, community engagewomen individuals facing celebrate the Architec- ment, and the promotion distressing circumstances tural community's accom- of holistic well-being, the in their lives. Members of plishments. the institute spent quality



showcased insightful dis- premier Business House cussions and enlightening offering a wide range of

presentations that under- marble, tiles, and innovascored the invaluable role tive sanitary fittings was women play in shaping the the main sponsor of the invaluable contributions architectural landscape event. Their gracious supof women to the architec- of our city. The occasion port played a pivotal role was not only an oppor- in making these celebratunity to recognize their tory events possible, and platform for dialogue and sincere gratitude for their collaboration. The event unwavering commitment concluded with a delight- to the architectural community.

By combining recognifoundation day celebra-March 10th marked a tions reflected the institime engaging with the refreshing start to the day tute's commitment to instructor. The session, community in the UT. The

Bharat is well appreciated. ship of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, arranging awareness activ-Hon'ble Vice Chancellor ities inside and outside the

Garv". The students were the initiative is to engage apprised by Prof. Ritu and encourage young Bakshi, Dean Students wel- voters to come out and fare that voting for Viksit vote and to convey the Bharat is important and importance of voting for by participating in, we will the larger good of the

Apollo Hospitals unveils South Asia's 1st ZAP-X for precise target testing

JI NEWS SERVIC JAMMU, MAR 12

Apollo Hospitals Group, India's largest vertically integrated healthcare provider unveiled the ZAP-X Gyroscopic Radiosurgery Platform, a revolutionary advancement in brain tumor treatment, marking a significant milestone as the first in South Asia to introduce this ground-breaking by enhancing the ability limits to provide exceptechnology.

With ZAP-X, Apollo Hosfor patients in India and patient's cognitive function. for non-invasive, pain-free across the world.

dards in effectiveness and meningiomas, acoustic neupatient comfort.

self-shielded, gyroscopic patients. linear accelerator design, to tumor or target.

This innovative method forefront of healthcare, onstrates high success,



to avoid critical structures tional care. Upholding this like the brain stem, eyes, tradition, we have unveiled pitals continues its legacy and optic nerves, while ZAP-X, an innovative techof innovation and commit- also drastically minimiz- nology designed for the ment to providing world- ing exposure to healthy treatment of brain tumors. class healthcare solutions brain tissue to safeguard a This new approach allows

ZAP-X's proven clinisessions lasting 30 minutes, ZAP-X introduces a new cal capabilities will enable with minimal exposure to era in brain tumor treat- neurologists and neurosurradiation. ZAP-X also comes ment, offering patients geons in treating Primary with advanced safety protoa non-invasive, pain-free & Metastatic Brain tumors, cols, including instant error detection and reduced radialternative with sessions Arteriovenous Malformalasting just 30 minutes. This tions (AVMs), Trigeminal ation leakage, that ensure transformative technology Neuralgias, Movement Disthe patient's well-being and redefines precision with orders such as Parkinson's quality of life post treatminimal radiation expo- disease, Epilepsy and other ment. sure, enabling new stan- intracranial lesions such as comes with key advantages

romas and pituitary adeno-Unlike conventional mas, with better accuracy invasive, thereby not requirmethods, ZAP-X utilizes a and fewer side effects to

Dr Prathap Chandra is pain-free and offers fradirect radiosurgical beams Reddy, Founder Chairman, meless, pinpoint accuracy from thousands of potential Apollo Hospitals Group said and real-time image guidangles, accurately focusing at the launch: "For more ance for shorter treatment radiation on the intended than four decades, Apollo durations and enhanced Hospitals has been at the patient safety. ZAP-X dem-

improves patient outcomes continuously challenging ensuring effective control

and relief for various con-**JI NEWS SERVICE** ditions with minimal side effects. It achieves over 95% control rate in 10 years with minimal facial or trigeminal side effects. ZAP-X shows an exceptional 99.4% control rate in 5 years for small,

defined tumors. Prof. John R. Adler, Founder and CEO, Zap Surgical and Professor of Neurosurgery, Stanford School of Medicine said, "Stereotactic radiosurgery is among the most important medical advancements of the past century. Eligible patients no longer must experience debilitating surgical resections, or potentially lose cognitive capacity by undergoing whole-brain radiotherapy. Instead, with ZAP-X radiosurgery, patients can now be quickly treated in an outpatient setting and often return to normal activities the same day with no incisions, and no pain."

The ZAP-X technology While traditional brain surgeries last 3-4 hours, ZAP-X completes treatment which include it being nonwithin a single session lasting a surgical intervention ing no more than 30 minfor certain brain tumors, utes.

> ZAP-X allows for a daycare procedure, enabling patients to return home post-treatment, unlike traditional surgeries requiring 4-7 days or more of hospitalization, and without the necessity of anesthesia

Hit and run case solved by Police Post Rehari, Jammu within three hours.

JAMMU,12.03.2024

An information was received at Police Post Rehari through reliable sources that one person namely Mohd Hanief R/o Reka Narwal Jammu who was on his M/cycle bearing registration No.JK02CB-9298 and Pillon **Rider namely Nusrat Fatima** w/o Mohd Hanief R/o Reka Narwal Jammu got hit by a vehicle oil Tanker driven by some unknown person which caused serious injuries to the said pillon Rider. Locals shifted the injured pillon Rider lady to GMC Hospital Jammu, where the lady succumbed to injuries .After accident, the oil Tanker driver namely unknown along with vehicle flew from spot.

On this information,a case FIR No. 22/2024 U/S 279/304-A IPC was registered at Police Station Pacca Danga, Jammu and investigation started.

A special team was constituted upon the directions of SP City North Shivam Siddharth- IPS to trace out accused person in hit and run case which was led by SHO P/S Pacca Danga Jammu and assisted by I/C PP Rehari under the supervision of SDPO City North Devinder Singh Bandral-JKPS.

much-needed support.

inmates, fostering com- with a Yoga session led by fostering a vibrant and passion, and extending Ms. Pooja, a seasoned Yoga inclusive architectural The celebrations con- held at Main Park, Trikuta whole executive body of tinued with a thought- Nagar, Jammu, provided IIA J&K Chapter expressed provoking Panel Discus- participants with a serene its gratitude to the archision & Presentations on and rejuvenating experi- tects, members, and sup-Women in the profession ence, promoting physical porters who contributed of Architecture on the and mental well-being. to the success of these cel-9th of March. The event Haryana Marble, the ebratory events.

Mera Pehla Vote Desh ke Liye **Campaign starts at CUJ**



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 12

The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, in colof the Dean of Students' Welfare (DSW), organized age awareness and active religion. participation among the innovative methods.

Administration, was a informed decision-making present at the event.

key speaker on the occa- and the responsibility that sion . He highlighted the comes with voting rights.

significance of youths' Prof. Mantry further engagement in elections stated that, Vice-Chanceland the pivotal role of lor, Central University of every vote in shaping the Jammu Prof. Sanjeev Jain, laboration with the Office nation's future. Dr. Singh is highly committed to proalso appealed to first-time moting thought-provoking voters to cast their vote nationalistic values which an event titled "Mera Pehla in the broader national serve as a compelling Vote Desh ke Liye" .The interest beyond the lines medium to convey the event aimed to encour- of caste, class, region, and essence of democratic principles.

Prof. Asit Mantry, Head, youth in the democratic Department of Education- by the presence of Prof. process of voting, utiliz- al Studies, Central Univer- Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Stuing both conventional and sity of Jammu encourage dents' Welfare. Dr. Kiran, the students in thought- Dr Aman, Dr. Yad Ram, Dr. Jai Bhawani Singh, provoking discussions on Mr. Arvind, Dr Aarushi, Faculty, Department of democratic values and Dr Anil, research schol-Public Policy and Public emphasized the power of ars, and students were also

The event was graced



LG J&K is driving forward PM Modi's vision with bold initiatives for devp, prosperity: Vibodh

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI 12 MARCH 2024

In the wake of decades long neglect of Jammu and Kashmir, by successive NC, Congress and PDP Governments, it is important to acknowledge the efforts of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha who is spearheading PM Modi's Vision with Bold Initiatives for development and prosperity. These remarks were made by addressing a special pro-



the BJP J&K General Sec- at KVK Campus. Vibodh the district. He informed retary, Vibodh Gupta while Gupta was the Chief Guest that regular activities during this programme. like trainings, awareness gramme at Krishi Vigyan He was accompanied camps, vocational train- with the aim to double tinue to bring best tech-Kendra, Rajouri. This pro- by Sh. Subash Sharma, ings and demonstrations their income. He further nologies to the farmers gramme was organised Retired ADC and a noted of promising technolounder the aegis of SKUAST, social worker and many gies are being conducted Jammu and under the other local public repre- by KVK in far off villages able guidance of Prof. B. sentatives. At the onset, for the welfare of farmers. farmers of the UT to start N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Dr. Arvind Kumar Ishar, Sr. Dr. Ishar further informed Chancellor, and direc- Scientist & Head welcomed that KVK has trained more tions of Prof. Amrish Vaid, the chief guest and briefed than 100 trainees of INM subsidy. This project will Director Extension orga- him about the various and all these trainees have ensure the upgradation nized Ex-Trainee Sam- activities being undertaken started their establish- of socio-economic status melan and training for the by the KVK for the benefit ments and are generating of the farmers of J&K. Sh.

