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J&K government dismisses an employees for **Anti-National** activities

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SRINAGAR, MAR 15

The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Friday dismissed an employee namely Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Laway, Teacher in Education Department S/o Mohammad Yaqoob Laway R/o Manzgam, DH Pora, District Kulgam under Article 311 of the Constitution of India for his involvement in anti-national activities. Article 311 of the Constitution of India provides for dismissal of a person employed in civil capacities under Union or a State.

The activities of the employee had come to the adverse notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found him involved in activities prejudicial

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SC to hear pleas for stay on implementation of citizenship amendment rules

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 15

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear pleas seeking a direction to the Centre to stay the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 till the pendency of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 before the apex court.

A bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took note of the submissions of senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

ACB arrests **JE RDD for** accepting bribe

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 15

Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday said to have trapped and arrested J.E of Rural development department for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5000 from complainant for processing and preparing bill of the work executed by the complainant.

As per a statement issued to the news agency, an information was received by Anti Corruption Bureau J&K on ACB Helpline Number 9419678060 from one complainant resident of village Kunnel Qaziabad, Handwara District Kupwara alleging that he has executed some work under MG-NREGA and for preparing & processing the Bill of said work & for preparing labour demand J.E Arshid Ayoub Marazi & GR Suboor Mir are demanding bribe of Rs 5000 & Rs 3000 from him as their commission

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Lok Sabha Poll schedule to be announced today

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAR 15

The Election Commission will announce the schedule for the Lok Sabha polls on Saturday.

In a post on X, the poll panel said a press conference to announce the schedule for Lok Sabha elections and some state assemblies will be held at 3 pm on Saturday.

The term of the present Lok Sabha ends on June 16 and a new House has to be constituted before

Last time the Lok Sabha polls were announced on March 10 and held in seven phases beginning April 11. Votes were counted on May 23.

NDA will break previous records, says Modi on eve of poll dates announcement

JI NEWS SERVICE

PATHANAMTHITTA (KERALA),

On the eve of the Parliament election schedule announcement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Friday that the BJP-led NDA would secure power at the Centre by surpassing previous records in the upcoming Lok Sabha election He urged Kerala voters to convert their "substantial support" into votes so that the BJP wins seats in the double digits in

"We are going to witness the vicious cycle of LDF a grand festival of democ- and UDF. racy soon. I have a firm belief that this time Ker- that this time Kerala will came shortly after the ala's love for the BJP will immensely support the



Kerala," Modi said, referperson, while addressing a huge meeting of the BJP-led NDA in this south "I have a firm belief Kerala town. His statement

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Women will have decisive say in J&K's Lok Sabha elections

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SRINAGAR, MAR 14

vote count.

en's participation among contributions. the five parliamentary constituencies, with 9.02 lakh women voters.

elections has shown an nominating women can-women.

with slight fluctuations.

draws near, women have Electoral Officer. Other constituencies begun actively ensuring also exhibit considerable their participation. The that the increased parfemale voter presence, extent of their involve- ticipation of women was with 8.52 lakh in Jammu, ment as candidates will evident in the District 8.44 lakh in Udhampur, be revealed once all Development Council 8.70 lakh in Srinagar, parties announce their (DDC) elections held and 8.56 lakh in Baram-nominees, with several in 2020, with over 98 ulla. Over the years, parties, including the percent voter turnout the voting percentage BJP, Congress, NC, PDP, and the occupation of of women in Lok Sabha Apni Party, and others, more than five DDCs by

increasing trend, albeit didates, activating their respective wings.

The recent enactment Pulwama emerges as Women this time will of the Nari Shakti Vandan the sole district in Jammu have a decisive role to Act and the provision of and Kashmir where play during the forth- 33 percent reservation women voters outnumcoming elections in for women in the Leg- ber men, with 2726 more Jammu and Kashmir with islative Assembly have women voters than men, their electorate compris- bolstered enthusiasm out of a total of 403,795 ing 49 percent of total among women, provid-voters. In other districts, ing them with a golden male voters surpass Details available with opportunity to showcase female voters. In a bid the news agency, out their potential in politics. to foster a conducive of the total 86.93 lakh Efforts are underway at environment for women voters in Jammu and the party level to further voters, pink booths will Kashmir, women make enhance women's partic- be established in all up 42.58 lakh voters. ipation in politics, recog-districts during the Lok Anantnag leads in wom- nizing their longstanding Sabha elections, staffed entirely by female As the announcement employees, an initiative of Lok Sabha elections by the Office of the Chief

Pertinent to mention

CS reviews key developmental projects of Housing Department

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 15

In a significant step towards addressing the burgeoning issues of Housing and Urban Development Department (H&UDD) in the UT, a high-level meeting was on Friday chaired by Chief Secretary, Atul Dulloo and attended by the Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD; Commissioner Secretary, Departments here.

tary remarked that the opmental projects for



meeting the Chief Secre- of all the utility and devel- over.

The Chief Secretary

Tourism besides other city infrastructure is the making the mobility and directed that all the urban HoDs of the Housing hallmark of development city dwelling more safer, development projects, and Rural Development process anywhere. He easier and faster as per currently in the pipeline emphasized on the importhe modern standards of be expedited, placing While speaking in this tance of timely completion urban development world public welfare as the foremost priority.

BJP hails removal of Article 370 as Key Achievement, workers urged to intensify outreach

JAMMU, MAR 15

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday termed the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir as its biggest achievement, emphasizing that the removal of the special status paved the way for the integration of erst-

Jammu and Kashmir as a vision and leadership. monumental achievement for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

with India and accelerated

in steering Jammu and development milestones in Jammu and Kashmir.



of newly recruited mem- the occasion. bers, Kaul highlighted the

kuta Nagar, Jammu, State influx of individuals from efforts and mobilize sup BJP General Secretary diverse backgrounds into port for the BJP ahead of Ashok Kaul as per the the party, citing it as a the upcoming Lok Sabha news agency, hailed the testament to the growing elections. Former MP removal of Article 370 in confidence in the BJP's Shamsher Singh Manhas and former minister Priya Addressing a gathering Sethi were also present on

In a separate program, He emphasized that this overwhelming response 42 senior citizens also move has paved the way received by the BJP's pledged their allegiance for the region's integration nationwide engagement to the BJP. Kaul extended programs in Jammu and a warm welcome to the its development trajec- Kashmir. He expressed new members, expressing confidence that under the optimism that their inclu-Kaul asserted that the stewardship of the Prime sion would fortify the BJP's BJP's relentless efforts Minister, India is poised organizational structure have been instrumental to achieve unprecedented and advance its objectives

AC approves amendments in Jammu and Kashmir Reservation Rules, 2005

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 15

& Kashmir) Scheduled dated 19.03.2020. The Administrative Coun- Castes Order (Amendervation Rules, 2005 in Socially and Education- attended the meeting. light of Jammu & Kashmir ally Backward Classes

Constitution (Jammu No. 2030-JK (LD) of 2020

proposal of Social Welfare (Amendment) Act, 2024 Mandeep Kumar Bhan-Department to amend the and recommendations dari, Principal Secretary Jammu and Kashmir Res- of Jammu and Kashmir to Lieutenant Governor

In light of addition of Reservation (Amendment) Commission constituted four new tribes i.e. Pahari

Act, 2023 dated 15.12.2023, vide Government Order Ethnic Group, Paddari Tribe, Kolis and Gadda Brahmins, to the Sched-Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, uled Tribes Order as applicil which met here under ment) Act, 2024, Consti- Advisor to the Lieutenant cable to the J&K by the Lieutenant Governor, Sh. tution (Jammu & Kashmir) Governor; Atal Dulloo, Parliament, the Adminis-Manoj Sinha approved the Scheduled Tribes Order Chief Secretary, J&K; trative Council approved 10% reservation in favour of newly added tribes taking the overall reservation for STs to 20%. In order to ensure

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Modi government will grant citizenship to all eligible refugees: Amit Shah

JI NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, and senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party Amit Shah, stated in an interview with the news agency ANI's podcast on Thursday that, 'The Modi government,' The Modi government will grant citizenship to all eligible refugees. CAA is a law to grant citizenship, not to take it away.



Union Home Minister and Arvind Kejriwal to Mamata focus on preventing Minister of Cooperation Banerjee, leaders of all

Amit Shah, the CAA was opposition parties are Under the leadership of implemented across the engaging in the politics of Prime Minister Narendra country before the 2024 lies. Instead of opposing Modi, the BJP government Lok Sabha elections. It Bangladeshi and Rohingya had mentioned in its 2019 is evident from this that infiltrators, Arvind Kejri-Lok Sabha election mani- CAA is a matter of empa- wal is spreading misconfesto about implement- thy for the BJP, not for ceptions against refugees ing the CAA and under political gain. From Rahul for vote-bank politics. the skilled guidance of Gandhi to Owaisi and from Mamata Banerjee should

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Modi government changed the face of Udhampur: Dr Jitendra Singh

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR (J&K), MARCH 15

"Modi government has changed the face of Udhampur which has emerged as one of the most developed constituencies of the country in last 10 years", said Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr

cannot see any develop- 10 years.



Jitendra Singh here today. ment in 10 years but at Dr Jitendra Singh said, the same time shamelessly a dig at the Opposition, there are certain critics avail the utility of all the saying that if according to and cynics who says they new projects set up in last them there has

Dr Jitendra Singh took

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Driver killed, helper injured in Ramban road accident

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 15

A heavy motor vehicle driver was killed while a helper was injured in a road mishap in Ramban district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday morn-

Reports said that an accident occurred at T5 Panthyal Magarkote when two heavy motor vehicles collided with each other, resulting in death of one driver. They said a helper was injured in the mishap.

Exhibition cum Workshop on promotion of Beekeeping begins at Samba

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MARCH 15

District Development Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today led the inauguration of a one-day Exhibition, Conference, and Workshop aimed at promoting beekeeping organised under the HADP. The event, graced by the presence of District Development Council Chairman Keshav Dutt, Chief Agriculture Officer Samba Madan Gopal Singh, and other esteemed senior officers of the Department, marked

of the region. ture Samba for its proac- edge of the latest advance- development. tive initiative in organizing ments in agriculture. such a pivotal event. He

the agricultural landscape



tance of such gatherings in ous departments to follow empowering farmers and suit in organizing similar beekeepers, highlighting events, emphasizing their a significant milestone in their role in fostering inno- potential to deliver tanvation and growth in the gible benefits to the farmfarming sector. Sharma's ing community. His call for District Development active engagement with collaborative efforts reso-Commissioner Abhishek the exhibition stalls show- nated with the audience, the palpable enthusiasm Sharma commended the cased his commitment to reflecting a shared com-Department of Agricul- gaining firsthand knowl- mitment to agricultural

In his address, Sharma Council Chairman, Keshav and driving innovation in underscored the impor- urged officers from vari- Dutt lauded the efforts of the agriculture sector.

the Department of Agriculture Samba in orchestrating the event. He underscored the importance of showcasing cutting-edge technology to farmers, emphasizing its transformative potential in enhancing productivity and sustainability in agriculture.

The event also featured a technical session, providing attendees with an enriching platform to delve into the intricacies of beekeeping under the ambient of HADP. Participants gleaned invaluable insights from experts, fostering knowledge exchange and capacity building in the sector.

As the day concluded,

and camaraderie among participants underscored the success of the event District Development in fostering collaboration

World Consumer Rights Day: DLSA, FCS&CA Kishtwar organise awareness program

JI NEWS SERVICE

KISHTWAR, MARCH 15

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in Collaboration with the Department of Food Civil Services & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) today organized an awareness program on "WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY 2024" here in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Mini Secretariat Kisht-

March 2024, the program was conducted under able guidance of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (Principal District & Sessions Judge) and the supervision of Secretary District Legal Services Authority Kishtwar, Ramesh Lal.

Assistant Director FCS & speaker, while Sanveer Singh (Assistant LADC) Kishtwar; Sajjad Hussain, Food Safety

Assistant Legal Metrologi- protect consumers from the Resource Persons.

The resource persons

As per the calendar of highlighted the significance resource persons highlight-Consumer Rights Day, observed on the 15th of for 2024 is "Fair and Responsible for AI Consumers," as AI has taken the digital world by storm. Technology is set CA Shafqat Keen was the key nicate; gather information, state, and district levels. and much more.

FCS&CA, emphasised that and the resource persons

cal Officer; Sandeep Kumar such serious implications (Panel lawyer) and Iram and to promote fair and Sabha (Panel Lawyer) were responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Furthermore, the

activities envisaged for and importance of World ed the rights of consumers, such as the right to be protected, right to be informed, March every year. The theme right to choose, right to be heard, right to redressal, and right to consumer edu-They also discussed the

to have an enormous impact legal mechanism of conon people's lives, affecting sumer disputes for redressal the way they work, commu- commissions at the national,

Later, the queries were The Key speaker, AD raised by participants Officer Kishtwar; Anil Gupta, the need of the hour is to responded positively.

GDC Mahanpur hosts 'Sanskrit Shloka and Dogri Poem Recitation' program at Village Rehalta

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 15

The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Mahanpur, in collaboration with the Department of Sanskrit and Department of Dogri, organized a special cultural programme titled 'Sanskrit Shloka Recitation and Dogri Poem Recitation' in Rehalta Village. The event took place on the third day of the NSS Winter Camp, which commenced on March 13 and runs for a week.

Organized under the supervision of NSS Programme Officer Prof. Rupalee Jasrotia, along with Dr. Mohinder (HOD Department of Sanskrit) and Dr. Anil (HOD Department of Dogri), the programme aimed to promote the richness and significance of Sanskrit and Dogri languages among the local community.

This initiative was carried out under the guidance of Principal of the College, Dr. Sangeeta Sudan. The NSS Volunteers actively participated in the programme by reciting poems and shlokas in front of the villagers. They not only showcased their linguistic talents but also elucidated the meanings and contexts of the poems and shlokas, enhancing the audience's understanding and appreciation. Dr. Mohinder and Dr. Anil spoke about the origin, meaning, scope and importance of Sanskrit and Dogri languages, respectively, emphasizing their cultural and literary

The participants of the programme included Monika, Kanta Thakur, Shitu Devi, Isha Devi, Ajay Sindooria, and Sunil Kumar, representing different semesters. The presence of all NSS Volunteers added to the vibrancy of the event.

NEP-2020 will foster creativity and innovation: CUKashmir VC

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAR 15

21st century.

empower learners with ments, faculty members, adequate knowledge, research scholars and stuskills, and values neces- dents were present. sary to thrive in a rapidly at varsity's Tulmulla educational journey.

CUK Vice-Chancellor changing global land- further advocated for Farooq Ahmad Mir gave scape and contribute to a curriculum that inte- insights into the shortthe socio-economic devel- grates international, comings of the previous opment of the nation," national, and regional Prof. A Ravinder Nath dimensions and aspirasaid, while inaugurating tions, emphasising the Credit System, attributa one-day National Level adoption of these three ing its failure to factors workshop on "NEP-2020: distinct approaches to such as lack of awareness A Workshop for Educa- ensure that students do among both faculty and tors", organised by the not remain confined to a students. He elucidated ings and Asst. Professor, Department of English single direction in their on the preamble of the (SG) Dr. Ihsan Ur Rahim

Head Deptt of Manage- pants, Prof. Abdul Gani, accountability in the edument Studies and former described NEP-2020 as cation system, while also Dean (I/c), School of a landmark reform in accentuating the indis-Central University of Languages, Prof. Abdul the field of education, pensable role of teachers Kashmir (CUKashmir) Gani, Dean School of emphasizing holistic as collaborators and men-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Legal Studies and Reg-development, flexible Ravinder Nath Friday said istrar I/c, Prof. Farooq learning pathways, and the National Education Ahmad Mir, Dean School integration of technology Policy-2020 represents a of Business Studies, Prof. in education. He underbold vision for transform- Fayaz Ahmad Nikka, scored the significance ing the country's educa- Dean School of Physi- of adopting multidiscition system, by focusing cal and Chemical Sci-plinary and interdisciplinon fostering creativity, ences, Prof. Mohammad ary approaches in educaknowledge creation, inno- Yousuf, Dean, School of tion, positioning the NEP vation, and excellence to Languages, Head, Deptt. as a medium towards meet the challenges of the of English, and workshop achieving the goal of a Convenor, Prof. Sandhya developed India (Viksit "NEP-2020 seeks to Tiwari, Heads of depart- Bharat). He highlighted the pivotal role of educators in realising the objectives of the NEP.

