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Final call on concurrent LS, Assembly polls in J&K after security review, feedback from Pol parties: ECI



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Chief Election Commissioner of India Rajiv Kumar Wednesday said that the Commission will take a final call on holding concurrent Lok Sabha and

Assembly polls in J&K after thorough consultations with the security agencies and political parties.

“We are equally concerned about LS and Assembly polls in J&K,” Chief Election Commissioner of India, Rajiv Kumar

told a press conference in Jammu, as per news agency.

He said that the Commission wants LS and Assembly polls soon. “As far as holding the LS and Assembly polls simultaneously, we will hold thorough consultations with

the security agencies and also get the feedback from the political parties,” he said, in reply to a query whether the Commission intends to hold LS and Assembly polls simultaneously.

Replying to a query about security needs, the CEC of India said that they will draw a sketch and see how much is the requirement for LS polls and Assembly polls. “We will also see how much will be the security requirement if both elections are held concurrently,” Kumar said.

He said that there are 86.9 lakh voters in J&K including first time voters and voters above 100 years of age. “We will ensure free and fair polls,” he said.

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Prime Minister Modi launches PM-SURAJ national portal



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Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha has expressed gratitude to Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for sanctioning credit support to one lakh entrepreneurs from the disadvantaged sections of the country.

Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today launched the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) national portal and sanctioned credit support to one

lakh entrepreneurs of socially disadvantaged sections of the country.

In J&K, 1747 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Caste, Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Safai Karamchari community were provided assistance to start a business venture and lead a life with dignity.

“Hon’ble Prime Minister has ensured that no one is left behind. From basic facilities to education and financial inclusion, he has undertaken many reforms to create a large pool of young entrepreneurs from marginalized section of soci-

ety,” the Lt Governor said. Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Union Minister of State, PMO, also joined the launch ceremony from Jammu.

On the occasion, Ayushman Health Cards and PPE kits were issued to beneficiaries of disadvantaged section of the society- Safai Karmcharis, Sewer and Septic Tank Workers - under National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

Hon’ble Prime Minister also interacted with Ms Neelam Kumari, a resident of

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Since Article 370 revocation, JK witnesses surge of 11 lakh voters

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Since the revocation of Article 370 that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, a whopping increase of 11 lakh voters has been registered who can now vote during the assembly elections in the erstwhile state.

As per the official reports available with the news agency, in 2019, the total number of voters was approximately 76 lakh, with 39.45 lakh men and 36.38 lakh women. By January 1, 2024, in the voter revision campaign initiated in 2023, the number of voters surged to more than 86 lakh, indicating an increase of around 11 lakh

voters in Jammu and Kashmir since 2019.

A senior government official divulging the details told KNO that following the removal of Article 370, there has been heightened enthusiasm among the populace regarding elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

“A significant number of people are stepping forward

to participate in the electoral process. Post the removal of Article 370, for the first time, individuals from various communities such as West Pakistani Refugees, Valmiki, and Gorkha communities have attained citizenship,” says the official. Reports inform that the completion

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JK Govt Identifies 10 Focus Sectors in New Start-Up Policy

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Jammu and Kashmir administration has identified 10 different sectors, which will be given special attention under the new start-up policy.

As per the Start-up Policy 2024-27, a copy of which lies with news agency, start-ups coming up in different sectors will get assistance and funding from the government to thrive.

The policy document reveals that these 10 sectors include food processing and allied activities, agriculture and allied sectors including horticulture and floriculture, handicrafts and handloom, education, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, textile, apparel and fashion technology, renewable energy, electronics system design and manufacturing, information technology enabled services, tourism and adventure sports and environment protection and green technology.

As per the policy, the government will create a Technical Support Unit to orchestrate networking activities between various start-up ecosystem players.

“The Government of Jammu and Kashmir shall establish a Technical Support Unit in JKEDI to orchestrate networking activities between various start-up ecosystem players such as start-ups, accelerators, incubators, angel investors, corporates, venture capitalists and other necessary stakeholders. The TSU shall provide necessary support and assistance in appraising incentive cases, collaboration with VCF’s and successful implementation of this policy,” it said.

Under the policy, the government has also decided to create a feedback mechanism to get insights into challenges being faced by the start-ups.

“The Government of Jammu and Kashmir will create quarterly feedback mechanisms from start-ups, mentors,

incubators and other related stakeholders on its portal. These surveys, focus groups or public consultations will gather input from start-ups and other stakeholders on the implementation of the start-up policy. The feedback will help provide valuable insights into challenges being faced by the start-ups and the support they intend to receive,” it said.

Pertinently, the union territory administration has targeted to establish Jammu and Kashmir as one of the leading start-up ecosystems in India by 2027.

Under the policy, the administration has targeted to set up at least 2000 new start-ups in Jammu and Kashmir in next five years.

Jammu and Kashmir under the policy has constituted a High-Level Empowered Committee (HLEC) to monitor the performance of Jammu and Kashmir start-up eco-system. With Chief Secretary as

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MHA to launch helpline numbers to assist applicants for Indian Citizenship under CAA

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NEW DELHI, MAR 13

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said on Wednesday that helpline numbers will be launched soon to assist applicants for Indian citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA-2019).

According to MHA, the applicants will be able to get information related to CAA-2019 by calling free of cost.

“Helpline number to assist applicants for Indian citizenship under CAA -2019 will be launched soon. Applicants will be able to get information related to CAA-2019 by calling free of cost from anywhere in India. The service will

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China says boundary issue with India does not represent entirety of bilateral ties

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BEIJING, MAR 13

China on Wednesday said the Sino-India boundary issue does not represent the entirety of the bilateral ties and called for enhancing mutual trust between the two countries to avoid misunderstanding and misjudgement.

India has been maintaining

that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

Bilateral ties nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in more than four decades.

Responding to questions on External Affairs Minister

S Jaishankar’s remarks this week that the amassing of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has “not served either of us well”, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, the boundary issue should be placed appropriately in the bilateral ties.

“China has stressed

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Chief Secretary for making robust plan for savings made in JTFRP projects



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JAMMU, MARCH 13

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo today while reviewing the pace and progress of World Bank

funded Jhelum & Tawi Flood Recovery Project (JTFRP) impressed upon the concerned to make a robust plan for around Rs 140 Cr savings amount out of the total outlay

for 213 sub-projects funded under it.

Besides the CEO, ERA the meeting was also attended by Principal Secretary,

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PM Modi’s socio-economic reforms have aroused aspiration in common citizen: Dr Jitendra Singh



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“Prime Minister Modi’s socio-economic reforms have aroused aspiration in the common citizen. For example every citizen now feels that he is entitled to a ‘pucca house’ and a decent toilet like any

other citizen and that is the true spirit of democracy”, said Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh here today.

“The citizens no longer resign to their fate and that is the true essence of democracy”, he said while speaking at the launch of Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar

Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) National Portal for Credit Support to Disadvantaged sections of society by Prime Minister Modi via videoconferencing.

The Minister said, Modi’s reforms have introduced a new work culture as well as a change of the mindset

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Country has decided, 'Ab Ki Baar, 400 Paar': Shah

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Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, during the 'Social Media Warriors Meet' and 'Vijay Sankalp Sammelan' in Telangana appealed, “To make the state a part of the ongoing development journey across the country, the people of Telangana will work to ensure the victory of the lotus on more than 12 seats in the Lok Sabha elections. Seeing the achievements of the Modi government in the last 10 years, the entire country has decided that “This time 400 Paar, Ek baar phir Modi Sarkar”.

It is common knowledge that BRS and Congress are



influenced by the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM). In the recently concluded assembly elections in Telangana, the people of Telangana expressed their trust in Congress to reduce the

influence of the Majlis. However, as soon as the Telangana Assembly started, Congress worked to make the Majlis leader the Pro-tem speaker. Due to the temptation of the

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Anurag Thakur launches PB-SHABD

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NEW DELHI, MAR 13

Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Anurag Singh Thakur today launched PB-SHABD, a news sharing service from Prasar Bharati and websites of DD News and Akashvani News as well as updated News on Air mobile app at an event in National Media Centre, New Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Thakur said that today was a historic day for the information and broadcasting sector of the country. “Over the years, Prasar Bharti has cultivated an elaborate network of news

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Lok Sabha Election 2024: DC Ganderbal chairs meeting of Nodal Officers

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GANDERBAL, MARCH 13

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir who is also District Election Officer (DEO) today convened a meeting of Nodal Officers responsible for overseeing the forthcoming Lok Sabha General Elections 2024, at the Conference Hall of the Mini Secretariat, here

The meeting focused on ensuring the readiness and efficiency of all officers involved in the electoral process.

The DC addressed critical aspects of the upcoming elections and instructed the Nodal Officers to remain well-equipped for their roles and responsibilities.

Discussions encompassed various operational, logistical and administrative matters pertinent



to the smooth conduct of the electoral process.

Nodal Officers were given a comprehensive briefing regarding their roles and responsibilities in overseeing the electoral process within their respective jurisdictions.

Emphasis was laid on enhancing operational efficiency and coordination among different stakeholders involved in the electoral process, including law enforcement agencies, administrative authorities and electoral staff.

Nodal Officers were reminded of the importance of strict adherence to electoral laws, regulations and ethical standards to uphold the integrity and fairness of the electoral process.

Strategies for conducting voter awareness campaigns and initiatives to encourage maximum voter participation were discussed to ensure inclusive and democratic elections.

The DC reiterated the significance of the Nodal Officers' roles in upholding

the democratic values and principles of free and fair elections. He underscored the importance of their proactive engagement and commitment to ensuring a transparent, impartial, and efficient electoral process.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad and all the Nodal Officers appointed for various election assignments in the district.

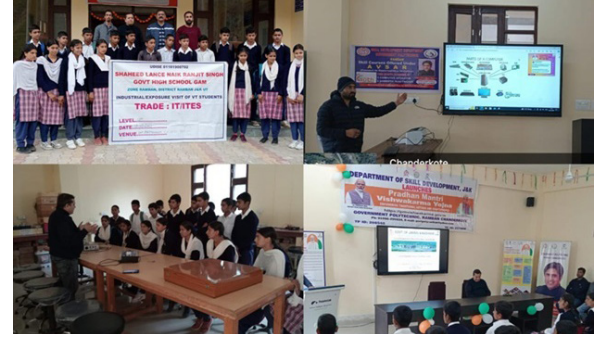
Government Polytechnic Ramban hosts exposure visit for students of GHS Gam

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RAMBAN, MARCH 13

Government Polytechnic, Chanderkote, Ramban, under the aegis of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary reaffirmed its commitment to foster technical and skill education by organizing a special technical exposure visit for students from Government High School Gam-Ramban.