beneficiaries of PMFME of farming community of their income in addition Gupta advised the farmers, Rajouri.

to others. Vibodh Gupta rural youth, to take maxiwhile addressing the par- mum advantage of these ticipants gave a detailed schemes of Central and information about various UT government. Later developmental initiatives he distributed the certifiin J&K. He applauded the cates to the trainees and role of KVK in provid- visited the farm of KVK ing income generating and RARS, Rajouri and trainings to the farmers appreciated the demonof agriculture and allied stration units established sectors. He informed that at these farms. Dr. Vikas Govt. of India under the Sharma, Chief Scientist & leadership of Sh. Naren- Head, RARS, Rajouri and dar Modi, Hon'ble Prime Dr. Suraj Parkash, Sr. Sci-Minister of India has float- entist also addressed the ed a number of schemes participants and assured for the welfare of farmers added that the HADP project being implemented in J&K UT has helped the ticipants were Sh. Subash new ventures in Agriculture sector with maximum

to providing employment especially unemployed that these units will conof the district. Others who addressed the par-SharmaRetd.ADDC, Sh. yougeshSharma councellor, Sh. Kosahl Gupta and Azaz Khan.The proramme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Parul Gupta, Scientist of KVK,

Sham Lal Gupta meets Addl SSP Samba, Surinder Choudhary



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Anti Crime Bureau, NGO, Chairman Sham Lal Gupta today Met Additional SSP Samba, Sh Surinder Choudharv.

Gupta told Surinder Choudhary being SDPO Rspura and SP Samba performed very well his job and worked continuously against the drug peddlers,

Choudhary being a big serving as Additional SSP member of the family, he settled many mutual disputes and issues related to the people.

Gupta congratulated Choudhary on becoming Mata Vaishno Devi to him.

Samba. Chairman Sham Lal

Gupta said this Honor is for his Hardwork and dedication towards his work.

Gupta was accompanied as Add. SSP Samba and by Corporator Sahil Gupta welcomed Choudhary with (MC Bishnah) and Members Bouquet of flowers and Pre-Rakesh Chander, Rakesh sented Shawl of Respect Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Naresh along with Picture of Shree Kumar, Anchal Devi, Sheetal Devi, Tushar Digra, Rohit Surinder Choudhary is Kumar and others.

Nothing Phone (2a) goes on sale

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now available to purchase outlets.

unparalleled power effienhanced by a 20 GB 2.5 with Android 14, Phone (12GB + 8GB) RAM with (2a) offers a seamless user RAM Booster technology. With optimizations like Smart Clean and Adaptive NTFS, Nothing and MediaTek have reduced power consumption by up Vijay Sales and other leadto 10%. The device boasts ing outlets in Black and a massive 5,000 mAh bat- White colours - 8GB/128GB tery with improved lon- (Rs 23,999/-), 8GB/256GB gevity, supporting 45W (Rs 25,999/-) 12GB/256GB Fast Charging for rapid (Rs 27,999/). HDFC Card power-ups. Equipped users get Rs 2,000/- off

by the TrueLens Engine and a 32 MP front camera,

Phone (2a) captures life's London-based tech compa- moments with precision. ny Nothing is today excited Its 6.7" flexible AMOLED to share that Phone (2a) is display delivers stunat Flipkart, Croma, Vijay brightness of 1,300 nits Sales and other leading and a refresh rate of 120 Featuring a Dimensity Nothing's unique design 7200 Pro processor co- expression, featuring an engineered with Medi- industry-first 90° angle aTek, Phone (2a) ensures unibody cover and an innociency and blazing speed, Running on Nothing OS

ning visuals with a peak Hz. Phone (2a) showcases vative camera placement.

experience with enhanced widgets and AI-powered

features. Phone (2a) will be available at Flipkart, Croma, with a flawless dual 50 instantly plus NCEMI bene-MP rear camera powered fits on online transactions.

Clean, Green Hygienic Drive sweeps through 'World Yog Institute in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Jammu witnessed a remarkable morning as the Vishwa Yog Sansthaan (World Yog Institute) Ashram at Har Ki Pauri, Bagh e Bahu, became the epicenter of a Clean and Green Hygienic Drive on March 12th. The event, organized by Vishwa Yog Sansthaan, brought sized the significance of importance of maintaining together students of the institute, including those of Chairman Yog Guru clean and hygienic haven Karan, along with interna- comparable to European tional participants Maria Anna Theodora and Kamuran from Netherlands, and ciation to the Prime Min-IeanClaude from France. ister of India for his vision The enthusiastic partici- and urged the citizens to pation of these students join hands in the mission tify the ashram surround- ic Drive at Vishwa Yog reflected their commit- to enhance the cleanliness ings, creating a positive Sansthaan concluded, ment to making Jammu a of Jammu. The Chief Guest cleaner and more hygienic for the occasion was Ashok



collective efforts in trans- cleanliness for the wellforming the city into a being of the community and the environment. The event witnessed a variety standards. He conveyed a of activities, including tree special message of appreplanting, waste clean-up drives, and awareness worked tirelessly to beauenvironment and the complace. The event aimed Dogra, Joint Secretary of munity's mindset. not only to beautify the the Maharaja Gulab Singh

surroundings but also to Memorial Trust, Jammu. driving force behind the hope is that this event raise awareness about the In his address, Dogra event, expressed his sat- serves as a catalyst for

throughout Jammu and the entire state of Jammu and Kashmir. Bansi Lal Gupta, Rajan Gupta, Rajesh Padha, Suresh Sharama, Ashwani, Ashok Sharma, Sham Lal, Yog Wyi, Sunny, Balkar, Acharya Rajinder, Asharam lady wing Architect Naresh Verma.

The global representation at the event showcased the universal appeal of maintaining a clean and green environment. Participants from the Netherlands and France actively contributed to the cause, fostering a sense of unity and collaboration in the pursuit of a cleaner and campaigns. Participants healthier Jammu. As the Clean and Green Hygienimpact on both the local the echoes of collective responsibility and environmental consciousness Sham Lal Basson, the lingered in the air. The

Veterinary Camp at Doda

Indian Army organizes Medical,



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MAR 12

Indian Army has taken necessary arrangements an initiative to conduct a including various types of Medical and Veterinary medicines, medical equip-Camp at Bhalla, Bhader- ment and facilities for wah (As a part of ongo- examination of patients. ing outreach and help- Wide publicity was given ing resident population). to ensure that maximum The camp was inaugu- people avail this opporturated by Company Com- nity to attend the camp. A mander, who assured the total of 278 patients were resident & inhabitants of treated which included

up from the nearby villages. The medical camp was organised by making unconditional and ever- 166 gents, 89 ladies and 23 lasting support of Indian children during the camp.

One day workshop on **Personality Development** held at GDC, Sidhra



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of GDC Sidhra today orgastudents to understand members.

these concepts in a very lucid manner. After a little break, the next two two

Career Counselling Cell sessions were proceeded by Madam Swati Basonized one day workshop tra, an entrepreneur, a on Personality Develop- motivational speaker and ment Programme under presently working as a the aegis of Employment freelancer. She clearly Information cum Advisory focussed on four things in Bureau (EIAB), Depart- anyone's life to become ment of Lifelong Learn- a personality you want ing, University of Jammu, to be, namely Purity of Jammu. The workshop heart, Clarity of thoughts, commenced with formal Sincerity in actions and welcome by Dr. Harpreet Spirituality in conscious. Kour, Head Department The whole event was of Political Science fol- conducted under the lowed by introductory able guidance of Dr. G S session on the theme Rakwal, Principal GDC by Dr. Rewa Khajuria, Sidhra. The formal vote Counsellor Department of thanks was presented of Lifelong Learning. The by Dr. Mussarat Chowdfirst two sessions were hary, Head Department conducted by Madam of Economics. The whole Neetu Dhar, Chairper- event was attended by Dr. son, Jammu Pariyatan Purvaiya Hans, Convenor Vikas Co. Ltd. And Chief Career Counselling Cell, Coordinator JKDCUL, on Dr. Deepa Kak, Dr. Shonthe topic 'Time Manage- ima Malhotra, Dr. Anu ment' and 'Body Lan- Sharma, Dr. Mehmood guage'. She expressed Ahmad, Dr. Rudrika Khaher views and made our juria and all other faculty

importance of cleanliness commended the efforts isfaction with the turn- similar initiatives across and environmental sus- of the organizers and par- out and the spirit of the Jammu and India, leading tainability. Yog Guru Karan ticipants and stressed the participants. He encour- the way towards a cleaner, expressed his gratitude to need for such initiatives to aged everyone to carry greener, and more hygienthe people of Jammu for become a part of our daily the momentum forward ic future for all. their support and empha-lives. He highlighted the and extend the initiative

Army to them. A medi- A total of 32 domestic anical team comprising of mals were also treated one Medical Officer, two during the veterinary Nursing Assistants and camp. The resident popuone Battle Field Nursing lation were grateful Indian Assistant and one Vet- Army for their concerted erinary Doctor from Civil efforts and assistance in Administration provided providing medical aid at the much needed medi- their door step. Informacal cover to the ladies, tion about Health, Nutrichildren, elderly people tion and Child Care to the and domestic animals parents were also passed during the camp. A large in order to spread medi-Kashmir to uphold democnumber of patients turned cal awareness amongst racy and secularism in the up for the medical check- the attendees.