I/c Registrar, Prof. education system, particularly the Choice Based NEP 2020, which pledges Addressing the particito uphold equality and

tors in guiding students.

In her welcome address, Prof. Sandhya Tiwari emphasised the importance of conducting workshops on NEP 2020 and said the event will provide a suitable platform for educators to connect with like-minded peers, establish professional connections, and form collaborations for future initiatives in education reform. She highlighted the critical roles of the government, technology, and faculty in effectively implementing the NEP, while also delineating the workshop's objectives and agendas.

Associate Prof. Dept. of English, Dr Krishna Chaitanya E. conducted the programme proceed-Malik proposed the vote of thanks.

Animal Husbandry Department introduces Dairy Automatic Milk Collection Units in Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAMBAN, MARCH 15

The Animal Husbandry Department, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, has introduced a wide range of measures to promote sustainable livestock management practices to foster the socio-economic development of rural communities.

Through different initiatives and programmes, the department aims to enhance milk productivlivestock farming, while and environmental sustainability. In a significant step



comes under the ambit of millah SHG. the Holistic Agriculture (HADP) for the fiscal year 2023-24.

Kawoosa, informed Ramban, these AMCU ity and profitability in installations mark a pioneering effort in the disensuring animal welfare trict, aimed at revolutionizing milk collection processes.

The project, spearheadtowards enhancing ed by the Department of generating more gainful dairy farming practices, Animal Husbandry, is job opportunities. Morethe Animal Husbandry a testament to the gov- over, it represents a signifi-Department has unveiled ernment's commitment cant step towards achievtwo state-of-the-art Dairy towards modernizing ing self-sufficiency in Automatic Milk Collec- farming practices in the dairy production besides tion Units (AMCU) each region by sponsoring two strengthening the rural boasting a capacity of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) economy.

Comprising ten mem-Development Programme bers each, these SHGs are registered under the National Rural Livelihood Chief Animal Hus- Mission (NRLM). Through bandry Officer, Dr. Suhail this collaboration, the Department aims to that situated in Tanger empower local communities while fostering sustainable dairy production.

Meanwhile, the Beneficiaries said that with the introduction of these AMCU units will ensure quality control besides

Swachhta Ki Pathshala Initiative launched to foster clean, garbage free Jammu City



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 15

awareness and propel Jammu towards becom-"Swachhta Ki Pathshala"

Municipal Corporation's to conscientiously spread heartedly." (JMC) IEC Team, the event awareness and uphold witnessed the participa- cleanliness standards, dedicated health officers garbage-free city. and staff of JMC.

port to this noble cause. pride. Together, we can and collective action. The occasion was marked effectuate lasting change

by an interactive session and ensure a healthier, all stakeholders.

facilitated by RJ Juhi and more sustainable future the IEC team, encouraging for Jammu." Echoing this To promote cleanliness active engagement from sentiment, Arnavi Sharma, Swachhta Brand Ambas-One of the highlights of sador, affirmed, "Every ing a garbage-free city, a the event was the involve- individual's contribution, pioneering initiative titled ment of the citizens them- no matter how small, is selves, who shared their instrumental in achievwas inaugurated here thoughts and commit- ing our shared vision of a ments on a whiteboard cleaner Jammu. Let's join Spearheaded by Big prominently displayed at hands and inspire others FM's RJ Juhi, in collabo- the Pathshala. Through to embrace the Swachh ration with the Jammu this gesture, they pledged Bharat Mission whole-In alignment with

the nationwide Swachh tion of Swachhta Brand thereby contributing to Bharat Mission, "Swachh-Ambassador, Arnavi the transformation of ta Ki Pathshala" embodies Sharma, alongside the Jammu into a pristine and the spirit of community collaboration and proac-Reflecting on the signifi- tive citizenship. As Jammu The launch event took cance of the initiative, RJ strides forward on its jourplace at Gandhi Nagar's Juhi remarked, "Swachhta ney towards cleanliness bustling Gole Market, Ki Pathshala is not merely excellence, such initiatives where citizens, shopkeep- an event; it's a move- serve as catalysts for social ers, and hoteliers congre- ment fuelled by collective transformation, undergated to lend their sup- responsibility and civic scoring the power of unity

GDC Kathua & JKEDI collaborate to promote entrepreneurship among students

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 15

The Department of Business Administration Government Degree College (GDC) Kathua, in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), on Friday organized an Awareness Programme on the New Jammu and Kashmir Start-Up Policy 2024-27.

The event aimed to inspire students towards entrepreneurship, innovation, and self-starting initiatives.

Under the guidance of the College Principal gram was designed to encourage young minds to explore the realm of entrepreneurship and innovation. She appreciated the organizing team for their efforts in promoting such initiatives for the holistic development of the students.

event Dr. Sanjay Kurlupia, highlighted the crucial role of startups in job creation and emphasized the need for raising awareness about entrepreneurship among the youth.

Dr. R. K Pandita motivated





plays a pivotal role in the Dr. Tejeshwar Singh, implementation of the Prof. Rohit Gupta, and Dr. new startup policy.

District Nodal Officer JKEDI Kathua Mr. Dheeraj Prof. Seema Mir, the pro- Handoo and District Coor- by Dr. Tajeshwar Singh, the resource persons eluand Kashmir Start-Up Policy 2024-27 by the UT government and provided insights into how aspiring neurial endeavors. entrepreneurs can ben-The chief guest of the efit from these schemes, including funding opportunities and the policy's implementation frame-

Head of the Department of Business Adminviable ventures with the Dr. Jasvinder Singh along the discussions.

Supriya Gupta.

The formal vote of thanks was presented dinator JKEDI Kathua Mr. Department of BBA, Hari Bhushan who were expressing gratitude to all participants and orgacidated on the recently nizers. Over 100 students launched New Jammu from the BBA department actively participated in the event, reflecting their keen interest in entrepre-

The event witnessed the presence of esteemed faculty members including Dr. Nelam Bhagat, Prof. Ravinder Kour, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, Prof. Shiwani Kotwal, Prof. Ambica Rajput, Dr. Ram Singh, istration Dr. Jasvinder Prof. Manmohan Singh, Speaking at the event, Singh, extended a warm Prof. Charandeep Handa, welcome to the attendees. Prof. Rakhi, Dr. Rahul the students to transform The event was meticu- Gupta, and others, who their innovative ideas into lously coordinated by added valuable insights to

ADC Handwara kickstarts Plantation drive at Handwara, Langate



JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, MARCH 15

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) ADC impressed upon Handwara, Aziz Ahmad the concerned officers Rather today kick-started to encourage the people plantation drive at Chil- to plant more and more dren Park Handwara and trees in their surround-Public Park Langate by ings for a healthy and

The Plantation drive out in the entire valley abad.

and a set target of 10,000 chinar saplings has to be achieved.

On the occasion, the planting Chinar saplings. clean environment.

Later, the ADC inspectwas conducted by the ed various examination Floriculture department centres established in under the theme of Saving different schools of Hand-Chinar Trees. It was wara sub-division includinformed that the plan- ing Government Higher tation drive was carried Secondary School Qalam-

Formula-4 car run to be held in Srinagar on Sunday: Div **Com reviews arrangements**

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 15

In a first, a roaring show of Formula-4 Car run from Lalit Ghat to Nehru Park shall be held in Srinagar on Sunday in which renowned Formula drivers will enthrall specta-

This would be a thrilling show to witness on the boulevard road while drivers shall engage in the race and stunts over a distance of 1.7Km route from 10:00Am to 2:00Pm.

In this regard, Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today chaired a meeting to ensure the arrangeconduct of the event.

Addressing the meeting, Div Com stated that added that such shows this first of its kind event will also leverage adven-rity arrangements for the will be a major attraction ture tourism of Kashmir. for youth and will instill Formula-4 sport.

major achievements, Div the route. Com said the occasion will open the spectrum of ers, Div Com instructed Traffic, police, Fire & options for sports lovers installation of C-type 2-tier Emergency and represenof Kashmir and will be the barricades including red tatives of Racing Promo-



the valley.

exciting and enthralling guishers. for people, he said and

passion among them for arrangements, Div Com ment including drone perdirected concerned offi-Terming the hosting cers to ensure leveling of of Formula-4 car race in the said road and black- ed by VC, LCMA; Director Srinagar as one of the topping of potholes on Tourism; Joint Commis-

beginning of a new career barricades at both the tions Private Ltd.

option for enthusiasts of ends of the route besides deployment of a medical This 'adrenaline rush- team with two critical care ments for the successful ing' car race will be very ambulances and fire extin-

> Moreover, Div Com directed for proper secuevent and other require-While reviewing the ments for event managemission.

> The meeting was attendsioner SMC; officers of To ensure safety of driv- PWD, Health Department,

Director Agriculture Jammu unveils Innovative Grain Safe Bag for Enhanced Grain Storage



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU MARCH 15

Bag, showcasing its superegions prone to environize their yields. rior capabilities and bene- ronmental challenges fits to attendees. The dem-such as pests, moisture, programme drew particionstration programme and mold. Its durable, pation from agricultural showcased the efficacy hermetic design creates extension officers, key and potential of this revo- an airtight environment, officials from the Departlutionary storage solution effectively safeguarding ment of Agriculture, field for mitigating post-harvest grains against spoilage and staff and representatives losses and ensuring food maintaining their quality from various stakeholders security. The attendees over extended periods. witnessed firsthand the practical application of enthusiasm about the enthusiasm for the Grain storage bags in preserv- potential of the Grain Safe Safe Bag and expressed ing various types of grains, Bag to revolutionize grain their eagerness to incorincluding wheat, rice and storage practices and porate it into the farming

enhance the livelihoods of practices

The Grain Safe Bag rep-farmers. He emphasized resents a paradigm shift the importance of adoptin grain storage, offering ing innovative solutions Director Agriculture unparalleled benefits to to enhance agricultural Jammu, S. Arvinder Singh farmers and agricultural productivity and sustain-Reen today unveiled the stakeholders. It ensures ability. He stated, "The cutting edge Grain Safe the preservation of grains Grain Safe Bag represents Bag for improved and without the need for a significant advancement chemical free grain stor- harmful chemicals. The in grain storage technolage. The inauguration cer- Grain Safe Bag offers a ogy, offering our farmers emony included a demon- novel approach to grain a reliable means to protect stration of the Grain Safe storage, particularly in their harvests and maxi-

The demonstration in the agriculture sector. Director expressed Attendees expressed

World Consumer Rights Day-2024: DLSA Samba hosts Legal Awareness programe

SAMBA, MARCH 15

As per the Action plan of Jammu & Kashmir Legal Samba. Services Authority for the month of March, 2024, Safety Officer was the key exploitation. the District Legal Services speaker of the programme organized a legal aware- edge on the subject. Kul-

for Consumers." District Legal Services objective of organizing Authority Samba. Authority, and Pr. Dis- the programme was to

Secondary School(Girls),

trict and Sessions Judge, spread awareness among Samba, the event was held the students about the difat Government Higher ferent Consumer Rights that exist for the masses to safeguard them from Kulbeer Singh, Food fraud, discrimination and

The proceedings of Authority, Samba today who shared his knowl- the programme were conducted by Versha ness program to mark beer Singh discussed the Anthal, Assistant Legal the observance of "World historical background of Aid Defense Counsel Consumer Rights Day" the day, Consumer Rights Samba. The program was 2024 under the theme available to the Consum- attended by students, fac-"Fair and Responsible AI ers under Consumer Pro- ulty members of Governtection Act 1986 as well ment Higher Secondary Organised under as the different provi- School (Girls) Samba and the radiant guidance of sions of Food Safety and Para Legal Volunteers of Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, Standard Act, 2006. The District Legal Services

District Level Seminar on Scope, Development, Promotion of Medicinal Plants held at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 15

The AYUSH Department today organised a District Level Seminar on 'Scope, Development and Promotion of Medicinal Plants as Alternative Source of Employment here in the Conference Hall of DC

Office Complex. On the Directions of the Directorate of Ayush UT of J&K, J&K Medicinal Plants Office Ayush Kishtwar organized the Seminar.

The seminar was attendfrom across the District. The event was graced with the presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner Pawan Kotwal, as the Chief

District Treasury Offi-Shafkat Lone, Chief Agri- vation sector.

culture Officer, Amjad Hussain Malik & Divisional Forest Officer, Vijay Kumar were among the special

Dr. Wahid ul Hassan Technical Officer, J&K Medicinal Plants Board was invited as Resource Person.

The seminar started with a bouquet presentation and followed by the welcome address and a brief outlay of Ayush Board, District Nodal Department by District sources of income for Nodal Officer Ayush Dr Vikram Singh Jamwal.

The Chief Guest emphaed by progressive farmers sised the importance of rallying farmers towards cultivating and promoting alternative medicinal plants as a viable income source. He highlighted an alternative medicine cer, Mohammad Yaseen system and urged stake-Wani, Assistant Director, holders to seize entrepre-Food Civil Supplies & Conneurial opportunities in sumer Affairs (FCS&CA) the medicinal plant culti-

Chief Agriculture Officer and DFO praised the event and assured full cooperation of their Departments in establishing Herbals Gardens and conserving Medicinal Plants.

The Resource Person gave the participants detailed information regarding Cultivation and Marketing of Medicinal Plants such as Ashwagandha, Kutki, Kuth, Pooshkarmool, etc as alternative farmers.

A Progressive farmer, Jabir Singh while promoting the importance of Medicinal Plants stated that he has expanded the cultivation of some medicinal plants like Burberry in about 600 Kanals in three the potential of AYUSH as Districts -Kishtwar, Doda and Ramban. He urged the other farmers to start cultivation of Medicinal Plants.

The vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Taraq Hussain.

DC Bandipora kick-starts **Chinar Plantation Drive**



BANDIPORA, MARCH 15

To mark the celebration of Chinar Day, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Friday kick-started Chinar plantation drive by within the premises of Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

ADC Bandipora, Umar and officials of Floriculture Department were present Departments.

Besides, Mini Secretariat

Bandipora, the plantation of Chinar saplings was also held at Nishat Park Bandipora and Wullar Vantage Park, Garoora.

On the occasion, the concerned officials of the planting a Chinar sapling floriculture department informed that around 150 Chinar saplings are available with District Flori-Shafi Pandit; ACD Ban-culture Office and shall dipora, Peer Mumtaz be provided free of cost to Ahmad besides officers Educational Institutions, Shrines and Government

Public Park inaugurated at Gulabgarh-Paddar, work in progress on several RDD projects

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KISHTWAR, MARCH 15

A public park developed by the Rural Development Department was inaugurated today at Gulabgarh by local DDC Councilor Hari Krishan Chauhan in presence of Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Phulail

After the inauguration, a comprehensive review meeting was convened in the Block Development Office (BDO) Gulabgarh, where office staff members briefed about the progress and challenges encountered in the execution of these projects.

DDC Chauhan and ADC actively engaged with the local populace to gauge their feedback and ongoing developmental nity are duly met. endeavors. This interac-



district administration towards fostering inclusive development and address any concerns they ensuring that the aspiramay have regarding the tions of the local commu-

The inspection and

tive session underscored subsequent engagements the commitment of the underscore the relentless efforts of the administration towards the holistic development of rural included the construction areas, with a focus on of Panchayat Bhawan, enhancing infrastructure, Block Development Counpromoting sustainable cil (BDC) building, and a

fostering community participation in governance

Later, they conducted a comprehensive inspection of various developmental initiatives under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana 2.0 (PMKSY 2.0), and Capital Expenditure Swachh Bharat Mission (CapEx.SBM) in Gulabgarh Padder.