A group of 30 students from the 9th class, accompanied by their faculty members, had the opportunity to explore the technical infrastructure of the institution. They were introduced to the state-of-the-art facilities including the computer center, smart classrooms, electronics and communication engineering labs, and electrical engineering labs.

Earlier, Er. Vivek Mahajan, the Polytechnic Principal along with the staff



warmly welcomed the visiting school students.

The Principal said that this initiative is part of our dedication to promote skill education and innovation through exposure visits for prospective candidates interested in pursuing a career in engineering and technology. Such visits provide young minds with firsthand experience and insights into the world of technology, fostering their interest in engineering and technology fields.

This unique opportunity exposes students to

cutting-edge technologies, industrial best practices, and real-world applications of the subjects they study in school. The visit was organized under the overall supervision and guidance of the Principal, who actively interacted with the visiting students and staff members. The coordination for the visit was led by Er. Pawan Kumar, Head of the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department, and Er. Aabid Husain from the Electrical Engineering Department.

ADC Handwara inspects polling stations

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MARCH 13

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather who is also ERO AC-5 Handwara today visited various polling stations of the Vilgam and Tarathpora to inspect Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF), and review the preparedness for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

The inspection was aimed to ensure that all polling stations are accessible to voters especially to specially-abled persons. Ramp access, electricity supply and drinking water and other facilities were reviewed.

He emphasized the concerned departments for ensuring all required facilities at the polling stations so that each and every eligible voter shall participate in the election process without any hindrance.

JKSDM conducts State Level India Skills Competitions at Institute of Technology, Kashmir University

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 13

J&K Skill Development Mission, in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), GoI and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) today kick started the state level competitions of different job roles with the active support of Skill Department J&K, in the UT of J&K.

The competitions in various skill sets are being conducted in collaboration with Academic Partners across the UT.

Among the job roles selected, State Level Competition in skills of Automobile Technology, Electronics and Electrical Installations

were organized under the aegis of Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship, Institute of Technology, Zakura Campus University of Kashmir, who were academic partners to JKSDM for the competitions.

The candidates across UT of J&K participated in the state level competition, which will lead them to Pre-National competitions and National level competitions and finally the winner will participate in World Skills Competitions scheduled in Lyon, France later this year.

Such competitions should be given more awareness so that more and more youth participants involved in such initiatives get a chance to showcase their skills,

said Dr. Bilal Ahmad Malik, Sr. Scientific Officer, one of the Jury Members for the competition from Kashmir University.

Er. Ubaid Qureshi, another Jury Member from Kashmir University said that such initiatives are insightful and brainstorming for the participants as it can unleash their hidden talent.

JKSDM will continue to organize such initiatives and give opportunity to youth of J&K, State Level Competitions in 18 skill sets are being conducted at various venues across the UT wherein more than 250 candidates will compete to represent J&K in Pre National and National Level Competitions, said Leena Padma, Mission Director, JKSDM.

DC reviews progress under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme in Udhampur



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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 13

Deputy Commissioner Udhampur, Saloni Rai today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) in the district.

The meeting aimed to ensure the success of the program by reviewing the latest physical and financial progress achieved in different sectors.

At the outset, District Agriculture Officer Sanjay

Anand provided an overview of the current status of schemes implemented in agriculture and allied sectors under HADP.

The officers from stakeholder departments, through detailed PowerPoint presentations, gave a comprehensive overview of their achievements, detailing aspects such as plan implementation, beneficiary approvals, banking connections, convergence of activities, and processing of applications.

The DC conducted a

detailed review of the physical and financial progress made in the implementation of projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Plan 2023-24. She emphasized the need for expediting the implementation of agricultural and allied sector projects to achieve the desired targets at the earliest. The DC stressed the importance of working in a coordinated and dedicated manner to ensure visible results at the grassroots level.

'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' CUKashmir VC leads staff in watching live speech of Hon'ble PM



J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MARCH 13

Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, Wednesday led the faculty, scholars and students and watched the live speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, addressing the 'India's Techade: Chips for Viksit Bharat' programme and laying the foundation stone for three semiconductor projects worth about Rs 1.25 lakh crores via video conferencing.

The Schools of Physical Sciences and Engineering jointly organised the seminar on "India's Techade: Chips for VIKSIT Bharat," at Tulmulla Campus in connection with the live speech by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi. The live speech was also streamed in all the four campuses of the university and was watched by the faculty, scholars and students.

The Honourable Prime Minister described the day as a historic occasion and a significant step towards a bright future for India as foundation stones were laid for three major Semiconductor manufacturing projects in Dholera and Sadanand in Gujarat and Moregaon in Assam.

Aligned with the Travel for LiFE programme under Mission LiFE, the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating initiative endeavours to promote sustainable tourism practices that harmonize with nature.

der Nath stressed on the importance and application of semiconductor technologies, its development in the country through Atmanirbhar Bharat. "The universities should focus on such research work that is socially relevant, locally need-based, nationally important and globally significant," he said. He added that the young generation must think of such works that contribute to Viksit Bharat by making use of the demographic dividend of the young population who can contribute best to the region, nation and world.

Invited speaker, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Parah, Associate Prof. Deptt of Electronics and Communication, University of Kashmir, emphasized the importance of innovation and technology and discussed topics including patent filing and technological growth. He urged the faculty to cultivate innovative thinking among students.

Prof. Mohammad Yousuf, Dean of the School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, stressed on the importance of semiconductor technology and encouraged collaboration among departments for joint research projects.

Asst Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Najar spoke about advances in semiconductor technology, focusing on quantum computing, neuromorphic computing, and emerging materials such as graphene and carbon nanotubes.

Earlier, Asst Prof. Dr. Raja Nisar, emphasized on the significance of the seminar in light of India's advancements in semiconductor technology.

Dr. Rubiya Samad was the rapporteur of the event.

L3 Training: Participants learn through practical demonstrations on Day 3



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MARCH 13

The ongoing L3 Training Programme witnessed significant practical demonstrations and engaging sessions on the third day today.

The training is aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills of the participants.

At the newly completed Water Supply Scheme

(WSS) Rampura, the trainees were shown the newly installed tube with a submersible motor, operated by electric power. This system efficiently pumps 75,000-gallon water to the overhead tank, benefiting the households of Rampura village.

In the afternoon, under the chairmanship of ADDC Samba, Rajinder Singh, a virtual Pani Samiti meet-

ing was held in the Conference Hall Samba. Attendees actively participated in discussions and received valuable insights into the workings of the Pani Samiti.

The day events showcased the dedication and enthusiasm of all participants towards learning and improving community water management practices.

2 Udhampur Hotels achieve Swachhata Green Leaf Rating

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In a significant development towards promoting cleanliness and sustainability, two hotels in Udhampur district have achieved Swachhata Green Leaf Ratings (SGLR) by completing self-certification compliance. This accomplishment highlights their commitment to maintain high standards of hygiene and environmental stewardship.

The self-certification compliance for Swachhata Green Leaf is a rigorous process that requires hotels to adhere to strict guidelines related to cleanliness, waste management, and sustainability practices. By successfully completing this process, these hotels have demonstrated their dedication to provide a clean and eco-friendly environment to their guests.

Hotel Heritage, Patnitop received 3 leaf rating and Subash Hotel Patnitop received 1 leaf rating.

The SGLR is divided into three major categories, in which '5 leaf' certificate is provided to the establishments with best cleanliness, waste management, and sustainability practices followed by '3 leaf' and '1 leaf' rating system.

Director General Rural Sanitation, J&K, Anoo Malhotra said: "The achievement of Swachhata Green Leaf Ratings by these hotels is not only a testament to their commitment to excellence but also a commendable step towards promoting cleanliness and sustainability at tourist hill-station Patnitop in Udhampur district."

Director General Rural Sanitation added that it is hoped that other hotels and establishments in the area will follow suit, contributing to the overall improvement of cleanliness and environmental standards in the area.

SGLR is a groundbreaking move to revolutionize sanitation practices within India's expanding tourism industry, the Department

of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, introduced the SGLR initiative.

The Swachhata Green Leaf Ratings scheme is part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and sanitation across India. The successful completion of the self-certification compliance by these hotels is a testament to the success of this mission and a shining example for others to follow.

Earlier this year, "National Pilot on Swachhata Green Leaf Rating in Hospitality Facilities" was launched at tourist place Pahalgam in district Anantnag of Jammu and Kashmir and Kaziranga National Park, Assam.

Aligned with the Travel for LiFE programme under Mission LiFE, the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating initiative endeavours to promote sustainable tourism practices that harmonize with nature.

ADDC Doda reviews progress under Capex Budget 2023-24

J1 NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MARCH 13

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Doda Pran Singh today chaired a meeting here in the Mini Hall DC office to review progress made on the development works under CAPEX Budget for the year 2023-24 in the district Doda.

The meeting was attended by Chief Plan-

ning Officer Doda, Assistant Commissioner Development Doda, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Education Officer, DYSSO, Executive Engineers of PWD (R&B), Jal Shakti (PHE), JPDCL, I&FC, REW, EO MC and other district officers.

The ADDC Doda directed the officers and executing agencies to ensure completion of all works

within stipulated time. He also stressed for regular field visits to ensure works to be executed on time and under set quality and laid parameters.

He stressed upon the officers to work in coordination for achieving all the set targets on time besides gear up men and machinery for bringing additional vibrancy in the departmental functioning.

Power shutdown

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 13

Superintending Engineer (Distribution)

JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Sarore and its adjoining areas will remain affected on March 14 from 10 am to 2 pm.

DC leads preparations for mega plantation drive at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MARCH 13

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today convened a meeting here to discuss the modalities and arrangements for upcoming mega plantation drive across the district.

During the meeting, the DC instructed key officers including Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Sindh Forest Division; Tehsildar Ganderbal, and officials from the Floriculture department to identify suitable patches of land that could be transformed into Chinar Parks or Deodar parks.

Additionally, the DC emphasized the importance of seeking technical guidance from SKUAST Social Forestry to ensure the effective development of these areas.