Congress delegation calls on ECI, places several demands before Commission

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 12

A high-level Congress delegation today called on that apart from forthcomthe Election Commission ing Lok Sabha elections, of India at SKICC Srinagar simultaneous Assembly and apprised the Commis- elections should be consion about various issues ducted in J&K to ensure confronting J&K, espe- that people elect their repcially the prolonged delay resentatives and enjoy the in holding Assembly Elec- fruits of democracy like tions.

before the elections.

and PCC General Secretary Irfan Naqashbandi during the meeting with ECI urged upon the Commission people in others States and The delegation also UTs in the country enjoy.

briefed the Commission The delegation told the about other pressing Commission that level demands including appro- playing field to all parpriate security to opposi- ties including opposition tion, issuance of updated especially in the matter of electoral rolls to Parties security to prominent leaders and functionaries be Congress delegation ensured. The delegation

led by Former JKPCC also told the Commission President Peerzada Mohd that people of J&K were Sayeed comprising Senior deprived of democracy for JKPCC Vice Presidents over five years even after Gulam Nabi Monga (Ex. claiming normalcy by the MLC), Mohd Anwar Bhat Centre Govt.

Political, Social Activist Jatinder Singh Lucky joins National Conference

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In a significant move, prominent political and social activist Sardar Jatinder Singh Lucky, former Vice Chairman of Cantonment Board Jammu along with hundreds of his supporters has joined the National Conference.

The joining ceremony

took place at the residence Abdullah, former Chief Minister and Vice President, Mr Ajay Kumar Sad- by his demise, further hotra former minister and endorsing Lucky's con-Additional General Secretary, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary Sikh community in J&K. Jammu and Mr. Shafqat Watali, Ex-IGP and senior sized the importance of leader JKNC.

Omar Abdullah wel- base at the grassroots comed S. Jatinder Singh level. He called upon Lucky and his associates S. Jatinder Singh Lucky into the National Confer- and other newly joined ence, expressing confi- members to actively pardence that their joining ticipate in public forums will further strengthen and address the general the party at the grassroots issues facing the people level and boost morale for of Jammu & Kashmir. the restoration of demo-

Kashmir.



He particularly high- public and urged the new of Dr. Farooq Abdullah in lighted the contribution members to remain vis-Bathindi, Jammu, in the of the late S. TS Wazir ible in their communities, presence of Mr. Omar and expressed hope that listening to the grievances S. Jatinder Singh Lucky of the people and working would fill the void left towards finding solutions.

> National Conference's cerns and discussing rescommitment to democervation for the minority racy, secularism, and Omar Abdullah emphastressing that by actively engaging with the public strengthening the party

base and contribute to the betterment of the region. tiating the proceedings,

welcoming him into the National Conference. He highlighted various issues of the Jammu region, particularly addressing dis-

crimination against the minority Sikh community, unemployment, and the political uncertainty prevailing since August 5, 2019

Expressing gratitude,

S. Jatinder Singh Lucky also lauded the contributions of Sh. Budh Singh Tyagi, S.H.S Azad, S. Harcommunal harmony, bans Singh, S.H.S. Bali, and S. T.S. Wazir in NC, pledging to strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

Those who joined the party fold included S. Charan Jeet Singh, S. Shafqat Watali, in ini- Mohinder Singh, S. Iqbal Singh, Sunita Kour, Surjeet introduced S. Jatinder Singh, Pritam Singh, Sh. Singh Lucky and his asso- Jagdish Kumar, S. Surindciates to the senior party er Singh, S. Harmanjeet Omar Abdullah high- leadership, emphasizing Singh, and other promicratic rights in Jammu & lighted the significance the importance of uniting nent personalities from of being accessible to the the people of Jammu & various corners of Jammu.

He reiterated the

and addressing their concerns, the party can further solidify its support

JINDRAH IMAGES JAMMU, MARCH 13, 2024 WEDNESDAY

Promo Run sets stage for community's celebration: Er. Shubham Kotwal

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In a display of unity and athleticism, Jammu witnessed a remarkable gathering of runners and fitness enthusiasts on Sunday morning for the Herath Half Marathon Promo Run. Organized as a prelude to the esteemed Herath Half Marathon, this event not only ignited a fervor for running but also cultivated a sense of community engagement and brand promotion.

Er. Shubham Kotwal, a prominent figure in Jour-Herath Half Marathon isn't just a race; it's a celebraoverwhelming response to mu's cultural tapestry. the promo run and look celebration of athleticism and unity."

inclusion, and together- aries. ness. He opined that by



nalism, remarked, "The promoting health and zero age limit for the parencapsulates the values tion of the human spirit. that resonate deeply We are thrilled by the within the fabric of Jam-

The promo run tranforward to welcoming par- scended mere running; new heights, evidenced ticipants from all walks of it acted as a convergence by a surge in registrations life to join us in this grand point for individuals from and an outpouring of comdiverse backgrounds, united by their love for Shubham underlined fitness and adventure. Parthe Herath Half Marathon, ticipants, spanning vari-kinds of events more often named after the vibrant ous age groups and expe-Herath festival symboliz- riences, came together, healthy and be a brand ing rejuvenation and new fostering new friendships, ambassador of fitness. beginnings, saying that it sharing running insights, stands as a testament to and motivating one anoththe spirit of resilience, er to surpass their bound-

wellness, the marathon ticipation in the Half Marathon and appreciated the steps taken by Jammu Hills Sports Club. Anticipation for the main event, slated for March 24th, soared to

munity support. Kotwal urged the youth to participate in these so as to keep themselves The Herath Half Marathon promises an unforgettable amalgamation of

sportsmanship, culture, Shubham remarked the and team work.

One-Week Residential program on "Skill Development in Electronics begins at SMVDU

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

A one-week residential program on "Skill Development in Electronics (Hardware, Software, and Devices)" is started at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra, which is scheduled from 11th to 15th March 2024, and organized by the School of Electronics & Communication Engineering. Prof. Kumud Ranjan the domain of Electronics. Jha, Mr. Ashish Suri, Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma, and Dr. Neeraj Tripathi are the organizing coordinators of this program, under the project RP-128, which is funded by the Government of J&K. The aim of the program is to cater to the needs of real-world projects, primarily in the start-up environment. This meticulously designed ing theoretical knowledge



tiative aimed at cultivating garnered from leaders in technical expertise and elevating the competencies of professionals within One of the distinguishing features of this program is the opportunity for direct engagement with distinguished professors, industry professionals, and representatives from government agencies. This curated interaction is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive perspective, integratprogram stands as an ini- with real-world insights the need to think poten- ment program.

academia, industry, and public service. This program has diversity in par-The inauguration ceremony of the program has witcellor, Prof. Kumud Ranjan

tially to develop different and unique opportunities for start-ups. Prof. Kumud Ranjan Jha stressed the need to enhance skills to cater to the needs of societv. Mr. Ashish Suri briefed the audience on the impor-

tance of the program. The program has expert speakers from premium institutions like IIT (BHU) Varanasi, IGDTUW Delhi, JKEDI, NIT Allaticipation from different habad, GKV Haridwar, CU parts of J&K and Rajasthan. Jammu, BBAU Lucknow, DIAT Pune, and industry. The program is designed nessed the presence of the to assemble theoretical chief guest Prof. Pragati knowledge into indus-Kumar Hon'ble Vice Chan- try-oriented projects by doing the hands-on. The Jha Dean of Engineering, program coordinators are and Prof. Neeraj Sharma thankful to the Hon'ble expert speaker from IIT Vice Chancellor and Reg-(BHU) Varanasi. Prof. Pra- istrar of the University for gati Kumar Hon'ble Vice their Kind Permission to Chancellor, focused on organize this skill develop-

CAA doesn't discriminate against Muslims: **Purnima**

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir and former Deputy Mayor has welcomed the implementation of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) announced by the Govt the other day.