ACD Kishtwar who holds additional charge of AD Handicrafts also inspected the Wheat Straw Training Centre of

Handicraft at Gulabgarh. Notable projects agricultural practices, and plastic segregation shed.

Orientation/ Training for selected Haj pilgrims of Baramulla to be held on Mar 17 & 19 JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, MARCH 15

The orientation/training programme scheduled for the selected Hajj pilgrims hailing from different tehsils of Baramulla District has been fixed by the Hajj committee on March 17 and 19.

For pilgrims from Tehsil Baramulla, Uri, Boniyar, Dangiwacha, Rohama, Sopore, Watergam, Zanigeer and Dangerpora, the training shall be provided on 17th March, 2024 at Masjid Baitul-Mukarram, Baramulla from 10:00 AM.

Similarly, for pilgrims from Tehsil Pattan, Khoi, Wagoora, Kreeri, Singhpora, Tangmarg, Kunzer and Kawarhama, the training shall be provided on 19th March, 2024 at Jamia Hamdania Masjid Sharief Kunzer from 10:00 AM.

Kathua Admin discusses preparations for Lok Sabha Elections-2024

Key officials briefed about Role, responsibilities

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 15

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas who is also District Election Officer (DEO) today convened a meeting of Nodal Officers responsible for overseeing the forthcoming Lok Sabha General Elections

The meeting held here in the VC Room of the DC office complex, focused on ensuring the readiness and efficiency of all officers involved in the electoral process.

Crucial aspects of the elections were addressed, and the Nodal Officers were briefed comprehensively about their role and responsibilities within their respective jurisdictions. Discussions encompassed operational, logistical, and administrative matters essential for the smooth conduct of the electoral process.

The DC emphasized the need for Nodal Officers to remain well-equipped and proactive in their roles, highlighting the imporfairness of the electoral mitment to transpar-



as key priorities.

gies for conducting voter awareness campaigns discussed to ensure incluthe elections. The DC reit-cers, with virtual particithe Nodal Officers' roles tance of adhering strictly in upholding democratic highlighting the collaborato electoral laws, regula-values and principles, tive effort to ensure a suctions, and ethical stan- stressing their proactive cessful electoral process dards. The integrity and engagement and com- in Kathua district.

efficiency in the electoral Furthermore, strate- process. The meeting was attended in person by Additional Deputy Comand initiatives to boost missioner Ranjit Singh, voter participation were ACR Vishav Partap Singh, SDM Rakesh Kumar, and sivity and democracy in all appointed Nodal Offierated the significance of pation from ADCs and SDM from other regions,

Financial support to 14110 **B&OCWs** paid at Kupwara



JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, MARCH 15

In an unwavering dedication towards the welfare of workers, the Deputy amount will offer much-Commissioner Kupwara, needed relief to individuals Ayushi Sudan was Friday facing diverse hardships, presented a cheque to the ensuring they have access tune of Rs. 6,14,36,000 to the necessary resources covering 14110 beneficia- to navigate through these ries by Assistant Commis- trying times. sioner Labour Kupwara.

cifically earmarked for deep appreciation for registered beneficiaries of the collaborative efforts the Jammu And Kashmir between the Assistant Building and Other Con- Labour Commissioner struction Workers Wel- and the JKBOCWWB. This fare Board (JKBOCWWB), joint initiative underscores aimed at providing essen- a shared commitment to tial financial support for safeguarding the welleducational assistance.

tration, under the lead- prosperity of the commuership of the Assistant nity.

Labour Commissioner, to stand by and uplift those grappling with challenging circumstances. The distribution of the

The Deputy Commis-The cheque was spe-sioner Kupwara expressed being of workers and their This initiative mirrors families, recognizing the the resolute commitment indispensable role they of the Kupwara adminis- play in the progress and

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

NDA will break...

Election Commission said it would announce the schedule for the Lok Sabha polls on Saturday.

Reaching out to the Christian community in Kerala, crucial for the NDA's victory in Lok Sabha constituencies classified by the BJP as 'A' category segments, bringing lot of ease to the commuters here. including Pathanamthitta, Thrissur, and Thiruvananthapuram, the Prime Minister recounted his meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican and highlighted his Kottayam who had been captured by ISIS militants in realizing revenue for government also.

"In 2021 when I met His Holiness Pope Francis in the Vatican, even then I specifically mentioned Kerala there. He was also impressed by the progress being as hard as possible for every community and region of the country.

"We brought back, through Iraq, our sister nurses this challenge also. who were stranded in the middle of a war. We freed our Christian priests who were in trouble and brought them back safely," Modi said.

He was referring to the rescue of Father Tom Uzhunnalil, a Catholic priest from Kerala who was abducted in war-torn Yemen in 2016 and rescued from ISIS captivity after 18 months during a deadly attack on a care home in the port city of Aden.

In 2014, soon after the first Modi government came to power, the government had safely evacuated 46 Indian nurses, including a large number of Keralites, from the then strife-torn Iraq.

Kerala over recent violence against Christians in Manipur, Modi, in his speech, subtly alluded to the case of a Catholic priest being struck by a vehicle in Poonjar, Kottayam district last month, lamenting, "It's regrettable that even church priests in Kerala are not immune to violence." In his address, Modi also projected the BJP's of Congress stalwart and former Union Minister A K ommend by the SEBC Commission. Antony – who is contesting the parliamentary seat of Pathanamthitta, as a symbol of youthfulness.

"This is the kind of freshness that is required in who had left the Congress and joined the BJP last year.

The PM said that since Kerala had given the BJP a double-digit vote share in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, he expects to reach a target of seats in the double digits from the state as well.

us the double-digit vote percentage party. And now, our destiny of double-digit seats here is not so far," he said. "Lotus is going to bloom in Kerala this time." Modi claimed that the people of the state have endured hardships under the LDF and UDF governments that are allegedly plagued by corruption and incompetence.

He also took a dig at both fronts, raking up the issue of gold smuggling through diplomatic channels under expanding influence that the day is not far when there LDF rule and the solar panel scam under the previous

Modi claimed that the people would benefit only

The PM also contended that the thinking and ideolsharp contrast to the progressiveness and forwardthinking of the people of Kerala.

He also said that both the LDF and UDF governments have turned a blind eye to the struggles of rubber

ment for the development of Kerala, it is also important 75-year-long suffering of refugees. that the correct views and opinions of the people of the state reach the Centre.

people to communicate their views to the Centre The schemes and projects that the people of Kerala need can be communicated even better to the Centre through the BJP MPs," Modi said.

"It is 'Modiyude Guarantee'," he added.

The Prime Minister began his speech by chanting of Lord Ayyappa in Sabarimala is located in Pathanamthitta district.

The Prime Minister also extended advanced Easter wishes to all. "It reminds us of the principles of Jesus" blooms for sure. The 'Amit Shah factor' is sufficient to Christ. I wish you all a happy Easter," he said.

"Nowruz, a prominent festival of our Parsi brothers, is also coming up. Ram Navami and Holi are also the people of the country have once again made up around the corner. The holy month of Ramzan is going their minds to make Narendra Modi the Prime Minister. on and the biggest festival of democracy is about to start," he said.

In addition to the NDA's Lok Sabha candidates V Muraleedharan (Attingal), Anil K Antony (Pathanamthitta), Sobha Surendran (Alappuzha), and Baiju Kalasala (Mavelikkara), among other leaders, Padmaja the Congress, was also present on the stage. (Agencies)

CS reviews key...

This directive underlines the government's commitment to not only enhancing the urban infrastructure, but also ensuring that, these developments translate into tangible benefits for the residents of Jammu and

During this meeting the Commissioner Secretary, H&UDD, Mandeep Kaur briefed the chair on a spectrum of pivotal developments and upcoming initiatives aimed at transforming the urban landscape of J&K.

Among the crucial topics discussed were - strategies to leverage land as a resource to fuel further urban development, ensuring sustainable and efficient use of sionism among the student fraternity, then his role as urban land. The meeting also discussed introduction a teacher does not serve the purpose for which he has of a streamlined and transparent system for obtaining building permissions, aimed at reducing delays and promoting ease of doing business.

The status of water transport service in river Jhelum, in Srinagar, enhancing connectivity and providing ecofriendly transportation alternatives to the people there. It was also made out that this would be an added attrac-

tion for tourists visiting this place in greater numbers. The progress updates and future plans concerning the Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Author-

Development Authority (SMRDA), focusing on comprehensive urban development and planning were deliberated upon. It was given out that these projects would bring in futuristic mobility services to our cities

The meeting also took note of the status of the newly built state-of-the-art, multi-tier parking at Bus Stand in Jammu. It emphasised upon its optimum utilization government's successful efforts to rescue a priest from for bringing ease and employment to public besides

While addressing the need for modern transportation facilities and managing the growing demand for public transportation efficiently the meeting discussed the utilization of e-buses introduced recently in both made in India. In the past 10 years, we have worked the cities here. With respect to the need of such facilities to cater to the growing population here the meeting resolved to make the appropriate facilities to cater to

> The meeting took review of the progress in the implementation of crucial sewerage projects across the UT highlighting efforts to improve sanitation and wastewater management.

> The meeting underscored the government's commitment to foster sustainable urban growth and development, ensuring that the initiatives align with the needs and aspirations of its citizens in the UT.

AC approves amendments...

that both already notified and now newly added Amid criticism from the Congress and the Left in tribes get benefits of reservation equally and separately, the AC approved an equal and separate percentage of reservation for them i.e. 10% each.

The AC also approved the addition of 15 new castes in OBCs and enhancement of reservation in favour of OBCs to 8%, which will meet the long pending demand of the OBC category in the UT. It also approved change prominent Christian face in Kerala Anil K Antony – son in nomenclature and synonymy of some castes as rec-

Approval was also accorded to replace the term physically challenged persons or handicapped wherever appearing in the rules with the term Persons with Kerala politics," Modi said, referring to Anil Antony Disabilities in conformity with the provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

The said amendments shall fulfill the long pending demands of these communities regarding their right to adequate representation in government jobs and professional courses, which they stood hitherto deprived "In the last elections, the people of Kerala made of, due to their social, educational and economical backwardness.

Modi government will...

infiltration instead of opposing the CAA. Mamata Banerjee wants to sow hatred between Hindus and Muslims to appease her vote bank. With the BJP's will be a BJP government in West Bengal as well, and strict action will be taken against infiltration. Amit Shah's clear message to those states claiming that CAA if the cycle of consecutive LDF, UDF governments is will not be implemented is, 'Citizenship law is a matter broken as they are allegedly only focused on vote-bank for the central government, there is no basis for opposition by states.'

The people of the country have understood that ogy of both the LDF and the UDF are outdated and in the Citizenship Amendment Act is about giving rights to millions of refugees who came from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh before December 31, 2014, providing them relief from their suffering and ensuring justice for their three generations, which the Congress never did. It has also been evident since the implemenment said. He said that amid all the efforts by the central govern- tation of this law that Modi-Shah has worked to end the

to power nor is the CAA going anywhere. It is worth and for the implementation of central projects here. noting that the doors to Indian citizenship has not been closed for any Muslim. In fact, opposing every decision of the Modi government has become a habit of the opposition, as seen in the surgical strike, air strike, abrogation of Article 370, abolition of triple talaq, etc.

In order to decisively defeat the opposition in the "Swamiye Saranamayyappa" as the famous hill shrine 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Chanakya of Indian politics has once again entered the field with the achievements of the Modi government. The opposition parties also know that when Shah enters the arena, the lotus achieve victory in any election for the Bharativa Janata Party. Based on the achievements of the past 10 years,

J&K government dismisses...

to the interests of the State, such as involvement in terror related activities.

Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Laway is involved in two (2) Venugopal, who recently joined the BJP after quitting FIRs registered at Police Station DH Pora, Kulgam and was one of the instigator who along with his associates instigated a mob on 09.07.2016 to cause damage and destruction to Government property and in the process, the mob marched towards Police Station DH Pora and looted Arms, Ammunition and other Government Property from Police Station and later set the Police Station on Fire. In another incident on 10.09.2016, the subject along with his associates led an unruly mob which resorted to stone pelting on joint party of Police and security forces in which armed gunmen from amongst the mob fired indiscriminately upon the police party.

> Manzoor Ahmed Laway as Teacher had the responsibility to guide the students not to indulge in activities directed against the security of the state and when the subject is himself instrumental in fomenting secesbeen appointed to Government service.

Government has adopted a Zero tolerance policy towards anti-national elements who have been taking advantage of being in Government service. Prior to this, 56 government officials have been dismissed by invoking the provisions of Article 311 of Constitution of India.

SC to hear pleas for...

for the Indian Union Muslim League, that once the

ity (JMRDA) and the Srinagar Metropolitan Region citizenship is granted to migrant Hindus, it cannot be taken back and hence the issues needed an early

> "We will hear this on Tuesday. There are 190 plus cases. All of them will be heard. We will place a full batch with the IAs (Interim applications)," the CJI said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said there were 237 petitions and in those pending ones, four interim applications have been filed against the implementation of the rules.

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

The application, filed by the IUML, which is one of the petitioners who have challenged the citizenship law, has sought the court's direction to ensure no coercive action is taken against people belonging to the Muslim community pending adjudication of the writ petitions.

Muslims cannot apply for Indian citizenship under the CAA. (Agencies)

ACB arrests JE...

'On receipt of this information a discreet verification into the matter was conducted by ACB to ascertain the veracity of allegations during which it was found that the complainant a resident of village Kunnel Panchayat Halqa Rangpath B Dist. Kupwara was authorized last year by panchayat to execute two developmental works title (A) Improvement of road from Chainag to Ashoponor. (B) Filling and leveling of grave yard near Jamia Masjid Kunnel & that the complainant had completed both the works for which department initially give him some amount under labour head but full labour payment was not given to him," the statement said.

It was also found that on completion of the works complainant (contractor) requested J.E concerned to prepare the bill of both the works but JE concerned demanded bribe of RS 5000 as commission & it was also found that GRS was also demanding bribe of Rs 3000 from complainant as his commission for preparing labour demand .Discreet probe also reveal that both these officials use to take bribe from complainant through m-pay as well as cash on earlier occasions also & were demanding more bribe for final bill & labour demand . As complainant was not interested in paying birbe to these officials he accordingly approached ACB through helpline number & with written complaint subsequently. Under these circumstances the complainant approached ACB and requested for legal action against both these officials JE as well as GRS for demanding bribe from him, the statement added

Accordingly on the basis of the findings & recommendation of the Verifying Officer dated 14.03.2024, prima facie offence U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) & section 120-B IPC were made out against accused Public servants namely Arshid Ayoub Marazi, JE & GR Suboor Mir both officials of Rural Development Department Kralgund Handwara for demanding & accepting bribe from complainant for processing/preparing his Bill & putting demand for remaining labour payments case FIR No 02-2024 U/S 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) & section 120-B IPC was registered at PS ACB Baramulla & investigations were initiated," the state-

During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and caught the The Chanakya of Indian politics, who successfully accused JE red handed while demanding and accepting brings every major decision to fruition, Amit Shah's bribe of Rs 5000 from complainant. The bribe money "If we have BJP MPs here, it would be easier for style indicates that neither the INDI Alliance is coming was later recovered from possession of accused as well as one shopkeeper to whom he has given the money in presence of independent witnesses .The accused public servants was arrested on the spot after completing all legal formalities. The role of GRS & other officials in case is being investigated," it said, adding that further investigation in the case is going on. кно

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been no development in this constituency, they should neither send their wards to the medical colleges established here nor should they use the Mukerjee tunnel from Chenani to Nashri to shorten their travel time by road nor draw benefits of numerous development schemes and initiatives undertaken by the Modi government in the last decade. Dr Singh was talking to reporters after addressing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra Celebration at a function held in Udhampur district of J&K this afternoon.