All concerned departments were directed to promptly submit reports on identified land parcels



to facilitate comprehensive planning for the plantation drive. The District Floriculture Officer was specifically instructed to devise a detailed plan for plantation in collaboration with other relevant departments. Sufficient equipment and manpower will be mobilized to ensure the success of the plantation days.

Furthermore, the DC provided directives regarding the selection of plant species capable of thriving in the local climatic conditions, ensuring the sustainability of

the plantation efforts. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad; Assistant Commissioner Development, District Floriculture Officer, DFO Sindh Forest Division, Tehsildar Ganderbal, CEO, and other concerned stakeholders.

This proactive initiative underscores the commitment of the Ganderbal administration to environmental conservation and the enhancement of green spaces within the district.

Public Speaking Competition hosted by 52nd CRPF Battalion concludes at Kishtwar



JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MARCH 13

The Public Speaking Competition organized by the 52nd Battalion CRPF Kishtwar culminated today in the Government Degree College Auditorium.

The event graced by Parma Shivan, Commandant-52 Bn CRPF as the Chief Guest and Sumil Parihar from Ashiana as the Special Guest, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 34 students representing various schools and institutions of Kishtwar.

A distinguished panel of jury members, comprising Gaurav Kumar, Assistant Commandant, CRPF, Inspector Vipin Jha, CRPF, Lokesh Sharma,

Civilian, Inspector B.C. Pathak, CRPF evaluated the participants based on the criteria viz Content (10 marks), Language (10 marks), Style (10 marks), Overall Presentation (20 marks)

Each jury member has to award 50 marks to the contestants. The competition offered a range of prizes, including Consolation Prizes of Rs. 500 each awarded to Atika Kousar - Dreamland Academy, Keshwan, Adil Ahmed - Dreamland Academy, Keshwan, Shivan Koul - K.V., Adiba Ara - Islamiya Faridiya, Pearl Bhandari - Divine Light Academy, Vanshika Thakur - Dafodil Public School, Saad Ahmed - Kidzee International School and Kajal

Rani from Nagni Village.

Among the winners, the 3rd Place went to Tavish Mahajan from Kidzee International School, who received a trophy along with Rs. 2000.

The 2nd Place was clinched by Anam Kelam from AL-Hilal Education Academy. Sh was awarded a trophy and Rs. 3000 cash prize.

Divyanshi Sharma, a 6th-grade student from Kishtwar Valley Public School Hidyul secured the 1st position, receiving a trophy along with Rs. 5000.

The event drew an audience of approximately 250 individuals, showcasing the vibrant spirit of public speaking in the community.

FSD Anantnag conducts spot test for artificial colours in watermelons through MFTV

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MARCH 13

Food Safety team Anantnag today tested more than 30 samples of watermelon on spot for artificial colours through Mobile Food Testing Van (MFTV) during intensive market inspection in view of the apprehensions surrounding on social media regarding availability of artificially ripened watermelon in markets during the holy month of Ramadan. However, during on

spot analysis none of the samples showed a positive test for artificial colours.

During the drive all the Food Business Operators dealing with Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Fruit and Vegetable Mandi Ashajipora and Batengoo Anantnag were inspected and were warned regarding any kind of malpractice in the trade.

Moreover, the team procured 25 samples of fresh fruits and vegetables for detailed analysis in the Public Health Labo-

ratory, J&K. In addition mass awareness was provided among consumers for detection of artificial colours through rapid testing at home.

The Food Safety authorities of the district have cautioned that regular inspections will continue in the district to maintain the highest standards of food safety and quality, and FBOs were sternly warned to comply with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006/Rules and Regulations there under.

Ministry of MSME's PM iVshwakarma Awareness programs successfully held across 5 Districts

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 13

In a concerted effort to promote and facilitate the growth of artisans, the Ministry of MSME, through its dedicated Br MSME Development & Facilitation Office Srinagar, orchestrated a series of impactful PM Vishwakarma Programs across five districts.

Under the guidance of Br MSME DFO Srinagar, the programs were successfully conducted in Baramulla, Kupwara, Ganderbal, Bandipora and Srinagar districts, in collaboration with the respective District Administrations.

The events garnered substantial participation, with over 1200 enthusiastic stakeholders and beneficiaries joining.



The Assistant Director MSME, Saheel Alaqband emphasized the primary goal of these programs—to generate awareness about the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, ensuring its reach to the remotest locations, allowing artisans to avail themselves of its myriad benefits.

During the programs, comprehensive information about the scheme's

advantages was disseminated, and handholding support through Common Service Centre (CSC) centers was ensured.

Alaqband highlighted that the PM Vishwakarma Scheme provides artisans with recognition through certificates and identity cards, accompanied by training, toolkit incentive, credit support, digital and marketing support.

Launch of SURAJ Portal by PM: Rajouri District Beneficiaries participate virtually

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 13

District administration Rajouri today hosted live streaming of the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) portal Minister by Prime Narendra Modi.

The portal embodies the commitment of the Government to prioritise the underprivileged and is a transformative initiative, aimed at uplifting the most marginalised segments of society. The beneficiaries from district Rajouri participated virtually in the event

During the ceremony, Prime Minister Modi also distributed Ayushman



Health Cards and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to Safai Mitras under the NAMASTE scheme. This initiative represents yet another step towards safeguarding the health and safety of frontline workers who serve in challenging con-

ditions Among the others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Mohd Jhangir Khan; District Social Welfare Officer, officials and beneficiaries of various government schemes were present on the occasion.

DMO imposes Rs. 9 lakh penalty on excavator for illegal mining at Sahar Khad



JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MARCH 13

District Mineral Officer Kathua (DMO) Rajinder Singh has imposed Rs. 9 lakh penalty on an Excavator involved in illegal mining at Sahar Khad here today.

The excavator was seized from Palan Morh area of Sahar Khad where River Bed Mineral was dug and lifted to Shree

Krishna Stone Crusher without seeking any permission from the mining department.

It was informed that immediately after seizure as per extant rules, the JCB machine was brought to police post and shall be released by Joint Director only after payment of penalty in Directorate office Jammu.

The action was initi-

ated on the complaint of some local people. The DMO informed that there are clear directions from DC Kathua to curb the practices of illegal mining in the district.

He informed that three excavators have already been seized from the same location for excavation of minor minerals in violation of rules of Geology and Mining department.

Block Diwas: Public Outreach programme held at 3 blocks of Kulgam



JI NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, MARCH 06

In order to take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, public outreach programmes as part of weekly Block Diwas were today held at three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, D. H. Pora and Kulgam.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Kulgam, Muhtaq Ahmad presided over a grievance redressal camp at Kulgam block where he listened to grievances and issues of people.

Other officers from District Administration were also present during this Block Diwas. Visiting

delegations from various areas apprised ACR about their issues and put forth their demands.

Officers on the spot responded to the queries and demands of people pertaining to their departments. ACR after giving patient hearing to the public addressed some of the immediate nature of grievances on the spot and assured that the rest of the genuine issues and grievances will be addressed in a time bound manner.

Similarly, concerned officers listened to the people at Devsar and D.H.Pora blocks, and assured of redressing public issues and grievances.

DC conducts comprehensive inspection of Polling Stations at Shopian



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The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today undertook a comprehensive visit to several polling stations in the district including Bohrihlan, Heerpora, Padapawan, Chottipora and Sedow.

The visit was aimed to assess and review the status of assured minimum facilities at these polling stations.

The scrutiny encompassed a thorough examination of various essential facilities for the smooth conduct of the elections.

During the inspection, the DC engaged with the stakeholders to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place to facilitate a smooth and efficient voting process.

Basic amenities such as electricity, water supply,

sanitation, and accessibility for differently-abled voters was assessed at these polling stations.

Expressing satisfaction with the overall preparedness observed during the visit, the DC underscored the importance of ensuring that all polling stations adhere to prescribed standards of ECI to uphold the integrity and fairness of the electoral process.

He reiterated the unwavering commitment of the administration to facilitating free, fair and transparent elections, wherein every eligible citizen can exercise their democratic right with confidence and ease.

The DC was accompanied by SSP, Shopian, Tanushree and Dy. DEO, Jahangir Ahmed besides officers and other officials of election department Shopian.

Market Checking intensified in Handwara town

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To prevent overpricing, illegal profiteering and black marketing by business establishments operating at Handwara town, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather leading an officers' team today conducted a market checking drive across Handwara town.

Market checking team consisting of (EO) MC Handwara, SHO and Food experts conducted the market checking across the Handwara town to ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates as per the quality standards with sufficient availability of consumables. Meanwhile, the ADC stressed on owners of all Business establish-

ments/shopkeepers to maintain quality and standard of essential commodities and ensure all essential commodities are sold at Government approved rates. He asked the Market checking teams to continue the drive across all the markets of the town.

While interacting with the shopkeepers, the ADC asked them to display rate lists at prominent places and adhere to the rates approved and ensure quality and freshness of eatables. The ADC said that encroachment of footpaths and pavements will not be tolerated at any cost, he urged the traders and street vendors to vacate the encroachments of footpaths and pavements so that people especially pedestrians do not face problems.

GDC Kathua hosts live streaming of India Semiconductor Mission and India Techade Program

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KATHUA, MARCH 13

Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua, under the patronage of the College Principal Prof. Seema Mir, hosted a special program to provide a platform to the teachers, students, and volunteers to witness the live streaming of the India Semiconductor Mission and India Techade program.

The event took place in the smart classroom of the Arts Block. The India Semiconductor Mission aims to establish an end-to-end semiconductor



ecosystem, propelling the nation to become a significant player in the global semiconductor industry. NSS volunteers, students, and both teaching and non-teaching staff of the College had the opportunity to witness this groundbreaking program live in the smart classroom. The program, graced by the

presence of senior faculty members including Prof. Sanjay Karlopia, Prof. R K Pandit, Prof. Shiwani Kotwal, Dr. Yashpaul Sharma, Dr. Ram Singh, Dr. Rupinder Kour, Dr. Kulbir Singh, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Dr. Pinki, Dr. Jogbinder Singh, Prof. Manmohan Singh, Dr. Heena, Dr. Divya, and Miss Monika.