In a statement issued to media here today, the senior BJP leader said that the people across the nation are today celebrating the most humanitarian step taken by the BJP Govt at the centre that will go a long way in addressing the woes of the Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and Sikhs who had been at the receiving end due to the atrocities meted out to them in the Muslim countries namely Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. She said that though the law was passed four years ago, yet it is never too late and its implementation today has added yet another feather to the cap of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi heading the Union Govt as well as the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Purnima asserted that this significant decision of the Union Govt was inevitable to make the nation's journey to become a Vishwa Guru as it addresses the vital humanitarian concern of the people of Indian origin living as minorities abroad especially in some Muslim countries especially in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Chancellor Prof Sanjeev Jain. It is designed to offer an in-depth orientation and sensitization on Skill Development, this FDP aligns with the National India, She informed that Education Policy (NEP) the MMTTC is designed 2020's objectives. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, was the chief higher education system

guest in the inaugural sesto implementation and promoting skill development in contemporary

FDP on "Skill Development" begins in CUJ

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sion Teacher Training is the highest priority of informed that the emi- ed by an energetic orga-Centre (MMTTC) at Central University of jammu

Dr. Neelika Arora, is set to host a compre-Director of UGC-MMTTC, Central University of hensive Faculty Development Program (FDP) from jammu, in her welcome 12th to 21st March, 2024 address, informed that under the visionary leadthis FDP program is the fourth in the series that ership of Hon'ble Vice the centre is slated to offer. The FDP program includes 130 faculty members from various educational institutions across

to implement the key changes to the current to revamp and reenergize sion. He highlighted the it and thereby deliver University's commitment high-quality higher eduinclusion.

dynamic nature of teach- MMTTC, Central Univer- and unveiling job skills

country will be conductnext eight days.

on the need of this FDP.

formal inaugural, Dr. Mahendra Singh, Program Coordinator welcome and introduce the eminent resource person for the first session Prof.

The FDP is spearhead-

our University, he added. nent experts from differ- nizing team that aims to ent universities across the enrich educators with a nuanced understanding the session during the ing of skill development and its integration within The inaugural session the current educational was conducted by Ms. framework.Dr. Neelika Karishma Rana. While Arora, Director of UGCpresenting a formal MMTTC at the univervote of Thanks, Dr. sity, leads the initiative Amit Gangotia, Program alongside Dr. Akshay Coordinator, emphasised Kumar, the Deputy Director, Dr.Mahendra Singh Subsequently the and Dr. Amit Gangotia, Program Coordinators, have been instrumental in shaping the program's structure and content.

The FDP is a significant step towards realiz-Pankaj Kumar Mishra, ing the objectives of NEP cation with equity and Pro Vice Chancellor, 2020, which emphasizes Glocal University, who the incorporation of skill

education. In light of the Deputy Director of UGC- Skill Gaps with the NEP cation system. continue to work towards SMVDU, Bhangra Team bags 1st Runner up The warm reception

Dr. Akshay Kumar, deliver talk on Bridging development in the edu-

Position at ANHAD '24 hosted by IIT Jammu

NC leaders meet youth, seek support for their party in



BJYM extends welcome to newly appointed

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rie and community suped Station House Officer SHO Sandeep Parihar for the local youth and law

SHO Bhaderwah, Sandeep Parihar

Abhimanyu kotwal the shoulder to shoulder with

delegation in extending a him and the entire police

BHADERWAH, MARCH 12

heartfelt welcome to SHO force. Together, we will In a gesture of camarade- Sandeep Parihar. During the meeting, port, the Bhartiya Janata BJYM members expressed erwah." Yuva Morcha (BJYM) team their unwavering support in Bhaderwah warmly wel- for the local police depart- highlighted the unity and comed the newly appoint- ment and commended cooperation between

ing-learning pedagogy, sity of jammu presented for 2024, to the particiskill development of a brief introduction about pants. The UGC-Malaviya Misfaculty in all disciplines the theme of FDP. He

today.

Station House office ment to ensure the safety Bhaderwah. BJYM Gen- and well-being of the comeral Secretary, Sand- munity. eep Manhas, along with and District Vice President mendable, and we stand

(SHO), Sandeep Parihar, his honesty and courage enforcement agencies, in a meeting held earlier in serving the community. emphasizing the importivity, took place at the hand with law enforce- residents.

Abhimanyu kotwal steadfast in its commit-Mandal Pardhan Bhad- shared, "We are delighted ment to supporting the erwah Vikas Rajprouhit, to welcome SHO Sandeep endeavors of the police Mandal Pardhan Chinta Parihar to Bhaderwah. department and contrib-Bhallra Narbeek Manhas, His dedication and fear- uting positively to the wel-Ajay Charak, Rinku Yogi lessness are truly com- fare of the community.

The BJYM team members, tance of community-police The meeting, marked reiterated their commit- partner-ships in fostering by enthusiasm and posi- ment to working hand in a secure environment for As Bhaderwah embrac-

a safer and stronger Bhad-

spirit, the BJYM remains

and utensils for prepara-

tion of desi liqour have

been recovered from his

SSP Reasi Ms Mohita

es this collabora- tive

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Bhangra Hood, the of Achint Raj, Manpreet Dr. Kamni Pathania bhangra team of BCA Singh, Manmohan Singh, (Vice-President, BCA), (Board of Cultural Activi- Sharanveer Singh, Ant- Dr. Ankush Raina (Coorties) represented Shri riksha Rathore, Stuti, Mata Vaishno Devi Uni- Samriti Bharadwaj, and Rahul (Coordinator, BCA) versity, Katra in Groove Hargun Kour showcased the team has excelled in Troops, a competitive their dedication and their endeavours. Prof. dance event held as part exceptional talent on the (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, of the Annual Techno stage. Bhangra Hood's Vice Chancellor SMVDU Cultural Fest, ANHAD success at Groove Troops extended the heartfelt '24, organized by IIT marks a significant mile- congratulations to the Jammu. The team bagged stone in their journey. team for representing 1st Runner-up position The team is motivated SMVDU at a National Platin the event. The team to continue their pursuit form and stressed upon was accompanied by of excellence, aiming to these types of participathe cultural coordina- showcase their talent on tions by the students in tor BCA, Dr. Ankush even grander platforms the near future.

Raina and Hostel super- in the future. Under the visor, Suneha Sharma. leadership of Dr. Rakesh The team comprising Kumar (President, BCA),

forthcoming elections



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

National Conference lead-Joint Secretary Ankush the return of the NC govand Coordinator Jammu golden era." District (Urban), Dr Vikas

number of issues.

tenure took a number of steps for betterment of youth. And, the people of ers, including Provincial J&K are eagerly waiting for Abrol and Zonal Secretary ernment to bring back the

NC government during it

Dr Sharma urged the Sharma today held a meet- youth to whole heartedly ing with a large number of support NC in the forthyouth and dwelt on their coming Parliamentary elections and ensure vic-The NC leaders tory of party candidates

He blamed the incumupon the LG administra- is directly ruled by the tion for not redressing the Centre and in the last concrete measures to

J&K have a lot of poten- J&K youth," he said and tial. They can do wonders vowed to carry forward if they are provided with his struggle for the cause proper opportunities. The of youth.

expressed concern over so that the incumbent the growing unemploy- Govt can be thrown out ment, menace of drug from the power. abuse and lack of opportunities for the youth class. bent Govt at Centre for They came down heavily miseries of youth. "J&K

burning issues related to several years it took no youth. Abrol said, "Youth of mitigate the sufferings of

Reasi Police recovers illicit liquor, seizes distillery, invites applications arrests accused, lodges FIR

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

stringers

for position of

Doordarshan

News Jammu

The Regional News Unit, Doordarshan Kendra, Jammu has invited applications for engagement of stringers in all districts of Jammu Province. Five stringers will be selected for Jammu district and two stringers each will be selected for the remaining nine districts. The selected people will be expected to cover newsworthy events for DD News Jammu and also report on issues as and when needed. The application process is completely offline and the last date for applying is April 6th, 2024. The application forms are available for download on the website www.ddindia.gov.in or can be collected from

Continuing the drive home. In this connection a against drug abuse and case FIR No 14/2024 under illicit liquor launched section 48 (a) has been by District Police Reasi. registered at P/S Chas-Reasi Police recovered sana, and investigation is illicit liquor and arrested going on.

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REASI, MAR 12

the bootlegger involved in

smuggling the illicit liquor. Sharma-IPS conveyed Police party of Police that Reasi police under Camp Mora Mal was on is committed to eradicate routine patrolling duty the menace of drug abuse

who received an infor- and illicit liquor smugmation through reliable gling from the area and source that one person people from all sections of namely Sukhdev Singh the society should come S/O Bali Ram R/O Mora- forward and join hands mal (Tuli) Tehsil Chassana with Police to strengthen Distt. Reasi is involved in anti-drug drive of District distillation of illicit desi Police Reasi and share liquor, on this information any information regardthe police team searched ing such illegal activities the house of the above- on district police anti drug mentioned person where- helpline no. 9070907017 in 1.5 liters of illicit (desi) where identity of caller liquor, 05 litres of lahan will be kept secret.

NYKS Anantnag organises Nari Shakti Fitness Run

dinator, BCA) and Dr.

JI NEWS SERVICE

ANANTNAG, MAR 12

In a proactive move to commemo-

Anantnag block Anantnag orga- flagged off by principal Elysium sheema got first, shobi Jan got nises Nari shakti fitness Running public school Wanhiama. This reso-second & zeenat Fayaz got third competition. The event aimed to nated with the overarching theme respectively. All three position celebrate the achievements of of the event: "Invest in Women to holders were awarded with tshirt rate International Women's Day women while highlighting the Accelerate Progress."Amidst the ,cap & medal .The event was conand advocate for women's empow- importance of empowering them spirited atmosphere of the Com- ducted by National Youth Volunerment, Nehru Yuva Kendra for societal progress. The race was petition. In This competition beig teer zubair basheer.