The Minister said that earlier, Udhampur was known to be a "place of pedestrians" and there were Dogri folk songs written on " Udhampure diyan Takkiyan" but under the Modi government, Udhampur has emerged as country's top three districts in PMGSY road construction even in remotest areas.

He said, "Among over 700 districts in the country, Udhampur has become one of the top three districts which has the most number of roads built under

Dr Jitendra Singh informed, adding that the district has now its own radio station for which a demand was in Bhaderwah area of district Doda, Dr Singh said its raised in 1965, but this genuine demand was never fulfilled by the earlier government. Not only this, Udhampur has a passport office now, he said.

"For the first time, a 9.5 kilometre national tunnel named after Shyama Prasad Mukherjee has been constructed in this district, and North India's first river rejuvenation project undertaken at River Devika undertaken here", the minister said.

Dr Jitendra Singh said this constituency is in near not only in the country but also abroad. future all set to become a tourist-cum-religious pilgrim destination as well as a centre for learning.

narrow considerations of caste, creed and region, Narendra Modi government's first term was focused on and march ahead in the journey of realising Narendra in 2019", Dr Singh said.

Indian Army organised awareness lecture on "Swatch Bharat Campaign" at Rajouri



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a movement that teaches and Open Defecation Free an awareness campaign ness campaign ended with at Govt Higher Second- all teachers and students ary School. The attendees taking a vow to do even to respect, protect and future generation.

defend the natural world from the damage caused by the humans. Government Environment awareness is schemes like Swatch Bharat the need for humans to (ODF) villages were told respect and protect their to school students and its natural environment. To meaning and impact on spread the message of future generation and our environment importance, surroundings, our village Indian Army organised and our planet. The awarewere enlightened about the small actions in order to ideology of environmental- protect our environment to ism that place the need and create a more sustainable responsibilities of human world for ourselves and

Wowkids Preschool Bishnah hosts Annual Day cum Award Ceremony



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Distinguished personalities graced the occasion, Ex-MLA, Bishnah, as the esteemed Chief Guest. where children transi-Mrs. Shaalu Sambyal, Principal of Govt. Degree Invitee Mrs. Usha Rani, tion of the event saw the Corporator of Ward No. 4 and Sh.Ravi Dubey, kids with trophies and Preschool.

with talent and celebra-

Dr. R R Dubey, Retd. Joint Director Education, Branch Head, delivered a along with other promi- heartfelt vote of thanks, nent citizens and parents, expressing gratitude to all added to the grandeur of who contributed to the the event.

Dr. Esha Bali, the dedicated Coordinator of Wowkids Preschool, initi-Wowkids Preschool Bish- ated the proceedings by nah, the learning hub welcoming the dignitaries synonymous with excel- and illuminating the cerlence in early education, emonial lamp. The event dazzled audiences at their unfolded with captivat-Annual Day cum Award ing performances by the Ceremony for the session little stars of Wowkids, 2023-24. The event, held showcasing their talents at Bishnah, Jammu, was a in dance, singing, and resounding success, filled more. Parents also took the stage, displaying their musical and dance prow-

An emotional highlight with Sh. Ashwani Sharma, of the evening was the graduation ceremony, Accompanying him were tioning to higher classes were honored, symbolizing growth and new College, Bishnah, Special beginnings. The culminadignitaries felicitating the Branch Head, Wowkids certificates, recognizing their achievements and efforts. Sh. Ravi Dubey, success of the event.

Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Talking about the success of Lavender revolution cultivation is now being taken up in Basantgarh-Dudu area of Udhampur given its success. He said this region was unknown to the concept of start-ups, but in the last few years it has emerged as a hub of agri start-ups. More and more youth are giving up their secured government jobs and are now joining the Aroma Mission which offers lucrative opportunities to increase their income the sale of perfumes which selling at high costs

The Minister exuded confidence that while in the upcoming general elections, Narendra Modi will return Dr Jitendra Singh underlined that rising above to power, with 400 seats, the voters of Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha seat are going to script a new record by bestowing a 5 lakh plus record margin on Dr overcoming the shortcomings of the previous govern- Jitendra Singh, and tumble the previous record voter ments. In the second term, the government dedicated turnout here. In the last election, this constituency had itself to laying the foundation of a developed India. a record victory margin since the Independence, which Now, in its third, the government will solidify its gains was the highest in the history of Jammu and Kashmir

Promotes Voters Awareness,

Physical Fitness in Reasi

SVEEP Sports Event

UT Level India Skills Competitions Showcase Diverse Skill Sets

JAMMU, MARCH 15

Today marked a significant milestone as the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir witnessed the UT Level India Skills Competitions in Cyber Security and Graphic Design Techniques organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Skill Development Mission (JKSDM).

This event, part of the IndiaSkills 2023-24 iniparticipants across 18 skill

solutions for business, and mobile robotics.

stage as a hub for skill NIELIT Jammu. excellence.

titions, a collaborative showcased their talents, the youth but also posieffort between JKSDM, marking a crucial step- tion Jammu and Kashmir the Ministry of Skill ping stone towards pre- as a thriving hub for skill preneurship (MSDE) National level competition on both national and



poration (NSDC), have France later this year. received active support tiative, showcased the from the Skill Developprowess of more than 250 ment Department in expressed commitment J&K, renowned for its encompass a diverse dedicated to organizing artistic and culinary skills, range of job roles, from opportunities for the now sees its youth active- beauty therapy, cooking, ly engaging in advanced and fashion technology skills like web design, to technical skills such as sets are being conducted graphic design, software CNC Turning and Cyber at various venues across Security.

JKSDM, aims to propel solutions was held today Level Competitions." India onto the global at partner institution

The ongoing compe- across the UT of J&K celebrate the talents of Development and Entre- National competitions, development and innovaunder the Government tions, and the esteemed international fronts.

of India, and the National World Skills Competitions Skill Development Cor- set to be held in Lyon,

Leena Padha, Mission Director of JKSDM, Jammu and Kashmir. to such initiatives, stat-These competitions ing, "JKSDM remains youth of J&K. State Level Competitions in 18 skill the UT, where more than The State Level Com- 250 candidates will com-The IndiaSkills com- petition for Cyber Secu- pete to represent J&K in petition, orchestrated by rity and IT software Pre-National and National

> As the India Skills Competitions continue Participants from to unfold, they not only

Training-cum-Awareness Camp on Lavender, Marigold Cultivation organised at GDC Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 15

lege (GDC) Kishtwar and the Department of Floriculture Kishtwar today organised a comprehensive training cum awareness camp for students focusing on the cultivation of lavender and marigold crops. The camp aimed to

Government Degree Col-

equip students with practical knowledge and skills pertaining to the cultivation and management of lavender and marigold crops. These aromatic plants hold significant economic potential and play a crucial role in the floriculture industry.

Conducted by experts from the Department of Floriculture, the training session covered various aspects of lavender and marigold cultivation, including soil preparation, planting techniques, irrigation methods, pest and disease management, harvesting practices, and post-harvest handling.

Through interactive

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into the best practices for culture ventures. cultivating and maintaining lavender and marigold crops. The camp also emphasized the importance of sustainable and organic farming practices to enhance yield and quality while minimizing environmental impact.

awareness component of the camp focused on highlighting the economic potential of lavender and marigold cultivation, both at the individual and community levels. Students were briefed

DC Budgam inaugurates Children's

Park & Open Gym facility at Migrant

Pandit Colony, Sheikhpora

students were provided and government schemes with valuable insights available to support flori-

The collaborative effort between GDC Kishtwar and the Department of Floriculture reflects a proactive approach towards promoting skill development and entrepreneurship among students, aligning with the govern-Furthermore, the ment's initiatives to boost the agriculture and allied

Participants expressed gratitude for the informative session and expressed their enthusiasm to apply the knowledge gained to contribute to the developsessions, demonstrations, on market opportunities, ment of the floriculture and hands-on activities, value addition techniques, industry in the region.

promoting physical fitness and well-being.

The event was graced by the presence of the Incharge Headmaster of organized sports activi- Gari, who emphasized the ties at GHS Gari, Block crucial role of SVEEP pro-Jij Bagli, as part of the grams in educating and engaging new and upcomtematic Voters Education ing voters in the electoral and Electoral Participa- process. He highlighted tion) under the guidance that the SVEEP program of District Development aims to provide necessary Commissioner, Vishesh information and resourc-Mahajan. Participants of es to empower citizens to different ages engaged in exercise their democratic rights effectively.

Vijay Kumar Incharge The event underscored ZEPO Arnas, and Official the importance of voters Harjeet Singh P.E.T HSS awareness, aligning with Salal, Balbir Singh REK the theme "Fit Mind, Fit HS Dharmatha, Manzoor Voters" for the upcom- Ahmed REK HSS Judda, ing parliamentary elec- Sanjay Kumar P.E.T HS tions. Such initiatives aim Gari and Akshay Kumar to engage citizens in the P.E.T BMS Arnas attended



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Department of Youth Services and Sports Reasi 'SVEEP" Programme (Sys-Volleyball, Carrom and Tug of War.

electoral process while the event."

Orientation program for Haj pilgrims of Shopian on 17th March

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Muzaffarpur on 22.03.2024

The orientation/ training programme scheduled for the selected Hajj Pilgrims of district Shopian has been fixed by the State Hajj Committee on 17th

Accordingly, all the selected pilgrims of district Shopian have been asked to attend the said orientation/training programme at Jamia Masjid Sharief Shopian on 17th March 2024 at 10:00 am onwards.

Development of Village Patrara under SAGY scheme reviewed

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RAJOURI, MARCH 15

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today chaired a meeting to review the progress of developmental projects in the village Patrara, under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) launched on 11th October, 2014 with the aim to translate the comprehensive scheme at Patrara is near among officers, emphasizvision of Mahatma Gandhi about an ideal Indian vil- mechanical component to ensure the resounding lage into a reality, keep- of the borewell pending. success of SAGY. ing in view the present Furthermore, the con-

progress with focus on accessibility. social development at Gram Panchavats.

pertaining to the Rural pleted. The water supply importance of dedication cers.



struction of the health meeting held today reaf-Under SAGY, each subcentre has also been firm the collective com-Member of Parliament completed, marking a mitment towards realizing adopts a Gram Panchay- crucial stride towards the overarching objectives at and guides its holistic enhancing healthcare of SAGY. Through sus-

par with infrastructure. in Power sector revealed of Patrara is poised to The 'Adarsh Grams' are that the installation of emerge as a Model village to become schools of local a transformer has also of rural development and development and gover- been completed as per inclusive growth. nance, inspiring other the schedule. Addition-

DC B'la kick starts a mega Chinar

Plantation Drive at Uri

completion, with only the ing seamless coordination

The deliberations of the tained efforts and collab-Review of the Progress orative spirit, the village

Officers who attended

ally, the detailed project the meeting were ADC A comprehensive report on lift irrigation Sunderbani, Rajeev assessment revealed scheme at Mawa Patrara Magotra; CPO Maqsood significant milestones has been submitted to the Ahmed; ACD Vijay Kumar, achieved in various sec- Chief Office for further CHO Madan Lal, Dy Registors. Notably, all works deliberation and action. trar CS Adnan Rather, AD During the review FCS&CA Rohit Kumar and Development Depart- meeting, the Deputy Com- EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera ment under SAGY have missioner Om Prakash Vipin Kumar; EXEN I&FC been successfully com- Bhagat underscored the and other concerned offi-

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, Akshay Labroo today inaugurated a children's park, a senior citizen's park and open gym facility at Migrant Pandit Colony, Sheikh-Speaking on the occa-

ensure better facilities to CPO, Executive Engineers and other concerned offithe residents here. The DC said that the of R&B, Tehsildar, DMO cers and officials.

same was demanded by the members during the last interaction with them.

sion, the DC said that

the District Administra-

tion Budgam, under the

directions of Hon'ble LG

Administration has con-

tributed and developed

twin Parks within the

Sheikhpora colony to

He complimented officers of the concerned executing agency for completing the development of these parks in a short span of time and dedicating the same to the families residing at the Migrant Pandit Colony.

He said that under the directions of Hon'ble LG Administration, the District Administration is focusing on creation of various other infrastructure projects to provide better facilities to the Kashmiri pandits, Kashmiri migrants and PMpackage employees at Sheikhpora.

During his visit to Kashmiri Pandit Colony, the DC met members of the Pandit community and listened to them.

He said the parks with the open gym facility, swings for the kids, benches, have the best possible recreational infrastructure available for the children and senior citizens of the colony.

He said that he was happy to inaugurate these parks, which he said were constructed and thrown open in a very short span of time.

The DC was accompanied by SE R&B,

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BARAMULLA, MARCH 15 Chinar plantation drive environment. at Uri, here. SDM Uri,

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cials, local community ing this iconic species. environmental sustainmembers, and volun-

teers, all joining hands to mended the efforts of

Minga Sherpa com- ability.

witnessed enthusiastic event, emphasizing the charge to enhance the participation from offi- importance of preserv- region's green cover and

contribute to the green- the Floriculture Departing of their surroundings. ment for organizing The Deputy Commis- The event kicked off with such initiatives with an sioner (DC) Baramulla, a ceremonial planting of aim to preserve biodiver-Minga Sherpa, in pres- Chinar sapling, symbol- sity and combat climate ence of Director Flori- izing the commitment change. The DC further culture Kashmir, Farooq of the authorities and emphasized the need Ahmad Rather Friday the community towards for collective action and kick-started a mega a greener and healthier urged everyone to take responsibility for nur-The Floriculture turing and protecting Javaid Ahmad Rather; Department's initiative nature for future gen-Commander 12 Infantry, represents a significant erations. Speaking on Brigade Kuldeep Singh stride in the conserva- the occasion, the Direc-Dyha and District Florition of Chinar trees, the tor, Floriculture departculture Officer Baram- population of which has ment, Kashmir said that ulla were present at the been steadily declining. the department will be Over 100 Chinar plants distributing over 10,000 The plantation drive were planted during this Chinar saplings free of

EDITORIAL

Need to act on the plight of PoJK refugees

The issue of displaced persons from

Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) is a humanitarian crisis that demands urgent attention and action. These people have been living in difficult conditions for decades, facing displacement, discrimination, and deprivation of basic rights. It is high time that their plight is addressed comprehensively and with compassion. The recent outcry from various organizations representing Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons sheds light on the ongoing neglect and indifference they face, especially from the administration. The joint statement issued by leaders of these organizations highlights the urgent need to address the genuine issues confronting around 17 lakh displaced persons who have endured immense suffering and pain for decades. The criticism directed towards the UT administration, particularly the Lieutenant Governor, for trivializing the plight of PoJK refugees is a stark reminder of the systemic challenges these individuals and families continue to face. The concerns raised about the wasteful expenditure on a Bhawan for PoJK displaced persons, especially when essential needs are unmet, seem to be valid and warrant immediate attention. The leaders' questioning of the relevance and utility of such a Bhawan, which seems disconnected from the pressing needs of the refugees, underscores the disconnect between the administration's priorities and the ground realities faced by PoJK refugees. The failure to acknowledge and act on critical issues, such as the longpending rehabilitation package approved in 2014, reflects a broader pattern of neglect and disregard. Furthermore, the accusations of constitutional transgressions and undermining the rights of PoJK refugees, particularly regarding voting rights, permanent resident certificates, and job opportunities, are deeply concerning. The demand for the immediate resignation of the Lieutenant Governor on moral grounds reflects the frustration and disillusionment felt by the PoJK refugee community. The recent ruling of the High Court, ordering an end to discrimination against PoJK refugees settled outside Jammu and Kashmir, serves as a beacon of hope. It emphasizes the need for equal treatment and justice for all PoJK refugees, regardless of their place of settlement. The construction of a Bhawan should not overshadow the urgent and substantive needs of PoJK refugees, including financial assistance, job opportunities, and recognition of their rights as rightful inhabitants of Jammu and Kashmir. The allegations of political motivations behind certain actions must be addressed transparently to rebuild trust and ensure the well-being of the refugee community. It is imperative for the UT administration, the Government of India, and relevant stakeholders to heed the voices of PoJK refugees, acknowledge their grievances, and take concrete steps towards addressing their long-standing demands. This includes the immediate implementation of the 2014 rehabilitation package, ensuring equal treatment for all refugees, and fostering a conducive environment for their holistic well-being and integration. The neglect of PoJK refugees is not just a matter of policy but a moral imperative that requires urgent redressal and meaningful action. The time for rhetoric and empty promises is over; it is time for tangible and compassionate solutions that uphold the dignity and rights of all displaced persons. The issue requires a concerted effort from governments and all stakeholders, and civil society to address their needs, protect their rights, and facilitate their integration into society. The time to act is now, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that these refugees are not forgotten or neglected any longer.