EDITORIAL

Rising cancer cases—a cause of worry

Jammu and Kashmir has been recording a steep rise in cancer cases. The latest figures show that around 80,000 cases have been reported in the Union Territory during the past six years, painting a grim picture of the health challenges its residents are grappling with. This alarming trend demands immediate attention and concerted efforts from all stakeholders to tackle the root causes and mitigate the impact on the population. One of the key factors fueling this surge in cancer cases is the adoption of sedentary lifestyles. As modernization seeps into the fabric of society, physical activity has taken a back seat, leading to an array of health issues, including obesity and, consequently, a higher risk of cancer. Unhealthy dietary habits further exacerbate the problem, with the consumption of chemically-infested food items posing a significant threat to public health. The data from the National Cancer Registry Programme Report paints a stark picture, showing a concerning upward trend in cancer cases. The fiscal year 2023-24 witnessed the highest number of cases at 14,112, reflecting a 2.7% increase from the previous year. This continuous rise is deeply concerning and requires urgent intervention. The healthcare infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir is also feeling the strain. Tertiary care institutions like Sher-e-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) and Shri Maharaja Hari Singh (SMHS) Hospital are recording an alarming increase in cancer cases. SMHS Hospital, for instance, reported 188 cancer-related patient deaths and 6379 cancer cases between 2017 and October 2023. SKIMS documented a staggering 44,112 cancer cases from 2013 to 2023, highlighting the magnitude of the issue. One of the major challenges faced by patients is the lack of adequate diagnostic facilities. With only one PET scan machine available in the government sector at SKIMS Soura, accessing timely and accurate cancer diagnostics is a major hurdle for patients at Government Medical College (GMC) Srinagar. This bottleneck needs to be addressed urgently to ensure timely detection and treatment of cancer cases. To combat this crisis, a multipronged strategy is imperative. Promoting physical activity, encouraging healthy eating habits, and raising awareness about the hazards of consuming chemically contaminated food products are crucial steps. The government, healthcare professionals, and civil society must collaborate to implement effective policies and programs to address these issues. Moreover, efforts should be made to identify and address other risk factors contributing to the rising cancer burden, such as aging populations, cigarette use, poor diet, and air pollution. Comprehensive studies and research are needed to understand the specific challenges faced by the population of Jammu and Kashmir and tailor interventions accordingly. In conclusion, the rising cancer crisis in Jammu and Kashmir demands immediate attention and proactive measures from all stakeholders. It is imperative to prioritize public health and work towards creating a healthier and more sustainable future for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Only collective efforts to be put in by the people as well as the authorities concerned can yield the desired results.

Don't fear AI in war, fear autonomous weapons

ANDREAS KLUTH

There's no question that Artificial Intelligence will transform warfare, along with pretty much everything else. But will the change be apocalyptic or evolutionary? For the sake of humanity, let's hope it's the latter.

Technological innovation has always changed warfare. It's been that way since the arrival of chariots, stirrups, gunpowder, nukes and nowadays drones, as Ukrainians and Russians are demonstrating every day.

My favorite example (because it's so simple) is the Battle of Koenigraetz in the 19th century, in which the Prussians defeated the Austrians, thus ensuring that Germany would be united from Berlin rather than Vienna. The Prussians won largely because they had breech-loading guns, which they could rapidly reload while lying on the ground, whereas the Austrians had muzzle-loading rifles, which they reloaded more slowly while standing up.

If AI were akin to that kind of technology, either the US or China, vying for leadership in the field, might hope to gain military preeminence for a fleeting moment. As a military technology, though, AI looks less like breech-loading rifles and more like the telegraph, internet or even electricity. That is, it's less a weapon than an



infrastructure that will gradually transform everything, including fighting.

It's already doing that. America's satellites and reconnaissance drones now capture so much information that no army of humans could analyze all of it fast enough to give the Ukrainians, say, useful tips about Russian troop movements in actionable time. So AI gets that job. In that way, soldiers are like doctors who use AI to guide them through reams of X-ray data.

The next step is to put AI into all sorts of bots that will function, for example, as automated wingmen for fighter pilots. A human will still fly a jet, but she'll be surrounded by a swarm of drones using sensors and AI to spot and — with the pilot's permission — annihilate enemy air defenses or ground troops. The bots won't even care if they expire in the process, if that's their fate. In that way, AI could save lives as

well as cost, and free up humans to concentrate on the larger context of the mission.

The crucial detail is that these bots must still seek human authorization before killing. I don't think we should ever trust an algorithm to have adequate contextual awareness to judge, say, whether people in plain clothes are likely to be civilians or combatants — even humans are notoriously bad at telling the difference. Nor should we let AI assess whether the human toll required for a mission's tactical success is proportionate to the strategic objective.

The existential question is therefore not about AI as such. Paul Scharre at the Center for a New American Security, an author on the subject, argues that it's instead mostly about the degree of autonomy we humans grant our machines. Will the algorithm assist soldiers, off-

cers and commanders, or replace them?

This, too, isn't a wholly new problem. Long before AI, during the Cold War, Moscow built "dead-hand" systems, including one called Perimeter. It's a fully automated procedure to launch nuclear strikes after the Kremlin's human leadership dies in an attack. The purpose is obviously to convince the enemy that even a successful first strike would lead to Mutual Assured Destruction. But one wonders what would happen if Perimeter, which the Russians are upgrading, malfunctions and launches in error.

So the problem is about how autonomously machines do the deciding. In the case of nuclear weapons, the stakes are self-evidently existential. But they're still vertiginously high with all other "lethal autonomous weapons systems" (LAWS), as killer robots are officially

called.

It may be that an algorithm makes good decisions and minimizes death; that's why some air-defense systems already use AI — it's faster and better than people are. But the code may also fail or, more diabolically, be programmed to maximize suffering. Would you ever want Russian President Vladimir Putin or Hamas to deploy killer robots?

The US, as the furthest along technologically, has in some ways led by good example, and in some ways not. In its Nuclear Posture Review in 2022, it said that it will always "maintain a human 'in the loop'" when making launch decisions. Neither Russia nor China has made a similar declaration. Last year, the US also issued a "Political Declaration on the Responsible Military Use of Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy." Endorsed by 52 countries and counting, it calls for

all sorts of "safeguards" on LAWS.

Not for their ban, however. And that's where the US, as so often in international law, could play a more constructive role. The UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons, which seeks to restrict pernicious killing techniques such as landmines, has been trying to prohibit autonomous killer robots outright. But the US is among those opposing a ban. It should instead support one and get China, and then others, to do the same.

Even if the world says no to LAWS, of course, AI will still create new risks. It will accelerate military decisions so much that humans may have no time to evaluate a situation, and in the extreme stress either make fatal mistakes or surrender to the algorithm. This is called automation bias, the psychology at work when, for example, people let their car's GPS guide them into a pond or off a cliff.

But risk has increased along with military innovation ever since Homo sapiens tied stone tips onto spears. And so far we've mostly learned to manage the new perils. Provided we humans, and not our bots, remain the ones to make the final and most existential calls, there's still hope that we'll evolve alongside AI, rather than perish with it.

Prioritising teacher well-being is a must

SAKSHI SETHI

Education since ancient times has never been static. It has always been and is still evolving with advancements in technology, changes in society and new research findings. Gone are the days when teaching was limited to textbooks and traditional methods, and teachers were restricted to a mere 8-2 job. Today, teacher well-being has become a fundamental aspect of the education system, influencing not only the quality of teaching but also the overall effectiveness of the learning environment.

Teachers, catering especially to the current generation, encounter various stressors, including classroom management, grading and meeting diverse student needs, which brings them to

an utmost need of well-being. Teacher well-being is a critical and often overlooked aspect of the education system. The various dimensions of teacher well-being, the challenges faced by educators and the strategies to enhance and safeguard their physical, mental and emotional health directly influence not only their personal lives but also the quality of education they provide to learners.

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of prioritising teacher well-being to ensure a positive and sustainable educational experience. Adopting various mindfulness practices, stress management techniques and accessing mental health resources are some of the crucial components of mental well-being.



Empowering educators is an investment in the future of education and for that, a focus on teacher well-being is essential for both retaining experienced educators and attracting new talent to the profession. There is no denying the fact that high levels of stress and burnout contribute to teacher turnover, which in turn negatively affects the stability and continuity of the learning environ-

ment. Prioritising teacher well-being can enhance job satisfaction and encourage talented individuals to pursue and stay in the teaching profession.

It is only when the educators are physically and mentally well, they can create a positive and engaging learning environment. By fostering a culture that values and supports teachers, providing them with opportunities for professional growth,

offering them flexible work arrangements and promoting a healthy work-life balance, one can unleash the full potential of teaching professionals. Also, recognising and appreciating the hard work and dedication of teachers fosters a positive work culture. Not only this, acknowledging the contributions made by the teacher through awards, celebrations and expressions of gratitude reinforces the value placed on their efforts.

Encouraging a healthy work-life balance through reasonable workload expectations, flexible scheduling and clear boundaries between work and personal time will help prevent burnout. The impact of empowered educators extends far beyond the classroom, shaping the educational landscape and inspiring generations of

learners. Also, professional development ensures that educators are well-informed about the latest trends and best practices in education.

Remember, teacher empowerment is not just a concept. It is a powerful catalyst for educational excellence. By cultivating a culture that values autonomy, professional development, leadership opportunities and a supportive environment, the management running the institutions can empower their teachers to reach their full potential, and in doing so, they contribute to the creation of a vibrant, innovative and inspiring educational landscape that will benefit both the educators and the students/learners alike.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

Balancing consumer needs and farmer welfare

SUDHANSHU PANDEY

The recent flagging off of 100 mobile vans for the sale of Atta under the 'Bharat' brand in New Delhi marked a bold new initiative of the Government to take care of the interests of ordinary people who are consumers of essential commodities. Globally, supply chains remain disrupted, and logistics costs have gone up, pushing food inflation up. The Bharat Atta is available at an MRP not exceeding Rs.27.50/kg at NAFED stores, Kendriya Bhandar, and other cooperative outlets. This is not only much below the market price but will also put pressure on retailers and wholesalers to bring down the general prices, giving relief to all classes of consumers. Indeed, in the last three months, contrary to market expectations, prices of both wheat and atta have either come down or remained stable.

The launch of "Bharat

Atta" is to be seen from the perspective of the wider intent of the Centre to take care of the welfare and interests of its vast population in a period of fluctuating geopolitical situations, which may affect the prices of all such commodities adversely. The alacrity and speed at which the government deals with the ground situation is indeed remarkable.