JAMMU, MAR 12

Identification of gap where cooperative societies are less across country will prove helpful in cooperatives' expansion through National Database: Amit Shah

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAR 13

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the National Database. Shah, who is associated with the cooperative movement, believes that 'The identification of the gap where cooperative societies are less across the country will prove helpful in the through the National Database.



expansion of cooperatives the National Database has their expansion. The databeen created, which will base has the potential to help identify the gap in connect information from Today, with the skilled the number of cooperative PACS to APEX, from vilguidance of Prime Min- societies across the coun- lage to city, from mandi ister Narendra Modi and try and assist in the expan- to the global market, and Union Home Minister and sion of cooperatives. Every from state to international Minister of Cooperation piece of information about databases. The solution to Amit Shah, the worn- cooperatives will now be geographical imbalance, out cooperative societ- available with just one sectoral imbalance, comies have become vibrant. click through the National munity imbalance, and The country's cooperative Database. A National Data- functional imbalance - all activities are now central- base, working as a valu- these issues have been years. ized and computerized. able resource for policy- finely addressed within Now, cooperatives are makers, researchers, and this database using tools. being made multi-purpose stakeholders, will act as a Looking at the rise of and Amit Shah, who has across the country. Amit compass for the develop- the cooperative sector, it Shah, who practices the ment of the cooperative seems that Modi's cooperpolitics of 'Antyodaya' sector. In fact, this data- ation will bring prosper-(upliftment of the last base is the basis of India's ity, development through person), repeatedly state entire cooperative activi- digital means, and achieve that by the year 2027, ties, created using cutting- goals through the datathere will be one coopera- edge technology. Through base. In the present times tive in every Panchayat in the database portal, small of Amrit Kaal, more than established, and today the the country, is likely to be cooperative institutions 8 lakh cooperatives are cooperative sector is also

proven true. This is why can receive guidance for registered, and more than developing.

30 crores citizens are connected to these societies.

After independence, there was a demand for the separate formation of the Ministry of Cooperation for decades, but no government paid attention to it. As a result, the condition of the cooperative sector continued to worsen. In 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled the task of establishing a separate Ministry of Cooperation, and the command of it was handed over to Union Home Minister and veteran BJP leader Amit Shah. Since his early days, Shah, who has been associated with the cooperative sector, has not left any stone unturned in empowering cooperative societies in just a few

Modi Ji, who is engaged in building a new India, changed the direction and situation of Indian politics, have a nature to take courageous decisions and implement them to fruition. This is why the Ministry of Cooperation was

CBC's Five day exhibition concludes in Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MARCH 12

The Central Bureau of Communication Srinagar, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, successfully concluded its five-day Integrated Outreach Programme and Exhibition today at the Mini Secretariat in Ganderbal on Tuesday. The exhibition, which commenced on March 8, served as a platform to showcase the remarkable progress achieved by the government across various sectors over the past decade, with a particular focus on rural development, healthcare, agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, ICDS, and education. Under the overarching themes of Viksit Bharat, Mission Life, Agnipath, and Swachh Bharat Mission, the event aimed to inform and educate the general populace about the government's initiatives and achievements.

Throughout the duration of the exhibition, attendees were treated lectures and presentations delivered by experts and officials from diverse schemes, highlighting

beneficiaries participated eration schemes. in the programme and shared their inspiring suc- Cultural Group, empan- exhibition, emphasized cess stories, showcasing elled with CBC Srinagar the vital role of CBC's intethe tangible impact of vari-

on their lives. On the final day, representatives from the Agri- and Kashmir and Ladakh and the public, ultimately government departments. culture Department, Fish- Ghulam Abbas said that fostering greater aware-These sessions delved into eries, and Horticulture the exhibition recieved an ness and participation in the intricacies of different provided detailed insights overwhelming response key initiatives aimed at into their respective sec- from the public, fulfilling socio-economic developtheir successes and future tors, including informa- the event's outcome. targets. A large number of tion on employment gen-

presented informative grated communication to a series of informative ous government schemes skits on various govern- campaigns, facilitating ment schemes.

Director of CBC Jammu between the government Naseer Ahmad Rather,

Field Publicity Officer The artists from the City and Nodal Officer of the effective communication ment.

Lecture on Dental **Implants held at Jammu**



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU MAR 12

A lecture on dental observed while placing implants under the dental implants. expert lecture series 2024 The topic of the lecture Association

a bridge in that area. He also gave a detailed list of precautions to be

Dr Gautam Sharma, was organized at Jammu. President, Indian Dental (IDA), "Basic Implantol- Jammu, presented a cerogy - simplified and oral tificate of resource person hygiene care"and the to the speaker. Dr Gautam resource person was Dr. said that now most den-Vikram Bali, Periodontist tists are placing dental and Implantologist, from implants in their practice, but soft tissue consider-Dr. Bali simplified ation shall always be kept the concept of placing, in mind as it may complimaintaining, restoring, cate the restorative part. Senior manager Colcations associated with gate, Rakesh Shrivastav dental implants. He said , oral care consultant that it is better to replace Sumeet, oral care execua missing tooth with an tive Vineet Dogra were

PMVS reviving Heritage, empowering Artisans: Yudhvir



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

the scheme's potential to unlock a golden age for traditional crafts and

The PM Vishwakarma uplift the lives of millions Scheme holds immense of skilled artisans. "The significance by empow- PM Vishwakarma Scheme ering India's traditional is not just an initiative, it's

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION CHENANI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 27 of 2023-24 Dated 09.03.2024

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Advertised Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Cost of document (in Rs)	Earnest Money	Time Allowed for completion	Class of Contrac -tor	Head of Account
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF PRIMARY SCHOOL NADANI SER AND GIRLS TOILET AT SIMBAL NALLAH DISTT. UDHAMPUR	8.00	600/-	@2% of advertised cost	60 Days	"C/D"	SAMAGRA

was Ludhiana.

and tackling the compliimplant than placing present on the occasion.

Farewell party given to 8th class students of GMS, Sangli Katwalt



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Today on 12th of March Middle school Sangli Kat-2024 grand farewell party is organised in the Middle school Sangli Katwalt zone kulwanta Ramnagar. It is moment of joy and happiness among all the students. Students of singh, Archana jugnwal, school performed various activities to make the pro- Devi , Naresh kumari, gram funny and cultural. Nisha Devi, kalasho Devi,

very happy while per- blessed the students with forming these activities valuable words.

under the kind guidance of Mr Kuldeep Kumar Headmaster Government

walt Ramnagar. Various students premises of Government have given emotional speech including Shilpa Devi, Radha Devi,lsha Devi, Anita Devi etc.

Moreover Makhan Sheetal Devi, Godvari All the students were Diksha, Romal Singh also

artisans and craftspeople a clarion call to rediscover with a holistic package of the magic of our indigrecognition, skill training, enous arts. From carpenfinancial support, and ters to potters, weavers to market access. It aims to goldsmiths, this scheme revitalize age-old crafts, empowers our Vishwakarmas with recognition, boost incomes, and preserve cultural heritage, skill upgradation, finanultimately building a selfcial support, and market reliant community of artiaccess. It's time to ensure every beneficiary across san entrepreneurs.

This was stated by the Jammu and Kashmir Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP unlocks the doors to pros-Vice President during the perity and contributes to special camp organized a vibrant Atmanirbhar by Jyoti Gupta, President Bharat," he said.

Mahila Morcha Amphalla Yudhvir Sethi also Mandal here today. The urged the party workers camp was inaugurated by to become torchbearers, Yudhvir Sethi along with guiding artisans through Raman Sharma, President the registration process Amphalla Mandal. and disseminating crucial

Addressing a gather- information about the ing, Yudhvir underscored scheme's benefits.

Congress is only hope for Jammu Kashmir: Kundal

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMGARH, MAR 12

the Constitution of the country gives the citizens the right to live with equality, BJP

Former minister and state wants to abolish it and run a vice president Congress Yasdictatorial regime.

hpal Kundal said that the Kundal said that Lok ultimate goal of PM Modi Sabha elections are about to and BJP is to destroy Baba come, if BJP is not uprooted Saheb's Constitution. We will from power this time then not let these conspiracies even their right to life will succeed with the dreams of be snatched away from the our freedom heroes. During people. Kundal said that a nukkadq meeting organized people are troubled by inflain Dabuj Shahzada under tion and unemployment, Ramgarh assembly, Kundal farmers are being forced to made a harsh statement about leave farming due to inflation, the intentions of BJP. Kundal but the government is busy in said that BJP has always been garnering false praise by putanti-constitutional and now ting up big boards. Kundal there is talk of abolishing the appealed to support Congress constitution outright. Kundal in the upcoming Lok Sabha explained to the people that and Assembly elections.