India, Mauritius forge strategic ties

SUDHIR HINDWAN

he joint inauguraprojects such as an airstrip, community develin the Agalega island of Mauritius shows the increasing concern over the need to change the existing – and also evolve a new - strategic approach to not only enhance economic and commercial cooperation but also ensure strategic surveillance and security of Indian Ocean Area. The virtual Conference between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Mauritian PM Pravind Jugnauth is a complex rigmarole in the new cornerstone in building up close cooperation how the changing dynamics through multiple projects such as the India-assisted Aushadhi scheme (providing high-quality medicines) commercial and economic cooperation, humanitarian national relations to clusrelief assistance and joint ter around the powerful patrolling. This also fulfils the main thrust of the Indian Foreign Policy principle: "Neighbourhood First Policy" and Mauritius's multiple needs in health, security and economic areas. The Indo-Mauritius coordination bipolar: either the chief is a step forward to add a new country to India's new strategic vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in Region) Besides, it also brings an important fact to light that India and Mauritius need to diversify their and the secondary actors strategies to counter the are obliged to situate challenges both face from Pakistan and China.

The war between Russia another, unless they have and Ukraine, the spread- the opportunity to abstain. ing tentacles of transnational terrorism and the over-ambitious mission of number of chief actors and

ous problems for interna- the chief actors". tional security. While the world is still grappling with tion of India-assisted the deadly spikes of war and terror, the issue of sea security is taking the foreopment projects and a jetty front of global politics. The Leading Realist in IR John Mearsheimer once conceded that states always seek to maximise their power and prowess to achieve security. Realism also contends that states prioritise maintaining their security and status quo power over aggressive expansion, focusing on balancing against threats rather than seeking dominance. It provides a theoretical ratio-

nale for comprehending the

fluid power equations and

of Asia particularly around

IOA shape India's defence strategies. There is an increasing tendency of actors in Interone in the system. China's expansionist mission has vindicated Raymond Aron's observation correctly. Aron once conceded that "The two most typical models are called multipolar and actors, whose forces are not too unequal, are relatively numerous, or, on the contrary, two actors dominate their rivals to such a degree that both become the centre of a coalition themselves about the two

"blocs," thus joining one or

Intermediary models are Ocean Region. possible, depending on the Chinese dominance across the degree of equality or ture BrahMos Supersonic

These are changing times and many changes have occurred in International relations recently. Sharing and working on a common strategic vision and a combined approach to ensure mutual economic prosperity and approaching through a multi-layered and multilateral strategy if the situation demands is going to dominate the world order in the coming days.

What is required is to develop a fresh perspective for a more mature reliance on international cooperation between nations to enunciate a new strategy of retaliation, threatening a severe response to any attempt to destabilise the In this direction To coun-

ter the increasing tentacles of Chinese aggressiveness endangering India's Maritime Security through the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), deployment of Naval bases in the IOC areas, Naval base in Djibouti, construction of Gwadar Port to help Pakistan, its policy of Strings of Pearls through which China is encircling India by enhancing strategic partnerships with IOR countries India has reached out to its neighbouring countries such as Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Seychelles and Mauritius and had a defence strategy of developing coastal Radar System between these countries. Besides, it has already started a Fusion system to provide information related to the security of the Indian

The recent procurement of an India-Russia Joint Venthe globe have created seri- inequality of forces among Cruise Missile for the Indian

Navy and aero-engine for MIG-29 Jets for the Indian tives to enhance India's defence capabilities.

Strategy and is establishing a Changi naval service Base in Singapore, Chabahar Port in Iran, and ports in Myanmar and Oman. India is moving ahead with its Act East Policy to enhance economic and trade cooperation among East Asian neighbours in addition to this started with an extensive web of ports and Coastal Surveillance Radar (CSR) building systems. India's recent strategy has set out a clear way forward by getting fully involved in new techniques and developing challenging strategies to meet the needs of all the partners. The issue that remains vital is to bring so

time security and protecting economic interests. The increasing support and agreement about limiting climate change issues and opening up gateways for renewable energy and development in technological know-how along with impeccable reputation. Furchannelising the sources ther negotiation may lead of power generation and to the creation of a strate- cooperation and coordinacreating a mechanism to gic mechanism to provide withstand any sudden a shield against maritime threat posed by BRI (Belt and Road Initiatives) augur ficking, armed robbery, terwell for peace and prosperity of all the member countries. There has always unleashed by any non-state been a series of extremely actor as well. This may also good relationships between accelerate maritime-friendcountries about trade share around the Indian Ocean having crossed a decent and Indo-Pacific areas landmark during the last which have lately become half a decade which was areas of concern.

The recent efforts by Air Force are major initia- India to protect IOA's secu- nations around the Indian rity through cooperation Ocean Area through equity India has also developed ther boost and cement their are in need at the time of a Necklace of Diamonds ties and create a genuine unprecedented crisis may environment for stabilising show the level of insight in economic growth, (along with ensuring the free flow of goods and services) strategic security, prosperity, stability and combating sudden challenges arising due to climate change and maritime and border threat. Further, the panel discussion focusing on "The Quad Squad: Power and Purpose of the Polygon," during early 2023 provided another step towards solving the expansionist plans.

The member countries showed their commitment to support Pacific Island countries with regional institutions through cooperation in several areas many neighbouring coun- along with the terror such issues of different perspectries to a negotiating table to as climate change, resilient tives. work out a strategy for mari-infrastructure, and maritime security to strengthen the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). The role of India's leadership in finalising the IORA in India-Pacific areas was greatly appreciated and became even more important due to its security, piracy, drug trafrorism, international crime, smuggling and cyber threats India and its neighbouring ly ties and bolster security

Hence, a collaborative partnership among the with Mauritius would fur- and access to those who empowering and motivating people across the board towards extending a helping hand and saving lives. Besides, the pursuit towards the promotion of their well-being would lead to tremendous effort towards enhancement of the overall development scenario in India and neighbouring countries. The sum and substance of the idea is to ensure that the New structural Thinking and orientation changes through a fresh perspective and a framework for key demands while maintaining a synergy among various stakeholders to negotiate even on the

Since then, cooperation among Quad Group countries has set a new road map through diplomatic endeavours towards building a new apparatus for the management of terrorism. Foreign relations are operated through efficient diplomacy and diplomacy is all about the right gestures tion at times of crisis. India is indeed a leading partner in this regard. India is a mature democracy and its leaders are capable of cashing in on any opportunity and strategy that's a combination of tactful strength and resilience.

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Remembering Johan Galtung: A pioneer in peace research

RAJDEEP PATHAK

the loss of one of its most reverberate within the field

Growing up amidst the turmoil of World War II, Galtung's experiences deeply influenced his worldview dedication to understanding

he world of peace such as sociology, psycholresearch and conflict ogy, political science, and

Galtung's pivotal contriinfluential figures, Johan butions to peace research Galtung, who passed away led to the establishment among scholars, policymakon February 17, 2024. Johan of the International Peace ers, and grassroots activists Galtung, born in Oslo, Research Institute in Oslo Norway, in 1930, was not (PRIO) in 1959. PRIO served whose legacy continues to endeavours aimed at comprehensively understanding conflict origins and developing effective strategies for conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

His leadership at PRIO and spurred his lifelong facilitated the exchange of methodologies and ideas and resolving conflicts. He among scholars globally, devoted his career to explor- nurturing a vibrant inteling innovative approaches lectual community dedi-

scend Network for Peace, Development, and Environment exemplified Galtung's commitment to fostering dialogue and cooperation worldwide.

also a prolific writer and ciplinary hub, fostering emphasised the transforma- our shared humanity in prodedicated peace activist collaborative research tive power of collaborative efforts in promoting peace and non-violence. Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent resistance mobilised millions during India's independence movement, showcasing the potential for collective action to bring about profound social and political

Similarly, Nelson Man-

to peacebuilding, drawing cated to advancing peace. ciliation and collaboration of violence such as poverty, grassroots mobilisation to Africa led to initiatives like tion embedded within socidialogue and understand- economic disparities coning. Archbishop Desmond tinue to fuel conflicts world- human dignity for all. Tutu's advocacy for the Afriwide. moting peace and justice.

More recently, figures like Malala Yousafzai have championed education as a tool for peace, inspiring a global movement to ensure every child's right to education and opportunity.

One of Galtung's enduring contributions is his concept of "structural vio- inspiration from Galtung's lence," which highlights the ideas about the power of dela's emphasis on recon- underlying structural causes non-violent resistance and

cooperation offers practical tools for building sustainable peace in today's conflicted world.

Contemporary moveand human rights, such as ing work. Black Lives Matter, draw

from diverse disciplines Initiatives like the Tran- across racial divides in South inequality, and discrimina- challenge systemic injustice. In reflecting on Galtung's the Truth and Reconciliation et al structures. This concept legacy, we must draw upon Commission, aimed at heal- remains relevant today, as his teachings to develop ing past wounds through issues like racism and global innovative approaches that promote peace, justice, and

His profound impact on can philosophy of Ubuntu Galtung's advocacy for education and social trans-Throughout history, further emphasised the non-violent conflict reso- formation persists beyond just a visionary thinker but as a pioneering interdis- leaders and activists have importance of recognising lution continues to inspire his passing, serving as a peacebuilders and activists guiding light for future worldwide. His emphasis endeavours in the pursuit on dialogue, empathy, and of a more peaceful and just world. As Galtung himself said, "Peace is not a fixed state, but a process that requires constant attention and effort." It is up to each of ments for social justice us to contribute to this ongo-

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Scientists play key role in a nation's progress

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tivity. Similarly, the public looks to medical scientists for help whenever a demic, we have seen how, every day, the ordinary person eagerly looked at world, scientists also research work from vari- create confusion because ous labs. Covid-19 reinstated the common man's confidence in scientists. The makers. It's an open secret current generation that that most of the food has overcome the COVID-19 catastrophe is deeply market are adulterated, indebted to scientists for and in some cases, they

ordinary people, and hence, scientists work-The public always ing in these areas need looks at the scien- to communicate directly tific community to the public. Scientists whenever they are in dire working in other fields like straits. Farmers seek help communication engineerfrom agriculture scientists ing, space research, civil when serious pests affect engineering etc, though their crops, or there is a highly relevant to the daydrastic decline in produc- to-day life of commoners, never come in direct contact with them. Whenever humanity is in disarray, pathogen attacks humans. scientists bring glee and a During the COVID-19 pan-ray of hope through their discoveries. In many parts of the

of conflicts of interest and interference from policyproducts available in our contain toxic substances. Even though there are Even scientists working of modern medicine and

Most of the scientific work related to pesticides, drugs etc is linked with industry, and none of the industries will support a genuine scientist. Industries may influence the design of research studies to ensure outcomes align with their objectives.

There is always a conflict between proponents the day-to-day affairs of results or speak publicly. Ayurvedic or Homeo- tists, like all humans, are

pathic drugs have side effects, forgetting the fact that all modern medicines have severe side effects. Scientists should strive to be impartial in pursuing knowledge and understanding of the natural world. This dedication to objectivity is fundamental to the scientific method, which relies on systematic observation, experimenhundreds of scientific in industries will secretly traditional systems of tation, and analysis to pressures and political fields, agriculture and admit it, but they are not medicine. Many scien- uncover truths about the influence can also distort health care are close to allowed to publish the tists blatantly state that universe. However, scien-

work.

everything from the questhe integrity of scientific tions scientists choose to research. investigate to the interpretation of their findings. Furthermore, external fac- free from bias, these printors such as funding sourc- ciples help to minimise es, societal pressures, and political climates can beliefs and external influalso influence scientific ences on the scientific research. Research fund- process. The scientific ing, in particular, plays a significant role in shaping the scientific agenda, as scientists often rely on grants from government agencies, private foundations, or industry sponsors to support their work. The tackles urgent issues like priorities of these funding sources may align with particular agendas or interests, potentially influencing the direction and focus of research. Societal

scientific results. Despite these challeng-

susceptible to personal es, the scientific communibeliefs and biases that ty is committed to upholdmay subtly influence their ing certain principles of objectivity, transparency, These biases can affect and peer review to ensure

While scientists may not always be entirely the impact of personal community can maintain public trust and credibility by upholding these standards. Moreover, scientists should proactively engage with societal concerns, prioritising research that public health, and social inequality. If scientists lose public trust, society will be in disarray.

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Sports Council distributes Sports kits among trainees of Khelo India Centres

JAMMU, MARCH 15

Only a few days after the cash awards were transferred into the accounts of the outstanding performers both at the International and National level, the Sports Council today distributed sports kits among the registered trainees of its Khelo India Centres.

in which the trainees of occasion. district Jammu from the disciplines of Soft Tennis, Table Tennis, and Hockey received new sports kits.

The kit distribution function was held after verification of individual Sports kits will be distrib-The function was super- the Khelo India Centres vised by Muhammad belonging to other dis-Hanief, Chief Sports Offitricts as well. cer; Baljinder Pal Sing, Divisional Sports Officer sion, Muhammad Hanief,



stockings, shoes, and a kit bag were presented

The function was held at officials of Sports Council distinction of surpassing the M.A. Stadium Jammu, were also present on the other states and union territories in the number of More than one hun- such centers and becomdred brand-new sports ing the first to achieve the kits which included a milestone of crossing the tracksuit, shirt, shorts, hundred figure mark in the entire country.

The Divisional Sports following the proper to the trainees. Similar Officer Jammu, Baljinder Pal Sing said that besides NSRS and KID numbers. uted among trainees from a hundred operational Khelo India Centres, two Khelo India Centres of **Excellence in Water Sports** Speaking on the occa- and Fencing are also functional, adding that more

DC Shopian chairs DLIC meeting for implementation of PM Vishwakarma scheme

SHOPIAN, MARCH 15

A meeting of District Level Implementation Committee (DLIC) for implementation of PM Vishwakarma Scheme was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb at Mini-Secretariat,

It is worth mentioning here that the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched to uplift traditional Artisans and Craftspeople.

At the outset, the DC took a firsthand appraisal far with regard to registration of artisans (Vishwakarmas). He emphasized the across the district in all kits registrations.



importance of concerted identified trades efforts and urged officers to promptly identify and register the targeted beneficiaries.

Stressing the scheme's significance in uplifting traditional artisans and craftsofficers to conduct an extensive information,

The DC directed officers to achieve the targets for registration of beneficiaries under the scheme immediately

The meeting was informed that 7800 regispeople, the DC instructed trations have been made so far in the District.