The launch of retail sales of "The Bharat" brand Atta has increased supplies in the market at affordable rates and is helping in the continued moderation of prices of this important food item. The initiative in the interests of ordinary consumers needs to be seen in the context of efforts of the planners to ensure remunerative MSP to farmers so that their interests are not compromised at the cost of keeping prices low for the sake of consumers. Bharat Atta at Rs.27.50/kg for consumers and an excellent support mechanism for farmers is a unique

management solution to achieve a unique balance between the two sides of the problem. Supply-side economics has been balanced intelligently with demand-side economics.

The challenges of maintaining a fine balance between the needs of the masses in getting food and essential commodities at reasonable rates and the farmers to have a higher income each year have always been cited as mutually competitive sides of this delicate balance. The terms of trade between agriculture and farming goods vis-a-vis other manufacturing goods and other tertiary services have historically been loaded against the farm sector.

The launch of affordable Bharat Atta is to be seen alongside a slew of other anti-inflationary measures like ensuring the availability of Bharat Dal (Chana dal) through the physical and/or retail outlets of 3 agencies at Rs.60 per kg for a 1kg

pack and Rs.55 per kg for a 30 kg pack, onions at Rs.25 per kg. FCI is also offering 4 LMT of rice for sale in the weekly e-auctions to increase the availability of rice in the domestic market. FCI also offered rice for sale at Rs.29.00-29.73/kg by the prices fixed by the Government as a signal for the market.

Besides such measures, the Centre has done well to withstand pressures from international powers, global trade institutions, millers, and export lobbies while introducing administrative pressure in restricting exports of wheat and some varieties of rice to ensure sufficient domestic availability of those commodities. The government has also imposed limits on the stock holding of wheat by different categories of entities like wholesalers/traders, processors, retailers, and big chain retailers to prevent hoarding.

To take effective anti-infla-

tionary remedial measures, the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential food commodities through 545 price monitoring centres set up in 34 States/UTs. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analysed for taking appropriate decisions for the release of stocks from the buffer to cool down prices, imposition of stock limits to prevent hoarding, changes in trade policy instruments like rationalisation of import duty, changes in import quota, restrictions on exports of the commodity, etc.

The Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) set up by the Centre has been extensively used to check the volatility in the prices of agricultural commodities. Currently, under the PSF, a dynamic buffer stock of pulses (Tur, Urad, Moong, Masur, and Gram) and onion is being maintained. Onion prices in India have always

been a politically sensitive matter. To check the volatility in prices of onions, the Government maintains an onion buffer under the PSF. The buffer size has been increased year after year from 1.00 LMT in 2020-21 to 2.50 LMT in 2022-23.

To augment domestic availability and moderate the prices of pulses, the import of tur and urad has been kept under the 'Free Category' till 31.03.2024, and import duty on masur has been reduced to zero till 31.03.2024. Import duty of 10 per cent on tur has been removed to facilitate smooth and seamless importation. Bharat Atta and many such interventions like the regular sale of wheat by the Food Corporation of India demonstrate the strong will of the Government of India to take people-centric decisions swiftly and proactively when it's needed the most.

(The writer is a former food secretary; views are personal)

3 Days Training programme on OECD Principles in GLP concludes at IIM

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A three days Skill Development Program on OECD Principles in GLP organized by CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine Jammu which saw participation of more than 70 Scientists, faculty members, technocrats and researchers from Pharmacology background concluded here today. Dr Zabeer Ahmed, Director CSIR-IIMM was the chief guest at the event while as Dr SG Ramachandra, Chief Research Scientist, IIS Bangalore and Dr PV Mohanan, Scientist G & Head, Toxicology SCTIMST Kerala were the distinguished key resource persons. Dr Zabeer in his address congratulated participants on successful completion of Training program and appreciated the participants for their dedication and diligent demonstration throughout the program. He also said



that CSIR-IIMM remains dedicated to advancing scientific excellence and promoting best practices in laboratory operations. He said that the successful conclusion of the Skill Development Program on OECD Principles in Good Laboratory Practice underscores the institute's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of quality, integrity, and professionalism in scientific research and develop-

ment. Dr Ahmed during his address said that GLP principles serve as a cornerstone for ensuring the quality, integrity, and reliability of data generated from laboratory studies, thereby contributing to global harmonization in regulatory compliance and facilitating international trade. He underscored the importance of continuous learning and adherence to internationally recognized standards

in advancing scientific research and innovation. During the three days program, participants underwent training sessions and practical exercises meticulously designed to enhance their understanding and application of OECD principles in GLP. On Day one, participants were given an overview of OECD principles of GLP Terminology and also Test facility requirements were discussed in detail.

The participants were also given insights on Test facility management and standard operating procedures in GLP. On day two, apart from technical sessions, participants were given lectures in GLP Data integrity and Management, characterization of Test and Reference items. The participants were also given practical sessions for study plan/study report. On day Three, Participants were given on hands training in various facets of GLP.

The workshop was conducted under overall supervision of Er Abdul Rahim, Chief Scientist & Head, RMBD & IST Division. Earlier Dr Ramajayan Pandiyan, Scientist presented a brief report of the training program and its outcomes. Dr Gurleen Kour, Scientist conducted proceedings of valedictory function while as Dr Nasir Ul Rasheed, Senior Scientist presented formal vote of thanks.

Samsung launches new range of '11 Kg AI Ecobubble' fully automatic front load washing machines

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Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today unveiled a new range of AI Ecobubble fully automatic front load washing machines. This new range of washing machines is the first in the 11 kg segment to come with advanced features like AI Wash, Q-Drive and Auto Dispense that let you do your laundry 50% faster, offer 45.5% better fabric care and are up to 70% more energy-efficient.

AI Ecobubble is a perfect blend of Samsung's Q-Bubble and QuickDrive technologies that make washing more intuitive and less time consuming. While Q-Bubble™ technology combines dynamic drum rotation with additional water shots to create more abundant and powerful bubbles for faster detergent penetration, QuickDrive reduces wash time by up to 50%. These features make the performance of AI Ecobubble improved and sustainable since it contributes significantly to water and energy conservation.

The new range, with Auto Dispense and AI Wash, is highly intuitive and smart. The AI Wash feature senses the weight of the load and optimizes the amount of water and detergent required. It detects the softness of the fabric and adjusts the wash and spin times to protect it.

"At Samsung, we focus on introducing technology that is not only intuitive but also sustainable. We have designed the new range keeping in mind the evolving needs of diverse consumers. Our first range in the 11 kg fully automatic front load washing machines segment is highly energy-efficient. Features like auto dispense, AI wash and Q-Drive, contribute in making washing an easier and simpler chore," said Pushp Baishakhia, Senior Director, Digital Appliances Business, Samsung India.

"We are confident that through our new range of AI Ecobubble washing machines, Samsung will elevate the lifestyle and add value to lives of today's consumers," he said.

Modern Indian con-

sumers are seeking laundry solutions that would reduce number of washing cycles, save water and have sufficient space for heavy laundry like beddings/curtains etc. The newly launched AI Ecobubble range of washing machines will provide consumers the convenience and wash care they need for the laundry.

The new range of AI Ecobubble washing machines can be monitored and controlled anytime and anywhere through the Samsung SmartThings App on your smartphone. These come with personalized features such as Habit Learning and Informative Display that remember a consumer's usage habits, suggest cycles and display timely information. Samsung SmartThings offers additional wash programmes including advice on cycles, planning and troubleshooting. It also automatically selects the perfect drying course*.

The new line-up also comes equipped with a unique SpaceMax technology that creates more space inside without increasing external dimensions.

Congress criticizes Harshdev's detention during ECI visit

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Congress today reacted strongly to the detention of Mr. Harshdev Singh in Jammu today during the visit of ECI team here.

Reacting to the situation AICC General Secretary Incharge communications tweeted "The ECI has refused to meet INDIA parties on the issue of 100% VVPATs. It is a constitutional body but its independence has been severely eroded since 2014. Its behavior in Jammu is not surprising but is shocking nonetheless."

Earlier JK Congress has strongly condemned the illegal detention of Senior political leader of J&K and former Minister Mr. Harshdev Singh in Jammu today on the day of the visit of Election Commission of India to Jammu today.

Harshdev Singh and team of senior leaders of the party was invited to meet the Commission in Srinagar Yesterday but were denied meeting there too. Today again when team of his party under his leadership tried to submit memorandum to the Commission, they were detained by the police in Jammu.

It is very unfortunate and undemocratic that this happened during the visit of the Election Commission here.

The ECI is a constitutional body to oversee the superintendence, control & conduct of free, fair & transparent elections but it failed to meet the INDIA block parties over the issue of 100% VVPAT for the past several months, which is highly questionable & regrettable, said Ravinder Sharma, Sr. Vice President & Incharge Medias.

Kavinder slams Rahul Gandhi for using hollow slogans to hoodwink people

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Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Wednesday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for using hollow slogans to hoodwink the masses.

In a statement issued to media persons, the BJP stalwart said that after losing ground across the country, Rahul is promising stars and moon to people in run up to the Lok Sabha polls as he vowed to give Rs 1 lakh to poor women on an annual basis.

Kavinder said that such bogus assurances are bound to face people's rejection because hardly there are any takers for Congress' lies as people still remember the cruel indifference which the



oldest party had shown to them in its decades' long rule in the country. He said that Rahul Gandhi finding takers for his party is a difficult task as Congress has long lost its credibility after its leadership stooped low for satiating their personal vested interests.

Kavinder categorically said that nationalist BJP has accomplished so much in making the country self-reliant and development-

which the 'corrupt' Congress couldn't achieve in its over 70 years of rule. He said that women empowerment became a reality only under the Modi Government because during Congress' time, such issues even failed to find place in deliberations and discussions. The former Deputy Chief Minister asserted that people raising Modi-Modi slogans in Rahul's rallies is the testimony to the fact that Congress has no takers and BJP is the first choice of all. He also cautioned the people not to fall prey to Congress' unrealistic promises because it is not wise to believe in the party which never paid heed to people's concerns despite remaining in power for decades together.