Position of AAA:-Accorded **Position of T.S:-**Accorded **Position of Funds:-**Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website http://jktenders.gov.in as per below schedule:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	09-03-2024				
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09-03-2024 to 02-04-2024 1800 Hrs				
3	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting.	-				
4	Bid submission Start Date	09-03-2024 from 1800 Hrs				
5	Bid Submission End Date	02-04-2024 up to 1800 Hrs				
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	03-04-2024 on or after 1100 Hrs in the Office of				
	(Online)	Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Chenani.				
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.				
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- Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Chenani uploading a copy of treasury challan and EMD/Bid Security in the shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Treasury Challan/ Bid Security/Affidavits between date of start of bid submission and bid submission end date) duly pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Chenani as mentioned in the bid documents. The earnest money of the unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan.
- 2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential- submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.
- The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Chenani. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

No:- EE/C/4794-4801

Dated:- 09.03.2024

-sd-Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Chenani

DIP/J-15975/23 Date: 12-3-24

JINDRAH IMAGES JAMMU, MARCH 13, 2024 WEDNESDAY

NEWS

Omar dragging Ramadan, Ram Temple in CAA unfortunate: Suri

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Coming down heavily on National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah for his remarks that "BJP Has Given Ramadhan Gift to the Muslims of the Country by Notifying the CAA. We regret it," Bharatiya Janata came to India on or before back some lost foothold in the political arena.

CAA will affect Muslims,' to the people of the counlost ground in Kashmir.

Christians, Sikhs, Bud- upcoming elections. dhists and Parsis who



Party (BJP) J&K Executive December 31, 2014 from Member Raman Suritoday three countries includsaid that the National Con- ing Bangladesh, Pakistan, to the fact that it is going ference (NC), as usual, and Afghanistan. How to happen with the active is trying to polarise the and where do the Mussociety by spreading lies lims living in India come which have no basis and into picture with respect are concocted, mislead- to CAA, this Omar Abduling, and aimed at gaining lah must explain to the ership of Prime Minister people whom he is trying to exploit or mislead by Raman Suri said that his vague, manipulative, Suri added, is living in an

statements. Month of Ramadan and will be implemented, hya into the Citizenship Unable to find anything subject. This is nothing Abdullah is now quesfrustration after collapsed implementation. The NC failed attempt to gain the its timing. Omar Abdul-

Raman Suri said, the but NC, which is using try or to the audience, Union Home Minister religion in the upcomwhom Omar Abdullah was Amit Shah had time and ing Lok Sabha polls by trying to address, he chose again said that well-before using Ramadan and Ram to simply drag the Holy the general elections, CAA Temple just to debate on Shri Ram Temple at Ayod- and that is what he did. both have nothing to do Amendment Act (CAA) wrong with the law, Omar lims across the country, but National Conference's tioning the timing of its appreciating the work INDI Alliance and People's leader should come clean and it is only the Nation-Alliance for Gupkar Dec- on the subject whether he al Conference which is laration (PAGD) besides a is opposed to the law or trying to instigate them for lah must also explain how by implementing CAA, The BJP leader said, Shri Ram Temple is linked Muslims have been made CAA has been implement- to the CAA and its timing, a target, Omar is trying to ed to provide citizen- or must apologise to the polarise the society as well ship to six communities people who are sure to as mislead and misguide including Hindus, Jains, teach him a lesson in the the common people,

National Conference nable, said Raman Suri.

Vice President must understand that whatever BJP promises, it fulfils. CAA, law on Triple Talaq, Abrogation of Article 370 or One Nation, One Law are some of the examples of BJP's commitments, which it fulfilled in letter and spirit. Now that the BJP has said that its going to get 400 plus seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha elec-

tions, NC must reconcile support of people and on the basis of work that BJP government at the Centre has done under able lead-Narendra Modi. Omar Abdullah, Raman

without explaining 'how concocted, and twisted illusion and must understand that it is not BJP CAA, even though these with the said law. Musespecially in Kashmir are done by Narendra Modi, gaining votes. Saying that which is highly condem-

Shiv Sena expresses apprehension over organizing free and fair elections in J&K Accused of not providing adequate security to leaders



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit expressing doubt over the claims of ensuring free and fair ernor, Chief Secretary, elections with large-scale public participation, without providing adequate security to all the opposition leaders including Shiv Sena and creating no hindrance in the programs organized by them.

Sahni said that facilities like adequate security and accommodation are immediately issued nagar, Kashmir. Along incident. Sahni said that to those in power and the leaders of their "favourite parties formed overnight". But the leaders of allowed to go out and pro- cials regarding his above opposition parties, espe- mote the party under the demands. On this occacially Shiv Sena (UBT), are being given step-motherly treatment.

Sena (UBT) Jammu and ing here for the last 35 ent.

officials from Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Gov-

DGP, but he is not being provided security. Sahni 18th Lok Sabha can be alleged that as part of a well-planned strategy, in such a situation, for the efforts are being made to keep him away from party promotion in Jammu and Kashmir. Recently they Jammu and Kashmir diviwere not allowed to talk sion, but due to lack of to journalists and hold security, There is always Jan Samvad Yatra in Sriwith this, Imran Shaikh, a memorandum will also who recently left BJP and be submitted to the Elecjoined their party, is not cover of security.

Sahni said that Jammu wing Meenakshi Chhib-

Kashmir unit for last years. It cannot be prefive years and has made dicted when and whom a written appeal to pro- terrorists will target in vide security to all the order to maintain their dominance and make their presence felt.

Sahni said that the dates of elections for the announced at any time, expansion and promotion of the party, he has to visit remote areas of a fear of some untoward tion Commission offision president mehila

and Kashmir being a sen- ber, President Kamghar Sahni said that he has sitive area, the shadow of Raj Singh,Organiser been the head of Shiv terrorism has been loom- Imran Shekh were pres-

Darshan Rana tours Jammu East Assembly segment, holds workers meet



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

A delegation of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leaders which was led by J&K UT president Darshan vigorously in the Parlia-Rana comprising of Hari ment. Chand, tarsem Lal, Ram Dass, Subash Sumbria and others took a tour of the gling for the basic ameni-Jammu East constituency ties.

today. The leaders held meetings with people at various places of Jammu East didates so that party may constituency and apprised become a major factor

the party. speaking at various meet- people. Other,s Party ings, said that BSP is the workers Krishan Lal, Brij only party which fights for Mohan, Bishan Dass, Sewa

down trodden people and occasion.

BSP Chief appealed the people to support BSP and vote in favour of their canthe people about the poli- in the balance of power cies and programmes of or able to form the next Government and redress Darshan Rana while the real problems of the the cause of the poor and Ram also present on this

the time has come where

people should realize the

importance of their vote

and bring the party in the

power so that they may be

able to fight their cause

The people of this con-

stituency are still strug-

Announcement of CAA just to divert people's attention from electoral bonds issue: Tony

Do not delay paying your advance taxes, deadline is March 15, 2024

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 12

Taxand als including R.A Punjabi tributes to the stability of in number of tax payers (Former President KCCI), the economy.Later, Rahul and tax collection in form (President PHARO group), took the stage and stated the trend has shown a Abdul Gafoor (Kashmir Art that theabrogation of Arti- downward slope. Centre), Bilal Ahmad Dar cle 370 of the Constitution (Owner of Pick & Choose), and normalization of secu- sioner of Income Tax, J& K ManzoorSeerat Ali Shah rity scenario in the state and Ladakh while address-(owner of Ali Shah car- has given a much needed ing the gathering emphatants& Advocates namely of the state which was in through its Risk Manage-Altaf, Amir Jan, Bashir shambles earlier. For the ment Strategy is closely J&K and Ladakh.

payers of J&Kalongwith they pay taxes in instal- ternity. taxpayers from business ments rather than facing

and highlighted the impor- flourished which has ment of advance taxes, tance of paying Advance resulted in generation of Income Tax Department taxfor both taxpayers and employment along with to initiate action as per rel- tax office or take help of dication of appeals filed organized an interac- the government. He stated significant increase in the evant provisions of Income tax professionals and act by them before CIT(A) tive session on Advance that from the taxpayers' earning capacity of natives tax act against suchnon accordingly. A senior offi- or revision petition filed Grievance perspective, it helps in of J&K particularly the tax- compliant assessees. M.P Redressal with top tax managing cash flow as payers from business fra- Singh further highlighted