The DC also reviewed of the progress made so education and communi- the ongoing training procation (IEC) campaign to gram for artisans and cover eligible beneficiaries reviewed progress of tool

DDC reviews performance of departments under District Capex Budget in Reasi



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REASI, MARCH 15

Commissioner Reasi, the targets. He urged offireviewed the physical and financial progress under various schemes of the district capex budget here at a meeting of stake- cers for regular field visits holder departments. The to ensure works are exemeeting, held in the DDC cuted on time and under office, assessed the progress of the RDD, Jal Shakti, He urged all stakeholders JPDCL, PWD, and PMGSY departments.

the need to complete the the vision of a prosperpending works in the next ous and vibrant district. 10 days. He directed the SE Romesh Kumar, Joint concerned departments Director Planning Narindto identify bottlenecks er Kumar, ACD Pardeep and take necessary mea- Kumar, Xen PWD and sures to ensure timely PMGSY, CEO, BDO's and completion of projects.

were held on the status of ongoing projects, allocation of funds and measures District Development to ensure achievement of Vishesh Mahajan today cials to maintain transparency and accountability in the implementation of schemes and projects.

DDC directed the offiset quality parameters. to redouble their efforts and work with dedica-The DDC emphasized tion towards realizing other senior officers were Detailed discussions present in the meeting.

Jammu, Nodal Officer Chief Sports Officer said than 120 former athletes of KIC and High-Perfor- that all the Khelo India have been hired to train mance Coaches and other Centres are functional in potential youth in these coaches besides many J&K. He said J&K holds the centers in last few years.

DC Rajouri chairs Nodal Officers meeting to review preparedness for Lok Sabha Elections

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RAJOURI, MARCH 15

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, today presided over a pivotal meeting of nodal officers to meticulously review the preparedness ahead of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. The meeting served as a platform to disseminate vital information regarding the roles and responsibilities incumbent upon each officer during the electoral process. Deputy Commissioner underscored the criticality of the officers' contriand a profound sense of responsibility.

and flawless execution cers to exhibit exemplary democratic participation. in ensuring the smooth commitment and diliconduct of the electoral gence in discharging their attended by the ADC process. He stressed the duties, recognizing their Rajouri, Rajeev Kumar need for heightened vigi- pivotal role in facilitating Khajuria; CPO, Maqsood lance, transparency, and free, fair, and peaceful Ahmed; ACP, Sheraz adherence to electoral elections. guidelines to uphold the sanctity of the democratic expressed confidence in Nawaz Choudhary; CAO,

sive review, Deputy Com- officers to fulfill their (R&B), Sardar Khan and



butions, directing them to outlined the various tasks contributing to the sucexecute their duties with and duties assigned to the cessful conduct of the Lok unwavering dedication nodal officers, encom- Sabha elections in Rajouri passing a wide array of district. He reiterated the responsibilities of all elec- administration's commit-Addressing the officers, tion work management ment to upholding the the DC emphasized the to security arrangements integrity of the electoral paramount importance and logistical coordina- process and fostering conof meticulous planning tion. He directed the offi- ducive environment for

The meeting was Chowhan; Dy DEO, Sha-Deputy Commissioner keel Ahmed; DPO, Mohd the collective resolve and Sohan Singh; DIO NIC During the comprehen- capability of the nodal Muzaffar Mir; EXEN PWD missioner meticulously roles effectively, thereby other concerned officers.

Eternal religion will prove helpful in understanding human's own religion: Prof. Kamalakant Tripathi



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 15

In the Karunabhoomi of respected Gurudev Shri Vishwanath Avadhoot Ji Maharaj in the holy city of Ramnagar in Surat district, on the subject mentioned earlier by him, how to systematically implement human life as described in the scriptures of Sanatan Dharma, etc., contemporary serious facts etc. After collecting the book titled Shashwat Dharma, Prof. It has been composed by Kamalkant Tripathi and edited senacharya. The book was port of Maharaj ji's devotees and disciples.

the theme on this occa-Trust and Research Fellow Lal Nehru University, New

smoothly run the Indian the description in their knowledge tradition, Smriti, Shri Ramcharitmanas, Valmiki Ramayana, Mahabharata and Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta have been preserved and enriched as their basis.

In fact, to keep the

Sanatan Samaj connected with its original tradition, there is a need to collect and adopt in life the spiritual, Vedic and experiential knowledge given by the accom-Kashi, Prof.

While conducting the thi ji, while explaining Avadhoot Ji Maharaj constage and introducing the subject of the book Shashwat Dharma, said sion, Dr. Abhishek Kumar that great men like Swami it will provide guidance to Upadhyay, Chief Trustee Vishwanath Avadhoot ji everyone. In this, all the of Shri Shri 1008 Shri sometimes incarnate on Mouni Baba Charitable earth only by the causeless grace of God. Thus, in at Center for Sanskrit and our life we have received Oriental Studies, Jawahar the darshan and blessings Delhi, said that today our state of Maharajshree's of modernity, corrupt youth The generation is thinking, meditation and moving in the opposite behavior was different direction. direction due to lack of from others. The state of complete familiarity with surprise increases further book release, thousands Sanatan Dharma. Due to when a detached and soul- of devotees who had faith lack of knowledge of cul- less saint living in a well- in Maharaj Shri includture, there has been some equipped ashram is condistortion in their nature tinuously thinking about Shrijitu Bhai Mehta, Shri for which there is a need the rise of the nation and Prabhull Bhai Khatiwada, to write many such books. is urging all the scholars Shri Shani Maharaj were Since ancient times, to to understand India as per present.

religious scriptures. There texts like Vedas, Puranas, is a need to pay attention to the facts. As an embodiment of such inspiration, a book named Shashwat Dharma has been edited. Giving more detail to his thoughts, he said that such learned great men are rare and he is our gem. Whenever we get the company of such a saint, we get some positivity.

> When such high level seekers and thinkers think

about Sanatan Dharma, plished saints from time Culture, Sanskrit, Sanskar to time.On this occasion, and Civilization, only then former Chairman of the the society gets influenced by Jagatguru Vishwak- Mimamsa Department of by it and decides a direc-Sampurnanand Sanskrit tion which is positive. launched at Shri Gurudev University, Varanasi and This book has been writ-Avadhoot Ashram, Ram- a prominent scholar of ten on the basis of the nagar, Surat with the sup- the scholarly tradition of instructions given earlier by Samarth Sadguru Rash-Kamalakant Tripa- triya Sant Vishwanath sidering the past, future and present situation and points of religion according to the scriptures have been touched upon, which will curb the evil efforts made by heretics of many saints, but the and due to the influence education will also get

On the occasion of ing Shri Jeev Vyas Ji Bhai,

Kendriya Vidyalaya to come up in Gandoh Subdivision soon



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 15

District Administration a significant step towards Doda has facilitated Estabeestablishing the KV School lishment of Kendriya Vidy- in Sub Division Gandoh. alaya in Gandoh Subdivision with the execution of DEPO also inspected KGBV the Lease Deed.

deed between the Chief of ongoing examinations.

Education Officer Doda and the Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya, marking

Later, the CEO and Changa Bhalessa, direct-Under the directive of ing completion of pending Deputy Commissioner, works within 15 days for Harvinder Singh, the Chief the building's handover Education Officer Parkash to the department. Addi-Lal Thapa, alongside Distionally, a comprehensive trict Education Planning inspection of examination Officer, Anis Ahmed, and centers at High School Sub Divisional Magistrate Thathri and HSS Thathri Gandoh, facilitated the was conducted to ensure execution of the lease the integrity and fairness

DLTFC meeting: DDC reviews minor mineral mining scenario in Reasi

REASI, MARCH 15

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, chaired a meeting of the multidepartmental District Level Task Force Committee focusing on the Geology and Mining activities in the district.

blocks in the district, out the district. He instructed tices. the DMO to ensure that aims to enhance monitor- tor and crack down on cers were present.



It was informed that

mine owners install CCTV notices have been issued

are a total of 25 mining bridges at all mining sites. inspect all mine vehicles Calling for zero tol- in the evening to ensure of which 8 are operational erance against illegal compliance with regulawhile the rest are either mining in the district, he tions. Additionally, he closed or seized. The DDC urged the authorities to instructed the MVD and emphasized the impor- take strict action against traffic police to conduct tance of streamlining the individuals or entities regular checks on docuextraction of minerals in involved in such prac- ments and licenses of mine vehicles to uphold legal standards.

SSP Reasi Mohita cameras at the exit gates to mine owners who Sharma, ADC Kul Bhushan of their mines within one have not yet paid fines. Khajuria, ACR Anshumali week, with the feed to DDC Mahajan directed Sharma, DFO, DMO, Tehbe submitted daily to the the ACR Reasi to form a sildar Reasi and Bhomag SHO Reasi. This measure dedicated team to moni- and other concerned offi-

Excavator among 11 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized in Kathua

KATHUA, MARCH 15

An excavator and 10 other Vehicles involved in illegal Rana from different locations of the district.

Taraf Tajawal, Keerian mining department. Gandial, Bhagtali and

cles and one JCB machine from unauthorized locawere seized and kept in tion at Gandyal without the custody of police.

stone crushers without e-challans and other docu-

any valid permission from During the seizure it the department. The DMO was found that 7 dump- informed that there are 19 mining were today seized ers, 2 tractor trolleys and mineral leases in the disby District Mineral Offi- a truck were transporting trict for supplying matecer (DMO) Rajinder Singh crushed minerals from rial at prescribed rates and over 30 stone crushers for providing crushed mineral The surprise raids were ments required as per the like sand, aggregate, dust

conducted at Lakhanpur, rules of the geology and etc. but despite this some violators turn towards ille-Meanwhile, over Rs. 2 gal mining. The action was Nagri areas by the team of lakh penalty was imposed initiated on the instruc-Geology and Mining with on JCB machine for exca-tions of Deputy Commisthe assistance of police vating raw mineral for sioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh officials. A total of 10 vehi- dumping at stone crusher Minhas.

World Consumer Rights Day-2024 DLSA Samba hosts Legal Awareness programe

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MARCH 15

for Consumers."

the radiant guidance of exploitation. Adnan Sayeed, Chairman, District Legal Services the programme were Authority, and Pr. Dis- conducted by Versha trict and Sessions Judge, Samba, the event was held Secondary School(Girls), attended by students, fac-

edge on the subject. Kul- Authority Samba.

beer Singh discussed the historical background of the day, Consumer Rights As per the Action plan of available to the Consum-Jammu & Kashmir Legal ers under Consumer Pro-Services Authority for the tection Act 1986 as well month of March, 2024, as the different provithe District Legal Servic-sions of Food Safety and es Authority, Samba today Standard Act, 2006. The organized a legal aware- objective of organizing ness program to mark the programme was to the observance of "World spread awareness among Consumer Rights Day" the students about the dif-2024 under the theme ferent Consumer Rights "Fair and Responsible AI that exist for the masses to safeguard them from Organised under fraud, discrimination and The proceedings of

Anthal, Assistant Legal Aid Defense Counsel at Government Higher Samba. The program was ulty members of Govern-Kulbeer Singh, Food ment Higher Secondary Safety Officer was the key School (Girls) Samba and speaker of the programme Para Legal Volunteers of who shared his knowl- District Legal Services

Redouble efforts, work tirelessly to ensure NC's victory in upcoming polls: Sunil

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15

Sunil Verma, District President, JKNC, Udhampur, has exhorted upon party workers to mobilize and prepare for the impending electoral contests in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing party workers meeting here today, the senior NC leader emphasized the pivotal role that the National Conference plays in fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Jammu and commitment to the welthe rights and interests of its populace.

directive to JKNC work- of Jammu and Kashmir. ers, urging them to



Kashmir. He underscored at informing the elector- the victory of the National members, urging them the party's unwavering ate about the significant Conference in the upcomaccomplishments of the ing polls," he said, adding fare and progress of the National Conference. He "It is incumbent upon region, highlighting its his-stressed the importance of party cadre to interact toric role in advocating for disseminating information with the people, listen to members to redouble regarding the Party's key their concerns, and effecachievements, policies, tively communicate the lessly towards securing a He articulated a clear and vision for the future transformative initiatives resounding victory for taken by our party."

"Only through the dedi-Verma expressed conembark on an intensive cated efforts of our party fidence in the resilience outreach campaign aimed workers can we ensure and dedication of JKNC announced the appoint-

to remain steadfast in their commitment to the party's principles and ideals. He urged all party their efforts and work tirethe Jammu and Kashmir National Conference.

Earlier, Sunil Verma

ment of Des Raj, Retired Zonal Education Officer (ZEO), as the new District President of the SC Cell, Udhampur, in presence of prominent party leaders including Jagdish Singh, Block President of Hordi, Om Prakash, Block President of City Udhampur, Peer Ghulam Hassain, City Vice President, Sudesh Kumar, District Secretary of YNC, and Sajjad Ahmed.

Sunil Verma expressed confidence in Des Raj's capabilities, highlighting his extensive experience and unwavering commitment to the ideals of the National Conference.

Des Rai, in his address,

expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him by the party leadership and pledged to work tirelessly towards advancing the interests of the Scheduled Caste community in the district.

IIT Jammu initiates Abhyuthanam: **Academic Leadership Engagement for** Directors/VCs from CFTIs, CUs

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 15

In adherence to the principles outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Abhyuthanam, a five-day Academic Leadership Engagement, commenced with an opening address by Prof Manoj S Gaur. The event featured a screening of the ipant introductions, each lasting 2-3 minutes.

IIT Jammu is hosting 22 remain open to diverse discussions regarding skill Directors from NITs, IIITs, IISERs, SPAs, NITTRs, and tral universities, who are cussion was moderated is designed to include parexpected to attend and actively participate.

focused on pioneering tional leadership. Prof ing Context of Higher roadmap.

Desai highlighted the Education." During this importance of challeng- insightful session, the ing conventional norms panel examined the chaland fostering innovation lenges and opportunities IIT Jammu Film, a warm in institution-building. He presented by NEP 2020, welcome from the hosts, advocated for a mindset underscored the imporagenda setting, and partic- that embraces ambiguity, tance of traditional classencouraging individuals to room learning in today's navigate the complexities technology-driven era,

perspectives and ideas.

Under this initiative, of uncertain situations and and engaged in critical gaps and employability, Following this session, among other key topics. Vice Chancellors from cen- an engaging panel dis- This five-day engagement by Prof Ashok Ganguli, ticipatory sessions, case featuring Prof Usha Nate- studies, panel discussions, The first session, led san, Prof Somyajulu, and and workshops aimed at by Professor U B Desai, Prof HM Suryavanshi as developing a strategic plan panellists. The discussion for each institute, along innovation in institu- centred on the "Chang- with an implementation

BJP Morchas to intensify party activities at ground level: Yudhvir Keshav Chopra organizes Free Heart

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 15

Intending to bring up all the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi -led central government, under "Vidhan Sabha Parvas Yojna" Vice President BJP J&K Yudhvir Sethi chaired the series of meetings in Bahu Constituency, drops under District Jammu South. The meeting was organised and coordinated by District President Rekha Mahajan to intensify the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls 2024, to accelerate the party activities at ground level. Yudhvir Sethi along with senior BJP leaders, interacted with Booth Karyakartas under Shakti Kendra/Booth Sammelan, bly Constituency here Morcha Mandal Presialso interacted with the at Party headquarters, dents. election management Jammu in the presence of Booth Jan Samvad Abhi- Charak, Vidhansabha activation of the same to upcoming elections. yan, Gaon Chalo Abhi- Sanjojak Vivek Patyal, intensify the party work



Morchas of Bahu Assem- eral Secretaries besides

ongoing programme of Morcha Prabhari, District party activists to leave no important assignment for tionally.

Labharthi Sampark Abhi- Presidents of all the seven stone unturned to convert yan. The Meetings with all morchas including Gen- the support for the Modi Government into votes in

significance of exploring

the local flora while tra-

election management and each one has to prove his or her ability, and capability to face the challenging task bravely. He said that every management Department of the party has its role and united efforts will lead to achieving the desired results in the upcoming polls of the Lok Sabha.