CME on "Retinopathy of Prematurity" at Ascoms Hospital



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The scientific lecture on Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) was organized by the Department of Ophthalmology at Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences & Hospital to create awareness about the disease which is gaining significance in presentation among the new born(s) in a great way. Among the Speakers were eminent Retina Specialist of the country and Director (Quality Assurance) LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. The others who spoke on the occasion were Dr. Eshita Gupta, Dr. Yugindu Raizada who gave an overview of the disease and its prevalence. Dr. Jalali while delivering

the key note address gave an insight on Retinopathy of Prematurity, the incidence of which is on an increase due to lack of awareness leading to blindness among children. She laid emphasis on a joint and collaborative project involving the Ophthalmologists and Pediatricians of the Hospital to work together to overcome this fast growing disease and thereby preventing blindness in children. Dr. Ashok Sharma Prof. & Head Ophthalmology Govt. Medical College, Jammu while speaking on the occasion described the ever increasing incidence of ROP in population of Jammu and Kashmir as a morbidities hazard in years to come. Dr. Pavan Malhotra, the Chief Guest on the occasion while

speaking described Dr. Subhadra Jalali as the pioneer in the field of Retinopathy of Prematurity and appreciated her efforts for creating awareness among the rural folklore and preventing blindness in infants.

Dr. Jalali, the daughter of the soil was felicitated on the occasion by the Chief Guest in presence of the Organizing Secretary and Head of the Department Ophthalmology Dr. Renu Hashia and Dr. Ashok Sharma Others who attended in addition to the faculty of staff and ASCOMS were Dr. Manisha Sethi Prof. & Head Ophthalmology, Govt. Medical College, Kathua, Dr. Bhavani Raina Additional Prof. Ophthalmology All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jammu.

Indian Army Organised Amity Meeting at Kulali

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Indian Army conducted an 'Amity Meeting' on 13 Mar 2024.

The said meeting was organised with Sarpanch, Panch, Nambardar, Chowkidar and other residents of the villages of Upper Murrh & Kulali.

The meeting was aimed at engaging various local leaders and villagers with Indian Army towards the spirit of oneness. Various measures to build confidence and strengthen coordination between AWAM and Army were also discussed.

In addition, the residents were made aware of the prevailing security situation in the area. The attendees were informed about Agniveer selection test under Agnipath Scheme and various future projects under Sadhbhavana planned by the Indian Army so that the maximum population can be benefited from the same.

Indian Army also enquired about their general well-being and noted of their grievances.

Manjit Singh seeks developmental overhaul in Samba



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VIJAYPUR, MAR 13

Expressing concern over slow pace of development, Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh has sought developmental overhaul in Samba District.

As per a press release, a meeting was held at Vijaypur under the leadership of Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh in which Party leaders, and prominent people participated. During the meeting, the

Party leaders held threadbare discussion regarding the unpopular Govt in Jammu and Kashmir being run by the bureaucracy with connection with the public concerns.

"The public issues have largely remained unresolved that need urgent attention of the authorities regarding the growing concerns of underdevelopment, unemployment, and impartial distribution of funds in various areas that has discriminated against the people of different regions," he said,

while expressing commitment of the Party to ensure equitable development and unity.

He said that the authorities have failed to do justice with the people and the grievances of the masses have remained unresolved giving rise to the feeling of alienation without an elected Govt.

To address the growing complexity of issues, he said the Election Commission of India should hold the legislative assembly as well as Parliamentary elections together in J&K.

Shiv Sena accuses ECI of step-motherly treatment, submitted memorandum

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Shiv Sena (UBT) accused the step-motherly treatment to the team of top officials of the Election Commission who visited Jammu and Kashmir in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections for not invited and met despite asking for time.

In a press conference held at the party's state office here today, state chief Manish Sahni said that in view of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, top officials of the Election Commission are on a three-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to meet representatives of various political parties.

After meeting the representatives of various political parties in Kashmir last day. Reaching Jammu, a request was sent on their behalf, which was rejected outright and they were



asked to present their views through a memorandum only.

Sahni said that statehood should be restored before the Lok Sabha elections, the democratic process should be restored at the Municipal Corporation and Panchayat level including the Assembly earlier even before elections. Along with this, adequate security should

be provided to the opposition leaders, especially Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders. Sahni said that a memorandum has been sent to the Election Commission through mail regarding all the above demands.

Also suggested that all parties and independent candidates should also be included in the meetings to be held regarding elections.

Indian Army Distributed Solar Lights at Sadda, Keshri Hill, Rajouri

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Households in remote Sadda and Kesari Hill village in Rajouri, lacked basic amenity like electricity. Solar lights were found to be viable solution for these remote areas.

Due to simplicity, these solar lights can be installed even in harsh climatic conditions. Indian Army with an aim of improving the living conditions of Gujjar & Bakarwals of remote village of Sadda and Kesari Hill, installed solar lights. This act generated a spirit of goodwill for Army amongst the residents. The inhabitants whole heartedly expressed their gratitude and acknowledged the role of Indian Army in establishing lasting peace in the region besides lauding the efforts made by Indian Army in fulfilling the aspirations of these under developed villages.

Rajdhani College organizes Two Day Int'l Conference on Digital Transformation Towards Sustainable Development in Future

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NEW DELHI, MAR 13

Two day International Conference on "Digital Transformation Towards Sustainable Development in Future, Vision: Viksit Bharat @ 2047" was organised by The Research Affairs Committee, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, a pivotal event that convened global thought leaders, policymakers, and innovators to explore the intersection of digital technologies and sustainable development in shaping the future.

The conference commenced with an illuminating inaugural session that was chaired by Prof. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Chairperson, Governing Body, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi. The opening remarks were given by Prof. Rajender Kumar (Convener, Research Affairs Committee, Rajdhani College) and was inaugurated by Prof. Rajesh Giri, Principal, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi who welcomed all the dignitaries as well as the paper presenters & participants in the International Conference. The inaugural session featured keynote addresses by the chief guest Prof. Ajay Kumar Singh, Senior Professor and Head & Dean, Department of Commerce, Faculty of Commerce & Business, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi and also by eminent speakers



from diverse backgrounds Professor Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Director, The Indian Institute of Plantation Management in Bangalore (IIPMB), Prof. Bhimaya Metri, Director IIM Nagpur, Prof. R.K.Singh Former Head and Dean, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Prof. Mathew Hibberd, Director, Institute of Media and Journalism, University Svezzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, Prof. Cosmin Sabo, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania and Prof. Pasquale Daponte, Department of Engineering, University of Sannio, Italy emphasizing the transformative potential of digital technologies in accelerating sustainable development efforts. Speakers highlighted the role of artificial intelligence, blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), and other emerging technologies in revolutionizing sectors such as energy, agriculture, healthcare, and

education. Throughout the conference, participants engaged in enriching discussions and interactive sessions exploring various dimensions of digital transformation and sustainability. Parallel tracks delved into topics such as smart cities, digital agriculture, e-governance, digital finance, and ethical considerations in the digital era. A highlight of the conference was the thought-provoking technical sessions, where paper presenters, experts and stakeholders deliberated on critical issues such as digital inclusion, data privacy, cybersecurity, and the ethical implications of technology adoption. Participants exchanged insights, best practices, and challenges, paving the way for collaborative solutions and partnerships to address complex sustainability issues in the digital age. There were seven technical sessions in the two-day conference. The total of 95 papers were

received out of which 95 papers were selected for the presentation in seven Technical Sessions. In addition to formal sessions, the conference also featured "Special International Session". The chief guest of the session was Prof. Andy Wilkins, Director, Leading Systems Innovation in Healthcare, Imperial College, London. The guests of Honor were Prof. Melissa Vasi, FRSA, IU International University of Applied Sciences, Bavaria, Germany and Prof. K. Srinivasan, University of Technology & Applied Science, AI-Khuwair, Muscat, Oman. Eminent speakers motivated participants to explore cutting-edge innovations, forge new connections, and catalyze collaborative initiatives. Dr. Saima, moderator of the session, along with eminent speakers inspired the participants to explore cutting-edge innovations, create new connections and inspire collaborative initiatives.

The valedictory session of the Two Day's International Conference was marked by the presence of its Chief Guest, Prof. Krishna Kant Dave, President (Vice Chancellor), Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research University, Udaipur and Guests of Honor, Prof. Gagan Kukreja, Department of Accounting, College of Business, Administration, University of Bahrain, Bahrain and Prof. Amit Kumar Singh, Department of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi emphasizing the importance of Digitalization in our lives and action at the nexus of digital innovation and sustainability, laying the groundwork for a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable future for all. The Patron of the Conference, Prof. Rajesh Giri, applauded the entire organizing committee for the successfully concluding the two day's international conference. The Convenor of the Conference Prof. Rajender Kumar presented the Valedictory address and also announced the Best Paper Award for each Technical Sessions. The summarized report of Two Day's International Conference was also being read and the session was ended with vote of thanks. by the Co-Convenors of the Conference Dr. Bhoomika Garg and Dr. Laxmi, Assistant Professor, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi.

CAA does not entail taking away anyone's job or citizenship: Sat

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 13

Professional Cell of BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit organized "Viksit Bharat Modi Ki Guarantee" program at ICAI Bhawan, Canal Road, Jammu. A large number of people including Chartered Accountants, Advocates, Doctors and several others attended the program and gave their suggestions for BJP's poll manifesto. The program was mainly addressed by Former State President BJP and Ex Minister Sat Sharma (CA). SK Sharma Convenor of Professional Cell organized the program. Speaking on the occasion, Sat Sharma said that PM Modi has widened the space and scope for emancipation of everyone across the country. He said through various schemes, the PM has ensured a guarantee that the PM is dedi-



cated to bring a change in the lives of common man. He is dedicated to not only the development of the country but he ensured that the lifestyle of each and every person should change, Sharma added. Talking about CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act) in the program, Sharma said that CAA does not entail taking away anyone's job or citizenship. He stressed that CAA exclusively concerns persecuted minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghani-

stan and does not affect Indian citizens in any way. Sharma also stated PM Modi is working hard to benefit people of our country and the opposition chooses to criticize him which is very unfortunate. Several others also spoke on the occasion and gave their valuable suggestions for BJP's poll manifesto. CA Vineet Kohli conducted the proceedings of the program and vote of thanks was presented by CA VK Kapoor.