However, the area of period of time has noticed assessees are attached ing Officers by depositing fraternity viz. Hotel asso- a significant burden at the concern for the I.T depart- that majority of the assess- by the department, the 20 percent of demand ciations, Tour & Travel end of a financial year. It ment, as discussed by ees in J&K do not comply assessees may resort to computed in their cases. operators, Shikara& House also ensures compliance RahulPadha was that the to the notices and other following options: Boat association, Cham- with tax laws and avoids growth seen in economy communications issued by ber of Commerceandtax penalties for non-pay- and earning capacity of the I.T department in their Commissioner of Income dictional Principal Comprofessionals-Charted ment or delayed payment people is not reflected in cases. Due to non respon- Tax (Appeals) under sec- missioner of Income Tax Accountants, Advocates of taxes. For the govern- form of tax payments from sive nature of the assess- tion 250 of the Income tax alongwith proper justifica-& Tax Consultantsat "The ment, advance tax ensures the taxpayers particularly ees, the Assessing officers Act against the assessment tion explaining reasonable Chinars" AaykarBhawan, the availability of funds the advance tax payments, are constrained to make order or penalty order cause to restrict demand in Srinagar. The event wasat- throughout the year to With the boost in local additions on the basis which resulted in creation their cases to a reasonable tended by around 50 tax- meet various expenditure economy, the department of material information of huge demands and ulti- limit till the finalization of payers and tax profession-requirements and con-was expecting an increase available with them which mately led to attachment their appeals or revision Farooq Ahmad (Burza Padha, Joint Commission- of Advance tax, however, by the faceless assess- The time limit for filing bank account released and group), Dildar Ahmad er of Income Tax, Srinagar against an anticipated rise ment units. Subsequently, appeal before CIT(A) is 30 M.P Singh, Pr. Commispets), Charted Accoun- impetus to the economy sized that the department the bank accounts of the reasonable cause for not demands, refunds, recti-Ahmad, Manjoor Ahmad past 2-3 years and particu- monitoring the taxpayers that theassessees should Malik, Mustaq Mir. The larly from the last year, the who despite having sub-update their email ids programme was chaired valley has seen an unprec-stantial tax liability resort and mobile numbers on petition under section 264 ment. The taxpayers were of Income Tax- Srinagar- and travel agencies, local of non compliance from receive any notice or any who welcomed the taxpay- handicrafts, artisans and taxpayers with regard to other communication

ers and tax professionals other allied sectors have timely and accurately pay- from the department, they assesses may file an applidepartment will be forced that the department over a the bank accounts of the their jurisdictional Assess-

should immediately contact their nearest Income cer from the department before Pr. Commissioner explained that in case of Income Tax] before

cation for stay of demand in their cases [till the adju-This stay application may

a) File an appeal before also be filed before juris-



JI NEWS SERVICE SUCHETGARH

Taranjit Singh Tony, Gen- orities lie in maintaining eral Secretary of J&K Con- its grip on power rather gress and DDC Member of than addressing the genu-Suchetgarh, has strongly ine concerns of the people. condemned the Bharatiya He asked BJP to uphold the

to deflect attention from its dubious actions. It is evident that the BJP's pri-

Earlier today, the senior

Additionally, the senior

by M.P. Singh, Pr. Com- edented rise in number of to paying Self Assessment Income Tax e-filing portal missioner of Income tax, tourists visiting Kashmir. Tax (SAT) while filing their so that they receive com-Due to continuous inflow ITR rather than depositing munications from depart-The event was com- of tourists, almost all sec- Advance tax as prescribed ment and respond timely. menced by Shakil Ahmad tors including hotels, res- by the I.T Act. He further He further stressed that Ganie, Dy. Commissioner taurant & hospitality,tours cautioned that on account whenever the assessees

results in creation of huge demands in their cases to their non compliance. when the assessees do days from the receipt of

created on the basis of the assessee may file an with the participants, ex-parte assessments in application for condona- thegrievances of the taxtheir cases, the I.T depart- tion of delay alongwith ment as a last resort, gets their appeal describing such as outstanding assessee, attached. In this regard, he advised documents.

of their bank accounts due petition. By doing so, the assessee's may get their operate them normally. After anengaging dis-

not deposit the demand demand notice. However, cussion on Advance tax payers on different issues filing their appeals timely. fications, appeal etc.were b) As an alternative taken up for discussion remedy, the assessee may and duly addressed by also opt to file a revision the officers of the departof the I.T Act in the office assured that the departof Principal Commissioner ment is ever willing to help of Income Tax (J&K) along- and guide them in their with relevant supporting tax matters and in return

> expects them to pay their c) Against the unfa- taxes honestly and timely vourable order passed and play their part in progby Assessing officers, the ress of the nation.

Janata Party's (BJP) shame- principles of democracy ful tactics of using electoral and transparency and also bonds to manipulate public to prioritize the welfare of opinion. The Saffron Party the citizens and take conhas once again demonstrat- crete steps towards ensured its disregard for trans- ing fairness and accountparency and accountability ability in the electoral in the electoral process.

Speaking at the programme held here today. Congress leader initiated the senior Congress leader the blacktopping of the said that the implementa- road at Hara Peer Sai, with tion of Citizenship Amend- an allocated budget of Rs ment Act (CAA) by BJP Govt 3.56 crore. Upon compleis seen as nothing but a tion, this road will serve as desperate attempt to divert a vital link connecting over people's attention from the 50 villages up to Arnia and critical issue of electoral RS Pura. bonds. By introducing the CAA amidst widespread Congress leader highconcerns about the lack of lighted that the ongoing

transparency in electoral construction of a bridge funding through bonds, the near Hara Peer, with an BIP stands exposed in front estimated cost of Rs 11 of the people, he added. crores, aimed at enhanc-Tony emphasized that ing connectivity to village the CAA does not address Sae from RS Pura. Assurthe pressing issues faced by ing swift progress, Tony the citizens of our country mentioned the expected

but is merely a smoke- completion of the bridge screen created by the BJP by the end of June.

process.

Indian Army organised lecture on 'Padhega India to Badhega India' Upgradation of Schools at Maniyal, Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE

POONCH, MAR 12

Education is one of the most important instrument for social, economic and political transformation in any society. Indian Army strived to provide quality education to the students of remote under



developed area of Marha, dation of Schools. The students was provided for enthusiasm. Indian Army Bufliaz and Maniyal of event was organised to its overall upgradation. once again extended a Poonch district conducted spread awareness amongst During the events, motivarious events for upgra- students about impor- vational lectures were tion of military-civil bond.

tance and also delivered on these significance matters - To join Armed Forces and importance of literacy and various Education in Life.' Modaliinitiatives by ties on guidance, coach-Government ing and assistance for the students and awareness for education. As part to join armed forces was of welfare also discussed. The celmeasure, ebration was overflowing furniture for with patriotic fervour and gesture towards consolida-

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, MAR 12

The supreme sacrifice of Hav Majid Khan, Kirti Chakra (Posthumously) continues to inspire the young generation of Poonch and Rajauri to join the Armed Forces. Indian Army conducted coaching classes to prepare the talented, potential students belonging to poor for admission into Sainik



Indian Army conducts Coaching Classes on Sainik, Military School Entrance

Exam for Youth Empowerment at 'Veero Ki Dharti', Rajouri

and rural background and Military Schools to motivated youth to join classes conducted under give wings to these highly Armed Forces. Monitoring

and preparing students of these remote areas for Sainik and Military School entrance exams will have a far reaching effect in stabilizing the region by providing them assistance in securing seats in reputed Sainik Schools. A total of 75 students of District Rajouri and adjoining areas attended the free coaching

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Fueling Agricultural Innovation, Collaboration: Jammu hosts Pioneering NABARD-organized FPO Mela-Tarang

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 12

In a significant move towards bolstering the agricultural sector, Jammu witnessed the launch of the four-day FPO Mela-Tarang, an event dedicated to celebrate the unity and achievements of Farmer Producers' Organisations Kashmir.

fair commenced on Tues- mark of FPO excellence. day at Kala Kendra Jammu March 2024



(FPOs) across Jammu and to showcase their diverse importance of connecting range of products, from farmers directly to mar-Organized by the farm-fresh produce to kets. He emphasized that National Bank for Agri- artisanal crafts. Attendees the objective of TARANG culture and Rural Devel- can expect to peruse stalls is to demonstrate high opment (NABARD) in brimming with organic quality products of FPOs partnership with Small fruits and vegetables, aro- and connect them directly Farmers Agri-Business matic spices, handcrafted to consumers offline and Consortium (SFAC) and textiles, exquisite handi- online with assistance Open Network for Digital crafts, and much more from Open Network Commerce (ONDC), the - all proudly bearing the for Digital Commerce

Bhallamudi Sridhar, and will continue till 15th Chief General Manager, mela aims to provide a Tarang Mela serves as a office inaugurated the and sale of a diverse range testament to the success fair. During his inaugural of products produced by Jammu and Kashmir of this partnership, pro-speech, B. Sridhar CGM, farmers, artisans, weavviding a platform to FPOs JK RO highlighted the ers and SHG women from

(ONDC).

He stressed that the NABARD, J&K Regional platform for exhibition

the rural hinterlands of Jammu and Kashmir and adjoining states.

Anamika, General Manager, NABARD, J&K RO briefed that this initiative is not just fair but a testament to the innovative strategies being employed to support the agricultural community. By bringing together FPOs, the event encourages the exchange of ideas and best practices, enabling farmers

to gain insights into new agricultural technologies and market trends. The collaboration with SFAC and ONDC further enhances the fair's ability to connect farmers with broader markets, demonstrating the potential of digital platforms in transforming agricultural

marketing. On this occasion, progressive farmers from region, also participated in the inaugural event.

Two Days Workshop for BLOs concludes at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MARCH 12

In the second phase of the workshop, a total of 105 committed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from the 17-Kangan (ST) constituency actively participated, enhancing their understanding of Chunav Patshalas, Booth Awareness Groups (BAGs), Model Code of Conduct and Voter Awareness Forms (VAFs) at meeting hall BDO Office Kangan. The presence of the

Nodal Officer SVEEP enriched the discussions with strategic insights, emphasizing the importance of voter education and awareness.

Expanding the collaborative effort, key stakeholders including AERO Kangan (Tehsilcation Officer Kangan, informed democratic proand master trainers also cess.