In her presidential address, Rekha Mahajan said, "Booth Jeeta toh Chunav Jeeta in which the threadbare discussions on the ongoing and upcoming organizational programmes in context with Lok Sabha polls 2024. She asserted that the role of Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, booth president and all workers is very importhe upcoming Parliamen- tant to win the elections tary elections in 2024. and BJP has won victory Yudhvir Sethi, while He urged the party of all in every election only due team of Bahu Constitu- District Prabhari Ayodhya addressing the Karyekar- Morcha units to frame a to the efforts on the calency and threw light on Gupta, District President tas units, took the review strategy to reach out to culation of these workers. review meetings regard- Rekha Mahajan, General of the BJP cadres and prespeople across all corners She educated that the BJP ing various programmes Secretary Pushpinder surized for the prompt to build a strong team for is the only party which is moving ahead with the Ayodhya Gupta urges goal "Sabka Sath, Sabka yan, Shakti Vandan, Nav- Mandal President Neeraj at the ground level. He that every worker of the Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" Matdata Sammelan and Puri and Bharat Bhushan, asked the ground-level party has been given an while working organiza-

Check Up camp at FCS, CA Office

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 18

Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra organizes 82nd Free Heart check up camp at Directorate of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Office Jammu, The camp was inaugurated by Director FCS and CA Jammu Rifat Kohli JKAS and was attended by Joint Director Ashok Kumar, Chief Accounts Officer Akhtar Hussain, Deputy Director Padha besides other offi-

was to provide the best at their doorstep. health care services to the



duties Samvedna Organ- Organizing Such Free ises this Health camp at Health Camps are to serve their doorstep, More than the Society and mankind, Supplies Jammu Yudhvir 87 People were examined Keshav Chopra assured by Cardiologists.

ogist from Medanta Hospi- only with good mental maximum people can take tal Gurgaon examined the and physical health we advantage of it. Employees and the Locals can deliver the best and Visiting the office of FCS & serve the nation in the (Cardiologist), Sandeep CA Jammu for their Roubest way, She also hightine Work, PFT (Pulmo-lighted the importance of Manager Marketing), nary Function Test), ECG, routine health check-ups Manshu Skolia, Deepshi Blood Sugar, Blood Pres- and praised the Samvedna Mahotra, Aanchal jamwal, sure and other tests were society's initiative to pro- Muneet Kour, Riya Thapa, vide quality healthcare Pearl, Vikas Kumar Sushil The motive of the camp services to the employees Gupta, Manoj Tandon,

that he along with his Speaking on the Occa- team will continue con-A medical team of sion Rifat Kohli JKAS said duct free medical camps experts including Cardiol- "Health is Wealth" and in the future also so that

Dr Shantanu Singla Singh Jamwal (Assistant Fiza Mandi, Sourav and Speaking on the Occa- Others were also Present.

CUJ organizes National Seminar on Opportunities for Botanical Tourism in J&K, UT

JAMMU, MAR 15

Department of Botany, Central University of Jammu hosted a momentous one-day national seminar on "Opportunities for Botanical Tourism in Jammu & Kashmir, UT." Distinguished academicians and scholars convened at the inauguration ceremony to explore the synergy between botanical sciences and the burgeoning travel and tourism industry in the region.

seamlessly amalgamating Vidyarthi, IFS (Retd.), and ecotourism. botanical sciences with PCCF Govt. J&K, and Dr. the essence of travel and Ranjeet Kumar Raman, nia, Dean Research Studtourism in Jammu and Head of the Department ies, CUJ, on the occasion Kashmir (J&K), stressing of Tourism and Travel emphasized the need to the pivotal role of inter- Management at CUJ, also explore and nurture the disciplinary education in shared valuable insights as opportunities in this field academic institutions.

The keynote address



invited speakers.

was delivered by Prof. menced with Prof. BS suggested the developbotanist of international premier ecotourism des- Sharma underscored the

repute, he highlighted tination, boasting attracthe urgency of address- tions like the renowned ing environmental chal-tulip garden and the pic-Prof. Sanjeev Jain, lenges and advocated for turesque landscapes of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the inclusion of botanical Pahalgam adorned with a CUJ extended warm contourism courses to cater diverse array of medicinal gratulations to Prof. Brij- to the growing demand plants. He stressed the crumohan Singh Bhau, Head for serene destinations cial need for conservation of the Botany Department, among tourists. Prof. efforts, urging heightened and his team for pioneer- Namrata Sharma, Depart- awareness, education, and ing this initiative. He comment of Botany, University strategic alliances to foster mended their efforts in of Jammu, Sh. OP Sharma biodiversity conservation

Prof. Deepak Pathaand Prof. Sunil Dhar, Dean The seminar com- School of Life Sciences

versing the foothills of the Himalayas in J&K. She advocated for the creation of organic homestays to preserve nature while promoting tourism sustainably. Sh. OP Sharma Vidyarthi, IFS spoke of various niche tourism opportunities under the ambit of Botanical tourism, emphasizing the promotion of traditional cuisine at various tourist destinations in J&K, serving dishes and beverages crafted from indigenous, endemic, and medicinal plants, thus enriching the tourism experience. Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Raman proposed the idea of promoting Botanical Tourism as a product to harness entrepreneurial opportunities through tourism in J&K. The seminar envisioned a new trajectory for Botanical sciences by intertwining it with the realm of tourism, fostering job opportunities and sustainable development. The experts collectively highlighted the seminar's (Retd.) AK Koul, Depart- Bhau welcoming the ment of unique gardens aims and objectives, enviment of Botany, Universidelegates, and shedding such as Spice park in the sioning it as a catalyst for ty of Jammu. A renowned light on J&K's status as a Jammu region. Prof. N. innovation and growth in

Col Mahan urges party cadre to ramp up election preparedness

KATHUA, MARCH 15

In a bid to galvanize the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) cadre for the upcoming elections, Colonel Mahan Singh (Retd.), DDC Chairman Kathua and BJP Assembly Constituency Parbhari for Bani, spearheaded a two-day intensive mobilization effort in Bani Assembly Constituency.

During the marathon session, Col Mahan Singh meticulously reviewed the organizational groundwork and the composition of various teams tasked with election-related responsibilities. The DDC Chairman presided over a meeting of key party functionaries, including Thakur Das, Assembly Convenor; Moti Ram, District Vice President; Brij Mohan Singh and Dhani Ram, both Mandal Presidents; Reeta Thakur, DDC Member; Neelam Devi, Ex BDC Chairperson; Beena Devi, alongside a multitude of dedicated party workers.

Sunil Prajapati, State President of the OBC Singh personally inter-opment, setting the stage Morcha, who was coin- acted with several delega- for a resounding electoral cidentally visiting Bani, tions, attentively listen- triumph.



graced the gathering and ing to their concerns and delivered an impassioned extending assurances of address to energize the prompt redressal of the party's grassroots work-

underscored the transformative police and developmental initiatives the party workers to estabof various government schemes and to propa-Bharat Sankalap' (Developed India Resolution) and the comprehensive development unfolding to action and strategic across the region, encom- initiatives underscore the passing Bani and the Lohai Malhar area.

issues raised.

Moreover, in a signifi-In his address, Col cant organizational devel-Mahan Singh fervently opment, Vinod Kumar was unanimously appointed as the President of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva undertaken by the Modi Morcha (BJYM) Mandal for Government. He implored Bani through a resounding voice vote. Furthermore, lish direct engagement Advocate Tilak Raj Thakur with the beneficiaries and Asgar Ali, along with their supporters, chose to align themselves with gate the message of 'Viksit' the BJP, underscoring the party's widening appeal and inclusive ethos.

Col Mahan Singh's call BJP's unwavering commitment to grassroots mobili-Additionally, Col Mahan zation and inclusive develAwareness programme on new criminal laws conducted by Sub-Division Akhnoor JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 15

Today an awarenesscum-interactive session regarding the newly amended criminal laws was organised at Government Ayurvedic College cum Hospital Akhnoor in collaboration with incharge Principal, Mr Narinder Sharma. The staffs, management & students of various streams gathered and patiently heard the changes that were made by the introduction of three new criminal laws. Interactions was held regarding major changes in the laws and the new areas of focus & application of these laws. Participants were encouraged to act as mascots to ensure maximum reach of changes made. The session was presided by SDPO Akhnoor Sh. Mohan Sharma.

IIM Jammu's Education Leadership Training Program Sanjeev Verma, Dr Vijayata Verma for College Principals of J&K concludes

JAMMU, MARCH 15

The 'Education Leadership Development Training Program' hosted by the Executive Education and Consultancy (EE&C) division of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, culminated on 15th March 2024, marking the successful completion of its intensive five-day schedule. Tailored specifically for the College Principals this program aimed at enriching participants contemporary educational landscapes and meeting dents and communities.

prehensive presentation the region. of the program report, setting the stage for partor, IIM Jammu, expressed ering support and empha-

of Jammu and Kashmir, ticipants to share their his pleasure in engagwith essential leadership Parida, Chairperson of key aspects such as youth skills crucial for navigating Admissions at IIM Jammu, empowerment, entrepreand Dr. Muqbil Burhan, neurship, and the deliv-Chairperson of the Sri- ery of quality education. the evolving needs of stu-nagar Campus, addressed He advocated for a shift Dr. Yashoda Devi, Pro-scoring the significance creators and encouraged gram Director at IIM of the program and IIM participants to inspire stu-

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Direc- IIMs. He assured unwav-

enriching learning experiing with fellow academiences. Dr. Rashmi Ranjan cians and emphasized the participants, under- towards nurturing job Jammu, commenced the Jammu's commitment to dents to pursue academic proceedings with a com- educational excellence in excellence in esteemed institutions like IITs and

sized the importance of collaboration and politeness in fostering a conducive learning environ-

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, highlighting the program's significance, stressed the importance of continuous learning and collaboration among participating colleges. He urged the participants to disseminate the knowledge gained to their students, contributing to the broader educational community and nation-building efforts. The program aimed

to achieve various objectives, including the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, enhancing instructional leadership, fostering effective communication, promoting cultural competence, encouraging innovation and adaptability, and instilling data-informed decision-making skills.

pay obesciance at Tirupati Temple, participate in Abhishek Ceremony

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU , MAR 15

Today Commisinor Secretary GAD Sanjeev Verma (IAS) And Dr Vijayata Verma, RC Subramanyam the Superintendent of temple And sai Krishna Today And Amit Shukla paid obesciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tirupati. prayed for the welfare of the country. Every Friday the ceremony of abhishek of Lord Venkateshwar is performed.

Sanjeev Verma expressed happiness over the temple said that it is a feeling of pleasure and proud that the Tirupati Balaji temple is established here for the people of Jammu. With this temple we are able to witness the culture of south India and

this feeling is heavenly.He tendent of temple also

fully made in the Majeen here so that tourists also area.He Said the dedication of Lord Venkateswara temple would give a boost to spiritual tourism and ent on the occasion were a major fillip to the economic development and Inspector, RC Subramanemployment opportuni- yam, Superintendent ties in the Union Territory.

On this occasion Subramanyam the Superin- Amit Shukla, Veda Pandit.

appealed people to visit appealed transport comthe temple and pay obesimissioner to start the bus service for the temple so He said that is ready that devotees can come for any kind of help to the easily to the temple.He temple and devotees.He also emphasize to start the said the temple is beauti- Bharat darshan bus service

> Other dignitaries pres-Sai Krishna, Temple

> came to know about the

temple.

Ramesh Babu Office incharge, Pradhana Pandit,

Where is Modi ji's guarantee

Former Legislators call on LG

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 15

Sh Mohd Syed Akhoon and Sh Ishfaq Jabbar - former Legislators called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today at Raj Bhawan.

Sh Murtaza Khan, former MLC also called on the Lt Governor and put forth various issues concerning the Pahari community particularly the youth and students across the UT.

Subsequently, Thakur Fallail Singh, senior political leader and Sh Sheikh Muzaffar, President, J&K Nationalist People's Front (JKNPF) also called on the Lt Governor at Raj Bhawan

A delegation of Bazigar community called on the Lt Governor and apprised him of several welfare issues of their community.

The Lt Governor assured the members of the delegations of appropriate redressal of the genuine issues projected by them during the interaction.

IIM Jammu organizes One-Day Workshop to promote Hindi Rajbhasha

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JAMMU, MAR 15

shop dedicated to foster- nificant step towards pro- workshop and encouraged ing the use and promo- moting linguistic diversity continued efforts towards the country's rich cultion of Hindi Rajbhasha and inclusivity. Attendees language promotion. He ture. He also highlighted event, held on March 15, ous sessions designed to methods to incorporate 2024, saw enthusiastic and improve Hindi language Hindi Rajbhasha more to the development of active participation from skills, communication, effectively, including the Indian culture. Encourmembers alike. Present on cultural significance. the occassion were Prof.

karan, Chief Administra- as a Rajbhasha. tive Officer and Shri Abhay Awasthi, Hindi Rajbhasha nand Das, Ministry of

Jabir Ali, Dean Academ- ence of Shri Devanand learning in the mother ics, Dr. Anuja Akhouri, Das, Senior Translation tongue or Hindi language. Chairperson Corporate Officer from the Ministry He provided guidance Communications and Co- of Education, Govern- on different approaches Chairperson, Hindi Rajb- ment of India, as the Chief and suggested innovative hasha, IIM Jammu, Shri Guest, added great signifi- ways to promote the use Shailesh Lohiya, Librar- cance to the occasion. His of Hindi language in daily ian, IIM Jammu, Shri Rajat insights and encourage- life. He mentioned that Jain, FACAO, IIM Jammu. ment provided valuable the efforts made by IIM The event commenced motivation to the par- Jammu in promoting Hindi

Chief Guest Shri Deva- linguistic heritage. tion of the Chief Guest by online emphasized that underscored the signifi- of the Hon'ble Union Min- unity.

Shalin Sasidharan Nair, language is not merely a cance of Hindi as the Offi- ister of Education, Shri AO-PR & Admin. The work-tool for communication; cial Language of India. He Dharmendra Pradhan, organized a one-day work- official language, was a sig- organizing this insightful within the institution. The actively engaged in vari- suggested various simple faculty, officers, and staff and appreciation of its implementation of the National Education Policy The distinguished pres- 2020, which emphasizes into their daily official

Speaking on the occa-Adhikari, IIM Jammu fol- Education, Government sion, Prof. B.S. Sahay, IIM Jammu. He mentioned es and fostering a deeper lowed by the introduc- of India, who joined Director of IIM Jammu, that during the recent visit sense of cultural pride and

and promoting the unity of India while nurturing the invaluable contributions of Hindi literature aging all members of IIM Jammu to integrate Hindi work, he emphasized the importance of striking a balance between our linguistic heritage and the

shop, aimed at enhancing it is the essence of our elaborated on how this his speech was delivered The Indian Institute of proficiency and under- cultural identity. He con- language has played a in Hindi, emphasizing Management (IIM) Jammu standing of Hindi as the gratulated the institute for pivotal role in preserving the importance of the language. He expressed his appreciation for the idea of a table conference and thanked the Chief Guest for motivating the IIM Jammu fraternity and providing them with a clear roadmap for incorporating Hindi into their daily lives. The event culminated with the vote of thanks by Paramjeet Singh Bakshi, FAO, IIM Jammu. The event was meticulously coordinated by the demands of the modern Hindi Rajbhasha Commitage. He mentioned that tee at IIM Jammu, demonlanguage is not merely a strating their dedication means of communication towards language promobut also a reflection of our tion and cultural integraidentity and heritage. He tion. As India progresses with the welcome by ticipants in their journey Rajbhasha are commend-reiterated the institution's towards greater linguistic Cmdr. Kesavan Bask- towards embracing Hindi able and reflect a commit- commitment to promot- inclusivity, initiatives such ment to preserving our ing Hindi as a Rajbhasha as these play a pivotal role and fostering a multilin- in reinforcing the imporgual environment within tance of regional languag-

to refugees: Congress technical course all over out financial package of India besides paying cash 24.5 lac, which needs to JAMMU, MAR 15

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to the POJK refugees, recommended by Con- and the promises proved

forces and professional & al with regard to the left S. Gajan Singh.