GDC, Kathua starts its seven days special winter camp



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KATHUA, MAR 13

Under the patronage of Principal Prof Seema Mir Gdc Kathua, NSS units of Govt. Degree College, Kathua started its seven days special winter camp. Today's Incharge Principal Prof Sanjay Karlupia inaugurated the camp by traditional lamp lighting in the presence of other senior faculty members. This camp will be organized continuously for next six days at village and panchayat Saar Logate Kathua. Program commenced with a traditional lamp lighting followed by Sarasvati Vandana. NSS Programme officer Prof.Kulbir Singh presented formal welcome note on this occasion. The Programme Schedule of the camp was read out by Senior most Vishal Gupta NSS volunteer. On this occasion, Incharge Principal of the college declared the camp open and he also advised the volunteers to imbibe the feeling of social service in them so that they can play an important role in Nation building. Dr Ram Singh Head Department of Education and Dr Jogbinder Singh Physical

Director Sports and Education also addressed the volunteers and extended their heartfelt greetings for the successful completion of the camp. They also shared their experience of NSS as Prog officer and volunteer. Cultural performances were also presented by Senior Most Volunteer Minakshi Bakshi. NSS volunteers also presented NSS Song on this occasion. The vote of thanks was given by Dr Pinki NSS Prog Officer. Later NSS volunteers conducted cleanliness drive in the campus premises. Volunteers collected plastic and polythene waste and dispose off in the proper place. Senior most faculty members Prof Roop Krishan Pandita, Prof Shiwani Kotwal, Dr Yashpaul Sharma, Dr Ram Singh, Dr Rupinder Kour, Dr Gotam Singh, Prof Manmohan Singh, Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Dr Gotam Singh, Dr Divya, Dr Heena and Miss Monika graced the occasion with their benign presence. Proceedings of the ceremony was conducted by senior most NSS Volunteer Miss Alieshea Rajput and Vishal Gupta.

Empowering J&K students: Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha continues scholarship initiative

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JAMMU, MAR 13

Under the esteemed leadership of President Sh. Pavitar Singh, Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, has disbursed scholarships totaling Rs Fifty Thousand to deserving students from the Economically Weaker Section, continuing its commitment to support education and upliftment within the community. Ashish Katoch, Organising Secretary of Shree Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha, Jammu and Kashmir, emphasized, "The Sabha is

dedicated to the welfare and brighter future of the Rajput Community in J&K." "To date, the Sabha, has distributed a commendable sum of Rs Eleven Lakh Twelve Thousand (Rs 11,12,000) in educational scholarships, benefiting numerous students of the Rajput community and empowering them to pursue their academic aspirations, particularly those from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS)," he added. The generous financial support, made possible through the contributions of Four Hundred Eighty (480) members of the Rajput com-

munity, underscores the collective commitment to nurturing and supporting the educational endeavors of fellow Rajput community members. In addition to its scholarship initiative, SAKRS J&K provides financial assistance under various welfare initiatives, addressing the diverse needs of the community. A total disbursement of Rs Twenty Lakh Ninety-Four Thousand (Rs 20,94,000) has been made under education/sports scholarships, marriage assistance, widow pension, family pension, old age pension, and other funds.

UT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN ASSAR

Advertisement Notice No. 01 -of 2024 Dated: 07-03-2024
Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker) of POSHAN Project Assar
Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated: 30.11.2022
2. Government Order No.103-JK (SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023

Approval has been accorded by Mission Directorate Poshan Jammu & Kashmir vide No:-SMD/ICDS/Recruitment/2022-23/7639-44, Dated:06-03-2024 endorsement No. POD/Poshan/Recruitment/2024/5542-49 dated 06-03-2024 for filling up of vacancy of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker) in Anganwadi Centre of POSHAN Project ASSAR, as per the details given below:

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	Assar	AWW	01

Applications are invited in the prescribed Performa in Annexure "B" from the eligible female candidates for engagement as Anganwadi Worker for aforementioned post of Anganwadi Centre. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

- Date of commencement of submission of application : 12-03-2024.
- Last date for submission of applications: 26-03-2024.
- Annexure A- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection

Vacancy of Sangini (Anganwadi Worker):
ANNEXURE-A

S. No	Name of the District	Name of the Poshan Project	Name of Panchayat	No. of Panch Ward/Municipal ward	Name of Anganwadi Centre
1	Doda	Assar	Kotli	W.No. 07	Sharore-A

Eligibility Criteria : As per Govt. order No. 222 -JK (SWD) of 2022 Dated 30-11-2022 for Recruitment of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers) .

- Criteria for Selection of Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers):
- Women candidate in the age group of 18-37 years as on 01-01-2024 shall be considered for the post.
 - Candidate should be a domicile of UT of J&K .
 - The candidate should be a resident of the electoral ward where AWC is situated. Name in the voter list for the ward shall be considered as the proof of resident of the candidate. In case the name of the candidate appears in voter list along with her parent's then she must provide certificate of being unmarried issued by the concerned Tehsildar. Wherever, there is any dispute as to residence for any reason, then a resident proof certifying the ward of residence from the concerned SDM/ACR shall be considered.
 - Minimum qualification for Anganwadi worker shall be 10+2 and maximum graduation.
 - Weightage shall be given on the basis of marks obtained in 10+2 and selection shall be done purely on merit basis and no other criteria to be considered.
 - In case eligible candidate is available within the family of retiring AWW/AWH the said candidates shall qualify for additional two percent points.
 - In case of tie in merit of the eligible candidate, candidate with higher age, will be preferred.
 - Candidates with qualification higher than graduation shall not be considered.

HOW TO APPLY:-
The application forms complete in all respects along with self-attested copies of the following documents to be submitted in the office of Child Development Project Officer Assar by personal delivery or registered post against proper receipt. The incomplete forms shall be rejected without any notice and the candidates shall have no right to claim for candidature.

Documents Required:

- Academic Qualification certificate with Marks sheet (Matric/12th/Graduation)
- Date of Birth certificate
- Domicile Certificate
- Electoral panchayat ward Voter list with ward certificate from BDO concerned.
- Un-married Certificate from concerned Tehsildar (in case of unmarried)
- Affidavit in the prescribed format duly attested by 1st class Judicial Magistrate.
- Aadhar Card/Voter Id/2 passport size photograph.
- Self addressed envelope with postage stamp of Rs.5/-affixed.

The candidate who are supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, as well as candidate who is shortlisted will be required to appear before the Document Verification committee along with original documents; in case of failure the committee shall take decision which shall be final.

Note: No Application form shall be accepted after the expiry of the last date i.e:26-03-2024

No:Poshan/Asr/Estt-24/Adv. Notice/852-63
Dated:07.03.2024
DIP/J-16018/23
Date:13-3-24

Child Development Project Officer,
Poshan Assar
(Member Secretary Selection Committee)

Affidavit

I _____ D/o/w/o/wd/o _____

_____ R/o _____

_____ do hereby solemnly affirm as under:

- That I belong to the Electoral Ward no. _____ Panchayat _____ for which application of Sangini/ Sahayika is invited.
- That all documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation my candidature may be cancelled and liable to action under law.
- That if at any later stage, it is found that I am in possession of qualification higher than the prescribed qualification, my engagement shall be liable for cancellation without any notice.
- That I have gone through the new HR Policy no.222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated:30-11-2022 and is well versed with all its salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to me in case of selection as Sangini(AWW)/Sahayika(AWH).
- That the contents of the application given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed.
- In case above statements found incorrect, the selection committee shall have the right to reject the application form without any notice.

Signature of Applicant

ANNEXURE-B

FORMAT OF APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF _____
Advertisement Notice No. _____ Date _____

- Post for which applied _____
- Name of the Poshan Project _____
- Name of AWC _____
- Name of the Candidate in Block Letters _____
- Father's Name in Block Letters _____
- Marital Status: Married/Un-Married _____
- Husband's name in Block Letters _____
- Place of permanent Residence: Ward No _____
Revenue village _____ Panchayat _____
Tehsil _____ District Doda.
- Address for correspondence: _____
- Date of Birth DD _____ MM _____ YY _____
- Age as on 01-01-2024: _____
- Academic Qualification _____

Paste your passport size colour photograph duly attested by Gazetted officer

Examination Passed	Board	Year of passing	Marks Obtained	Out Of Max. Marks	Percentage

Xiii) Contact no: _____ Email _____

Xiv) Do the candidate belong to retiring AWW/AWH (Yes/No).

Xv) Documents Attached: _____

Sig. of the Candidate

Date _____

Rajnath clears proposal to expand NCC with additional three lakh cadet vacancies

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NEW DELHI, MAR 13

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for expansion of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) with the addition of three lakh cadet vacancies. This expansion is expected to cater to the increasing demand for the NCC from educational institutions

throughout the country. From just 20,000 cadets in 1948, the NCC will now have a sanctioned strength of 20 lakh cadets on its roles making it the largest uniformed youth organisation of the world. With NCC being offered as an elective subject as per the National Education Policy 2020, the expansion will be a step towards meeting the aspira-



tions of the youth towards playing a pivotal role as future leaders of the nation. The far reaching impact of this expansion will lead to proportionate distribu-

tion of vacancies across all States & Union Territories and would reduce the waiting list of institutions aspiring for the NCC. The expansion plan encompasses the establishment of four new Group Headquarters and the addition of two new NCC units. An important facet of the expansion plan involves the proposal for employment

of ex-servicemen as NCC instructors thus leveraging their skills and vast experience. This noble initiative will ensure quality training to the NCC cadets and would generate employment opportunities for the veterans. The expansion signifies a dedication to shaping future leaders embodying discipline, leadership

and service. The NCC aims to make a transformative impact, fostering an environment where youth meaningfully contribute towards nation building. The initiative will expand the base of motivated, disciplined and patriotic youth of the 'Amrit Peddhi' who will contribute towards achieving the goal of 'Viksit Bharat'.

BJP works to strengthen Nation, serve society: Ashok Koul



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JAMMU, MAR 13

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir addressed a party worker meeting at BJP headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

J&K BJP Treasurer Prabhakar Singh Jamwal and Office Secretary Tilak Raj Gupta were also present in the meeting.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, asked the party workers to increase their field working especially those who have recently joined the party. He insisted that in Jammu & Kashmir, the endeavours of Modi government have opened higher education institutes, medical colleges, 2 AIIMS, upgraded roads, railway network and airports. He said that justice brought to all the communities of J&K has given birth to unparalleled support for BJP in the hearts of people. He asked the party workers present in the meeting to visit every house in their respective areas and ask the people to vote for BJP to continue the spree of development

in the 3rd term of Modi government.