Each BLO provided

Elections.

played integral roles in the workshop. This collective valuable feedback, sharing engagement fostered a insights into challenges multifaceted approach to and offering suggestions address challenges and to boost voter turnout in

enhance strategies for the upcoming Lok Sabha effective electoral participation in the 17-Kangan

This collaborative (ST) constituency, ensur- exchange aimed to dar Kangan), Zonal Edu- ing a well-rounded and enhance strategies for a more effective and inclusive democratic process.

Power shutdown JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MARCH 12

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Upper Barnai, Lower Muthi, Paloura, JK Colony, Chandan Vihar, PHE Roop Mahar, MES Rajouri Lines, Patoli, BSF Paloura and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 14 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Trikuta Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 14 from 8 am to 11 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Mandal, Purmandal, Sandhi, Gurha, Utterbehni, and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 14 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sidhra, Bamyal, MES and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 15 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer O&M Circle Rajouri (JPDCL) has informed that the power supply to Tehsil Office Rajouri, Gujjar Mandi and DC Office will remain affected on March 13 and 17 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Assigned Addl Charge of Director SKIMS Soura's Post JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR 12 MAR

The J&K Government on Tuesday assigned an additional charge of the post of Director, SKIMS Soura to the Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed. An order copy lying with news agency CNS reads, 'Consequent upon the retirement on superannuation of Prof. (Dr) Parvez Koul, Director, SKIMS and ex-officio Secretary to the Government, on 08.03.2024 (A.N.) and pending appointment of a suitable candidate against the said post, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department is hereby assigned the charge of the post of Director, SKIMS, in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Project 3C Deworming drive commences in Poonch to ensure Health, Well-being of school, AWC, Madrasa Children

JI NEWS SERVICE POONCH, MARCH 12

As part of the National Deworming Day, District Administration Poonch today started a deworming drive to cover 1.98 Lakh children of the government and private schools, Madrasas and Anganwadi centers.

The inaugural ceremony took place at Government High School Ajote and AWC Sheesh Mahal Poonch with the active participation of health institutions. Additional District Development Commissioner, Sandesh Kumar Sharma inauguratcal Officer, Dr. Zulafkar, at Madrasa Zia ul Uloom children. along with the Chief Edu- and private School Hakia cation Officer, Bishamber Poonch, led by the ADC, sive coverage, a mop-up Dass, and the DPM Unit Tahir Mustafa Malik in round has been scheduled the occasion.



ed the event. Chief Medi- function was conducted istered to 1 to 19 year old a special event was organ-

To ensure comprehen-NHM were also present on presence of Deputy Chief for March 18, 2024, which were organised at various Medical Officer. Albenda- will serve as a means to locations aimed at creating A second inaugural zole tablets were admin- reach the children who mass awareness.

missed during the initial implementation. National Deworming Day aims to protect children from parasitic worm infections, promoting their overall health and well-being. By administering Albendazole tablets, the initiative seeks to tackle the prevalence of worm-related diseases in the district.

may have been

The event also covered far flung areas. For instance,

ised at Govt middle school Mandi which witnessed massive response from the public. Similar exercises

Mass Voters Awareness Campaign held at GHSS Dalhori under SVEEP

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, MARCH 12

Marking a powerful stride in democratic participation, Government Higher Secondary School Dalhori, Zone Baljarallan, hosted an impactful awareness campaign under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative.

Guided by the adept coordination of District Election Officer Om Parkash Bhagat and the leadership of Prof. Mohd Iqbal Raina, DNO from the District SVEEP Cell Raiouri, the event aimed to illuminate the community about the pivotal role of voting in the electoral process.

Raina, a dedicated actively absorbed the tion displayed by the parmember of the District insights shared during the ticipants at HSS Dalhori SVEEP Cell, fervently awareness session. outlined the objectives of SVEEP and underscored hensive presentation struct a resilient demo-



ees to propagate the cam-

paign's message to their

awareness campaign

stride toward achiev-

voter turnout, ensuring

exemplifies the grassroots

The success of this

respective Panchayats.

each vote. The resonating mitment among attendtheme, "No voter to be left out and mission 75%," reverberated through the engaging session.

Comprising Class 12th students, institution staff, stands as a significant supervisors from the surrounding polling stations ing the mission of a 75% and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from nearby pan- that no eligible voter is Mohammad Ayaz chayats, the participants overlooked. The dedica-Ayaz Raina's compre- strength needed to con-

the critical importance of ignited a collective com- cratic society.

KVK Samba organises Agricultural Drone Demonstration Programme

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MARCH 12

Samba Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu today organized agricultural drone demonstration under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Bhupinder Nath Tripathi, Varsity Vice-Chancellor and the direct supervision of Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu.

under ICAR, Agri drone, under the demonstradivision.

of various nutrients as highly thanks the efforts that the agriculture sector



KVK Samba of SKUAST well as pesticides spray of SKUAST-J especially Dr. in the country is moving Jammu gave live demon- in the wheat crop. More Sanjay Khajuria and his stration of the drone oper- than 160 Kanals of area team for helping the farm- ing and is witnessing use ation with the active coor- is covered in Ramgarh ers at their doorstep. He of drones for timeliness, dination of Prof. Sanjay block on the spot. More also thanks Prof. Bhupin- accuracy and appropri-Khajuria, Chief Scientist than 150 progressive der Nath Tripathi, Vice-& Head, KVK Samba and farmers of the village and Chancellor, SKUAST-Jam-Principal Investigator of media persons partici- mu as well as Dr. Amrish an increase in yields as the project, ICAR, Agri pated in the programme. Vaid, Director Extension drone, project. It is perti- Till date more than 600 SKUAST-Jammu for their nent to mention here that kanals of area was covered endeavor. Project, SKUAST-J is con- tion in Ramgarh block. of the drone demonstraducting various demon- The people are happy tion, Dr. Saurav Gupta strations to the various to see the Agri drone in addressed the partici-

for the benefit of farm- efits especially covering adoption of latest teching community of Jammu maximum area in mini- nology in agriculture for mum time and uniform increasing its economic entist Entomology and as well as nutrients. Dar- environment pollution Co-P.I of the project, gave shan Choudhary, former and for attracting youth the live demonstrations BDC chairman, Ramgarh to agriculture. He said

towards precision farmateness of various farm operations as it results in well as reduction in the cost of cultivation.

Dr. Saurav Gupta while After the inauguration deliberating upon the efficiency of the drone said that the drone with a payload of 10 Kilogram crops in the farmers' field their area and its ben-pants and stressed on the is fitted with all the latest Censors and GPS. The programme con-

cluded with vote of thanks Dr. Saurav Gupta, Sci- spreading of pesticides productivity, reducing by Dr. Saurav Gupta, Scientist (Entomology). The program was also assisted by Tejinder Singh of KVK Samba.

2-day HRD Programme on Apple Blotch Leaf Miner concludes at SKUAST-K

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 12

Central Integrated Pest Management Centre, Srinagar, Govt. of India, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in collaboration with State Horticulture Department, and SKUAST-K, conducted a two-day human resource development programme on 'Apple Blotch Leaf Miner' at Conference Hall of Vice Chancellor Secretariat, SKUAST-K.

The two day awareness/ training programme was inaugurated in the presence of Director Horticulture, Zahoor Ahmed Bhat; Director Research SKUAST-K, Dr. Haroon Naik; Joint Director (E), IPM Division, DPPQ&S Dr. Sunita Pandey; Deputy Director (PP), RCIPMC Faridabad, Dr. Vandana Pandey; Assistant Direc-

tor (PP) CIPMC Jammu, Dr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya; Prof. & Head Division of Entomology, Dr. Manzoor Ahmed Parray; Prof & Head Division of Pathology, Dr. Shaheen Kauser and other officials of Horticulture Department and Senior Scientists

of SKUAST-K Initially opening remark Kashmir appreciated the



Ahmed Parray, followed by programmes and measures a detailed lecture given on to control and eradicate the Emerging Challenges of this disease to safeguard Insect ABLM by Dr. Sunita our fruit crop. The first step Pandey, wherein thread towards this direction is to bear light was shed on reach out to the farming management of fruit crop community of the Kashmir an. During the visit farmers to prevent from the threat Division and provide techniof devastating disease of cal consultation and awareness to check the spread out leaf miner.

Director Horticulture of leaf miner.

Dr. Malik Mukhtar, Assoon the programme was initiative and urged that we ciate Professor of Entomol- leaf blotch Miner in Kashgiven by Dr. Manzoor have to take coordinated ogy discussed different mir Division.

generations of ABLM and Ad Hoc Advisory issued by SKUAST-K in collaboration with the Horticulture Department from time to time which further help farmers to take preventive measures to control this insect pest.

The programme was attended by a number of farmers wherein they were made aware by Dr. Vandana Pandey regarding the Safe and Judicious use of Pesticides. She elaborated in detail on how to use pesticides safely.

Director Research SKUAST-K, Dr. Haroon Naik also appreciated the Department for conducting such programmes for the welfare of farmers and asked the farmers to come forward to take maximum benefits from the departmental schemes.

On the second day of the programme, a field visit was conducted to apple orchards of Block Kakapora, District Pulwama, and Block Zainapora, District Shopiwere provided awareness about the various diseases of apples and how to take preventive measures i.e.,

IPM based to control Apple

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