Ashok Koul, discussed the numerous ways to extend the base of the party at the ground level and asked them to motivate the like-minded persons to join the party and serve the society in a better way. He stressed that the BJP was founded on very strong principles to work to strengthen the Nation and serve the Society and in order to achieve this aim we need to work day and night and ensure that the party emerges as the clean winner in the upcoming Parliamentary elections. Romi Khajuria, Sagar Chand (Retd. Tehsildar), Khushi Ram (ex-Serviceman), Hari Singh, Naresh Khajuria, Abhay Khajuria (Ex-BDC), Tara Chand, Karan Chand, Sanjeev Sethi (Businessman), Som Dutt Sharma, Kamal Dev Sharma, Chatan Verma, Harish Verma, Ram rattan Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Yog Raj Sharma, Raj Kumar Khajuria, Krishna Devi, Shoba Devi, Satya Parkash, Dewan Chand, Ravinder Singh and Suresh Kumar were amongst the prominent present in the meeting.

National President of SSH, Pawan Gupta arrives Jammu

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JAMMU, MAR 13

National President of Shiv Sena Hindustan, Pawan Gupta, National General Secretary, Krishna Sharma and Hemraj Goyal, National Advisor today reached Jammu in connection with forthcoming Parliamentary elections. Earlier they were given a grand welcome in Kunjwani led by Jammu and Kashmir Shiv Sena Hindustan President Pandit Rajesh Kesri along with other Shiv Sainiks . Pawan Gupta addressing media persons on the occasion, said that Shiv Sena Hindustan is contesting Parliamentary elections in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. In this connection, Gupta reached Jammu to con-



duct meeting of the working committee of the party tomorrow in which the preparations in the elections will be discussed and the party will decide the names of those who want to contest the elections on 14th March at Press Club Jammu. Working committee meeting will be held

at 11 AM tomorrow. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Ganesh Chaudhary, Nekram, Rajkumar Baba, Sanjeev Sharma, Deshraj, Rakesh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Sonia, Darshana Devi, Sunita Devi and dozens of Shiv Sainiks .

J-K Police launches awareness programme on three new criminal laws in Bhandarwah

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BHADERWAH, MAR 13

The Jammu and Kashmir Police organised a one day legal awareness camp on the three new criminal laws which included the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam -- which will replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872, respectively. The aim of awareness camp cum debates was to enlighten the general public, especially students and women. Additional Supdt of Police Bhaderwah Vinod Sharma, SDPO Bhaderwah Dr Waseem, SHO Bhaderwah Sandeep Parihar, Inspector Amrit Katoch from Doda Police, Advocate Mohd Majid Malik, Principal GIPS Bhaderwah Vijay Charak and Educationist Arif Rana was also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Resource Person Advocate Mohd Majid Malik who is also Penal Lawyer of District



Legal Services Authority Bhandarwah informed that new laws include provisions which ensure that not only the accused but the victims of crimes and the society in general receive justice, and thrust has been given to modernise the investigation process by using technology. He said these laws have provisions to tackle terrorism and organised crimes more effectively and incorporate advancements in modern and scientific technology to improve the quality of investigation, besides timeline trials. Additionally, the laws have provisions for increased punishment in certain offences. The new criminal laws have introduced new offences, including offences against the state; organised crime; and offences related to

terrorism, mob-lynching, non-reporting of rash and negligent acts, snatching, ATM theft, Ponzi schemes, and question paper leaks, according to Advocate Mohd Majid Malik. The laws expand the definition of documents to include electronic or digital records, e-mails, server logs, computers, smartphones, laptops, SMS, websites, locational evidence, mails, messages on devices. A provision has been made to digitise the entire process from FIR to case diary, case diary to charge sheet and charge sheet to judgment, he added. Advocate Mohd Majid Malik said videography has been made compulsory at the time of search and seizure that will not part of the case and will not implicate innocent citizens.

Holashtak to begin on Mar 17, ends on Mar 25: Rohit Shastri

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JAMMU, MAR 13

Holashtak lasts from the eighth date of Falgun Shukla Paksha to Falgun Purnima. Regarding Holashtak, Shri Kaliakh Jyotish and Vedic Institution Trust President Jyotishacharya Mahant Rohit Shastri explained that Holashtak commences eight days before the festival of Holi. This year, Holashtak will begin on Sunday, March 17th, and conclude on Monday, March 25th. During Holashtak days, you can engage in activities such as bhajans, kirtans, and puja readings. No restrictions are placed on these activities, and based on the advice of a knowledgeable astrologer, you can perform remedies for peace of your adverse planets. However, any auspicious events like wed-



dings, foundation laying ceremonies, housewarming, or mundan are prohibited. According to religious scriptures, if a person performs any auspicious work during Holashtak, they may face various difficulties.

According to religious texts, King Hiranyakashipu wanted to distance his son Prahlad from devotion to Lord Vishnu. Despite his father's wishes, devotee Prahlad continued worshipping and reciting prayers to

Lord Vishnu. Angered by this, King Hiranyakashipu subjected Prahlad to severe tortures from the eighth date of Falgun month to Purnima. He inflicted agony akin to death upon him. There were also several attempts made to kill Prahlad. Desperate to eliminate Prahlad, King Hiranyakashipu assigned his sister Holika the task. Holika had received a boon that she would not burn in fire. She took Prahlad on her lap and sat in the fire, but Lord Vishnu saved his devotee. Holika burned to death in that fire, but Prahlad was untouched by the flames. Prahlad's devotion was so strong that Lord Vishnu protected his life each time. The events that unfolded with devotee Prahlad during these eight days are the reason for Holashtak.

Sanskrit is key to human devp: Prof. Ram Kumar Sharma



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JAMMU, MAR 13

One-day Workshop on the subject of "Sara Manak Sanskrit" was held on Wednesday under the joint aegis of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu and Indian Language Committee, Ministry of Education, Government of India. The chief guest was Senior Prof. Ram Kumar Sharma of Central Sanskrit University, Jaipur campus. He said that the glory of Sanskrit is spread all over the world. It is the key to human development. Sanskrit is the oldest language among all the sophisticated languages of the world. It is an ancient rich language which is also called the speech of the Gods. He emphasized on the need to spread this language among everyone through simple methods, only then this language will become language of the people in India. He added that there is also a need for removing the complexities of Sanskrit and giving it a simple form.

Presiding over the program, Director Prof. Shreedhar Mishra said that Sanskrit language is

the mother of all languages; there is a vast storehouse of knowledge and science in its scriptures, through the study of which India is once again giving guidance to the whole world as a global power. Only by giving a simple form to the complexities of Sanskrit language can ancient Indian culture be made available to the common people. Special guest Prof. Mithilesh Mishra said that Sanskrit language is not just a means of expression like other languages, it is the basis of spiritual upliftment of man. He told the participants about simple experiments on Sara Manak Sanskritam. This workshop is sponsored by the Indian Language Committee (Ministry of Education, Government of India). The program was inaugurated by the guests by lighting the lamp. Then the guests were duly welcomed as a honour. Dr. Sarvesh Tripathi, Assistant Professor of Kashmir Shaiv Darshan, welcomed the guests and participants of the workshop. About 150 Sanskrit teachers and students participated in this workshop. In order to give knowledge of Sara Manak Sanskrit to the

participants in the workshop, Prof. Ram Kumar Sharma, Prof. Mithilesh Mishra, Dr. Praveen Mani Tripathi, Dr. Khem Narayan Regmi guided the students with their valuable information. This workshop was conducted in four sessions in which all the participants were given information about the form and implementation of Sara Manak Sanskrit as well as practice of changing sentences from complex Sanskrit to Sara Sanskrit. The participants benefited from this workshop and the guests expressed the hope that they will bring glory to the university by using the knowledge taught in the coming future. Many teachers and students of the campus participated in the workshop. A number of participants from the university campus and other colleges of Jammu graced the program with their presence and expressed their commitment to increase the use of Sanskrit in practice by teaching and learning through the simple forms of Sanskrit language. Dr. Anup Kumar Pandey thanked all the guests and participants. The program was conducted efficiently by Dr. Tejnath Paudel.

BSP will celebrate 90th birth anniversary of party founder Kashi Ram on 15 Mar

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JAMMU, MAR 13

The 90th Birth Anniversary of Kanshi Ram, founder of BAMCEF, DS4 and Bahujan Samaj Party, will be celebrated on 15 March at the party headquarters Satwari Jammu on behalf of the BSP unit of Jammu and Kashmir state. This information was given in the statement issued by the party's state office. In the statement issued by the party, it was said that during this program organized at the party headquarters, State Coordinator of Bahujan Samaj Party & former MP Raja ram and Party Coordinator Dr. Avtar Singh Karimpuria will especially participate in the program. Will be present in. Apart from this, along with the members

of the state Bahujan Samaj Party state unit, workers will also be present in this program. In the statement issued by the party, it has also been said that by celebrating this program on a large scale, the party workers will pay tribute to the party's founder Kanshi Ram. On behalf of the party, it was said that the founder of Bahujan Samaj Party, Kanshi Ram, was born in a poor family on 15 March 1934 and he always worked for providing justice to the poor and backward sections of the society and his life was also full of struggles. It was full of people and even today the party is continuously working for the welfare of the backward and downtrodden sections of the society by following the path shown by them.

CUJ hosts live Streaming of Prime Minister's India Semiconductor Mission 2024 Launch

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JAMMU, MARCH 13

Central University of Jammu hosted the live streaming of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's highly anticipated Semiconductor Mission 2024 launch today.

Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Watched Live Streaming along with deans, directors, faculty members, and enthusiastic students, gathered a large turnout at the university auditorium.

The Prime Minister's India Semiconductor Mission 2024 launch marks a pivotal moment for the nation's technological advancement, with significant implications for various sectors including telecommunications, electronics, and defense.



Through this initiative, India aims to strengthen its position as a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing and innovation. Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, CUJ expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to witness this historic event firsthand at the Central University of Jammu, emphasizing the

university's commitment to promote technological excellence and empower the next generation of innovators. The event enhances the university's dedication to providing its students and faculty members with access to transformative experiences and cutting-edge developments in the field of technology.

Police beats drums, made announcement against proclaimed offender

JI NEWS SERVICE
KHOUR, MAR 13

One proclamation order issued by Sub Judge Judicial Magistrate Chadoura against one Rajinder Singh S/O Jang Singh R/O VPO Palanwalla who is absconding his arrest in many cases was received at PP Palanwalla. On this ICPP palanwalla along with other officials visited at the residence of accused person beat

drum and announced the direction of honorable court front of the residential house of accused person. More-over photocopies of the order has been affixed on the conspicuous places in the jurisdiction of PP Palanwalla. Through this order the accused person has been directed to appear before the Honble Court otherwise his Moveable or non Moveable property shall be attached.