Tony asks EC to act independently

or making up deficiency be revised after 10 years. Congress has ques- of land to them. He had They urged the refugee tioned where is PM also promised reservation people to give a befit-Modi's guarantee of 2014 of eight assembly seats for ting reply to the BJP, as it POJK refugees out of 24 betrayed the community who feel betrayed and seats reserved for resi- and ignored the struggle cheated after 10 years of dents of POJK. Ten years of the community. They BJP regime. The BJP and of BJP rule, only meagre extended full support to Prime Minister Narinder amount was sanctioned, the refugees organizations Modi ji had made several through a cumbersome for their non-political commitments to POJK procedure for release, struggle for the just cause refugees 2014 elections as a result several fami- of the suffering combut nothing was fulfilled lies are still left out but munity. The signatories after 10 years except sanc- the scheme has been included Ravinder Shartion of a meagre amount closed. Nothing beyond ma-former MLC, Senior of 5.5 lacs out of 30 lac this has been fulfilled Vice President and Chief Spokesperson JKPCC, gress coalition Govt. in false & election Jumlas, Vice Presidents Yogesh J&K, besides several other the Congress said. Only Sawhney, Vinod Sharma, recommendations for the one seat in assembly has General Secretaries Pt. been reserved for them Pawan Raina & Amrit JKPCC said that BJP had in nomination category Bali, S. Amolak Singh, promised 30 Lac to each against promise of 8 seats H.S. Mehta, Sahil Sharma, family, reservations to under elected category Badri Nath Sharma, S. refugee youth in central while there is total refus- Rajinder Singh Nathu and

NCC's Social Awareness Campaign galvanizes Towards Water Management and Harvesting at Suchani Village

JAMMU, MAR 15

Lieutenant (Dr) Pankaj Mehta, leading the 4 J&K Bn NCC under the esteemed NCC Group Jammu and JK&L Directorate, spearheaded a groundbreaking social awareness campaign focused on Water Management and Harvesting strategies in the Kandi Belt. This initiative, held in collaboration with Regional centre of nation- ety converged to forge a

ence of minds, including tive long-term solutions. esteemed Scientists from the subject matter.

of Western Himalayan parate elements of soci-future.



the National Institute of effort, driven by the NCC this campaign serves as a Hydrology, Academicians under the able guidance beacon of hope, inspiring from Central University of Lieutenant (Dr) Pankaj similar grassroots move-Jammu, and members of Mehta, exemplifies the ments across the nation. civil society, alongside power of community It underscores the invaluresearch scholars and stu- engagement in addressing able role of organizations dents deeply engaged in pressing climate issues. like the NCC in galvaniz-Dr. PG Jose, Head provided by the NCC, dis-sustainable and resilient

the National Institute of al institute of Hydrology, united front against water Hydrology Western Hima- in his address, under- scarcity and environmenlayan Region, Jammu, scored the paramount tal degradation. Lieutenmarked a pivotal moment importance of collective ant (Dr) Mehta expressed in the community's collec-participation from all his gratitude towards tive effort towards climate stakeholders to rejuvenate all participants for their the ponds, emphasizing a unwavering commitment Gathering a force of 30 holistic approach towards and emphasized the NCC's dedicated NCC cadets, sustainable water man- continued dedication to Lieutenant (Dr) Mehta agement. Professor Dhar fostering such impactful orchestrated the mobili- shed light on the intri- initiatives. He reiterated zation of approximately cate dynamics of geol- the NCC's pledge to serve 200 stakeholders from ogy, hydrogeology, and as a catalyst for positive the vibrant society of physiology specific to the change, empowering Suchani Village. The region, urging a deeper communities to confront event witnessed a conflu- understanding for effec- and overcome the challenges posed by climate This collaborative change. The success of Through the platform ing society towards a more

N S Bhau holds meeting at **Chhamb Assembly Constituency**



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The interactive session saw Mr. Bhau and backing and ultimately purpose.

tipping the electoral scales in their favor.

In leveraging this col-Narinder Singh Bhau, a laborative forum, Mr. prominent figure within Bhau and the attendees the political sphere, explored various pertirecently convened a meet- nent issues and formulating with local representa- ed action plans designed tives from the Chhamb to galvanize their efforts Assembly Constituency. in the lead-up to the forth-The gathering served as coming elections. The a platform to deliberate meeting underscored the upon crucial matters in significance of coherence, light of the impending diligence, and strong MP elections, all in adher- leadership in steering the ence to ethical codes of party's campaign endeavors towards a successful electoral outcome.

As the political landthe assembled represen-scape continues to evolve, tatives engage in insight- the commitment demonful discussions regard- strated by individuals ing strategic approaches such as Narinder Singh aimed at bolstering sup- Bhau and the concerted port for their affiliated efforts of the Chhamb political party, the BJP. Assembly Constituency Deliberations centered representatives signal on ways to proactively a concerted resolve to enhance their effective- navigate the electoral terness in garnering public rain with integrity and

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Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Member Suchetgarh, has voiced strong concerns regarding the much-delayed Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. He called upon the Elections Commission as security concerns.

here today, the senior Contions. "Why not hold the people," he stated. Assembly polls simultaneand Kashmir.

Commission, Tony assert- in the country. ed "The people of Jammu racy in the region."

Furthermore, Tony to shift high-tension wires



meeting held at Chatha among the populace. "The Department (PDD). BJP has failed to fulfill its the rationale behind delay- restore statehood, and Singh Tony, Ashok Bhagat ing the Assembly polls in this delay in conducting and Bal Krishan Bhagat,

ously with the parliamen- critical need for transpar- decades. They mentioned tary elections?" he asked, ent and timely electoral that despite approaching highlighting the resent- processes, urging the Elec- previous administrations, ment among the people tions Commission to act including the former who continue to suffer due swiftly and independently Deputy Chief Minister, to the absence of an elect- to address the pressing who oversaw the Power ed government in Jammu concerns of the people Department, the issue of Jammu and Kashmir remained unresolved. Expressing dissatisfac- by announcing Assembly However, through contion with the lip service polls in J&K simultaneous- certed efforts and perseshown by the Elections ly with the Lok Sabha polls verance, tangible progress

Elections Commission addressed a long-pending they added.. moves beyond mere prom- demand of 25 to 30 years ises and takes concrete from the residents of nized by Mahionder Ch, actions to restore democ- Chatha Pind. He highlight- Sarpanch Avtar Singh, and ed the successful efforts Kuldeep Singh Shanty.

to uphold its duty inde- pointed out the lack of from rooftops and houses pendently, without resort- serious intent from the in the area, a feat achieved ing to vague excuses such BJP regarding the Assem- through collaborative bly elections, attributing it endeavors with employees Speaking at the public to the growing resentment of the Power Development

Acknowledging the gress leader questioned electoral promises and contributions of Taranjit Jammu and Kashmir while Assembly elections only prominent leaders of the the country gears up for exacerbates the disil- area, emphasized the upcoming Parliament elec- lusionment among the significance of fulfilling promises that had been Tony emphasized the neglected for over three was finally made, bringing Earlier, speaking at a relief to the residents of and Kashmir deserve meeting in the Chatha Chatha Pind only due to better. It's high time the area, Taranjit Singh Tony the hectic efforts of Tony,

The meeting was orga-

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India @ 2047 Program

JAMMU, MAR 15

Yuva Samvad India @2047 program was organized by the National Service Scheme Unit of Central Sanskrit University, Shri Ranbir Campus, Jammu in which the volunteers and students of the NSS unit of the campus participated and learned about the Panch Pran. They took a pledge to become a partner in the prosperity of the country by imbibing the the work of youth power nation's development. He ity play an important role values dictated in Panch and the youth will have to said that no youth is use-Pran. The keynote speaker of the program was Dr. the concept of the devel- hidden talent on the basis Sarvesh Tripathi of the opment of nation. Kashmir Shaiva Darshan Department of the univer- note speaker of the pro- try and society. sity campus. Dr. Shweta gram, said that the youth Sood, Kamal Kishore, Dr. population of any coun- "The Goal of Developed Pradeep Dixit, Dr. Anay try is the most precious India under Panch Pran Mani Tripathi were present as judges.

program, Dr. Pradeep youth need to under- heroes of independence Kumar Mishra said that stand their importance gave us independence the nation is shaped by and play a leading role in and now it is our respon- and participants.



come forward to realize less and every youth has

Dr. Tripathi, the keystrength of that nation in Youth Dialogue", the towards which the nation student of Shiksha Shastri While conducting the looks with hope. The Department said that the

try a developed nation and world leader. Dr. Shweta Sood stressed on being proud of our national heritage. NSS volunteer Rohit said that when we unite and make efforts in any direction, we get meaningful results, hence unity and solidar-

sibility to make the independent coun-

in the efforts being made towards a developed India.

More than 150 NSS volunteers and students participated in the program. In the Panch Pran competition, the winning students were given prizes by the guests and certificates were distributed to all the others. Program Officer Maninder Singh expressed gratitude to all the guests

Central Sanskrit University organizes Yuva Samvad Homestay Entrepreneurship Development Program for Youth of District Samba commences at CUJ

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School of Business Studies under the patronage of Prof Sanjeev Jain, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Central university of Jammu and Sh. Abhishek Sharma, IAS Deputy Commissioner Samba jointly inaugurated the Skill development course on Homestay Entrepreneurship Development Programme for Youth of District Samba under SANKALP, the MoU for which was signed between District Skill Committee, Samba and School of Business Studies, Central University of Jammu in the presence of Hon'ble LG Sh. Manoj Sinha last stay Entrepreneurship month during his visit to Development Program"

The present initiative of District Skill Commit- who wish to convert their tee Samba and The School homes into a homestay of Business Studies shall focus on imparting prac- pitality industry. tical training to youth

tives in samba district shall mainly focus on "Homeand focus on preparing young entrepreneurs and develop career in hos-

entrepreneurs across ing consultancy project and Dr. Anju Thapa have gram.

diverse skills. DC Samba aims to create successful further informed that this entrepreneurs who will Project Skill Development in turn employ others for and Youth Empowerment their business and con-Programmes in Samba tinue the cycle of skilling (SDYEP) under capacity and employment generabuilding and skilling initiation. The entrepreneurs can also cluster for different tourist activities including trekking, camping, glamping and many Bhasin, Dean, SBS welmore depending on the comed all the participants local opportunities and and briefed them about the offerings. It is pertinent to initiative and course. Dr. mention here that Project Shahid Mushtaq proposed This capacity build- Mushtaq, Dr. Neelika Arora the proceedings of the pro-

sive report on Skill Gap Survey Study in District Samba and present Project is another endeavour of Project Team to train the youth of District Samba for income and employment generation through entrepreneurial ventures. Dr Ranjeet Kumar Raman, HoD TTM along with Dr Asif Ali and Dr Rahul Thakur conducted sessions. District Tourism Officer Sh. Mumtaz Choudhary arranged the participants and provided administrative as well as logistic support for smooth conduct of the program along with Sh. Amanpreet Singh, Superintendent Govt. ITI Samba. Earlier Prof. Jaya Team comprising of Prof. a formal vote of thanks and Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Shahid Dr. Anju Thapa conducted

submitted a comprehen-

Apni Party takes out protest march in Ramgarh

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Apni Party on Friday

staged a peaceful protest demonstration, demanding holding of Legislative Assembly Elections and restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir to mitigate the issues of the masses.

The protest march was led by Provincial President of the Party, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh at Ramgarh. The demonstration was organized by District President Legal Cell, Samba, Adv Sahil Bharti.

To highlight the issues being confronted by the people, the Party leaders under the leadership of S. Manjit Singh took out a protest march while shouting slogans in support of their demands.

protesters demanded that the public issues have multiplied with the nonserious approach of the authorities, especially because there is no elected Govt.

"The Election Commission of India should announce holding of Legislative Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir which have been delayed for the last several years," said Manjit Singh, addressing the Party's protesting leaders, and other workers in Ramgarh who were holding placards in support of their demands.

While seeking restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, he said that "The bureaucracy is not working in public interest, and the people have lost their voice in the Govt that has given rise to the feeling of alienation and widened the gap between publicadministration."

As the sloganeering continues, he pointed out about the plight of the refugees/Displaced Persons whose issues remain unaddressed regarding the release of pending package amount and granting of ownership rights on the land allotted to them by the Govt.

He said that the Govt of India should release the pending package amount Rs 25 lakhs in favour of each refugee/ DP family in Jammu and Kashmir, out of total, Rs 5.5. that has already been released for these families

BJP all set to return to power with record number of seats: Kavinder

of which he is capable of

bringing glory to the coun-

Speaking on the topic



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REASI, MAR 15

ing political battles and Sabha polls. to achieve the goal hard the only keys.

joined the meeting.

that the Party is poised coming future. to reclaim power at the

Centre and usher in a new also asked the booth era of transformative governance. With a dedicated Upcoming polls are the team of passionate party real test for the Bharatiya workers, the BJP is geared Janata Party (BJP) cadre up to exceed all previous as nothing short of clean electoral accomplishsweep is the aim of the ments by securing more party in the impend- than 400 seats in the Lok

work and dedication are synergy between differ- ing people by misleading This was stated by ground level workers level workers are the real Kavinder Gupta, senior could be the game chang-BJP leader and former er for the forthcoming as their efforts can prove Deputy Chief Minister elections and therefore to be the game changer while addressing Booth frequent meetings and especially to get favour-Management Meeting at chalking out strategy on able results in elections. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi the basis of real time situa-Katra constituency here tion is significant to ensure President, Arvind Gupta today. In the meeting victory of the party. He Prabhari and Inderjit San-Booth Presidents and asked them to strengthen Shakti Kendra Parmukhs the organization from the booth-level, and reach The BJP stalwart out to prospective voters emphasized the BJP's from all segments and agepotential to secure a groups. He also laid stress resounding victory in the on strengthening organiupcoming Lok Sabha polls zational setup to the hilt with a record number of so that the party's triumph seats and gigantic margins at all the political contests across the nation. He said could be ensured in the

The senior BJP leader and Ramesh Kumar.

level workers to disseminate information about Modi government's flagship schemes among the common masses so that doubts if any can be warded off timely leaving no scope for the opposition parties to take Kavinder said that undue benefits by swayent committees and the them. He said that ground ambassadors of the party

Rohit Dubey, District gathan Mantri also spoke in the meeting.

Among those who were present in the meeting include Shashi Gupta, ex President Municipality, Ajay Baru, Saraf Singh Nag DDC Chairman, Rajinder Mengi DDC member, Baldev Raj Ex MLA, Nirmla Devi DDC Member, Yog Rai Vistarak, Pawan Kumar

MARWAH FOREST DIVISION. **E-TENDERING** Short Term Tender Notice: e-NIT No.: 72 of 2023-24 Dt: 14.03.2024 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J& K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited

JAMMU AND KASHMIR FOREST DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,

from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K Govt./Central Govt. Organizations for the following works:-

S. No.	Name of work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In lac)	Earnest Money (Rs. In Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion	Receiving/ Opening Authority
1	Construction of view point at Aithpal Lopara under Bio Diversity Management plan 2023-24	4.50	9000	A,B,C & D	600	30 days	Tender Opening Committee
2	Construction of view point at Kuchhpal Bhatpora under Bio Diversity Management plan 2023-24	4.50	9000	A,B,C & D	600	30 days	Tender Opening Committee

Note: The timber item to be used for the construction shall be obtained/procured by the Tenderer/Contractor from the genuine source authorized by the competent authority. The Tenderer/Contractor shall produce the documents in support of timber after completion of work at the time of payment. A proper Measurement Book of the work has to be prepared against which work done payment is to be made to the contractor. The material viz tiles, paint, cement and allied items of good quality as well as of standard specification with its mechanical/head carriage including loading, unloading and stacking charges will be managed/procured himself by the contractor. A proper testing certificate with regard to the material has to be produced by the contractor before the execution of work. A proper Measurement Book has to be prepared of the work against which work done payment is to be made to the contractor.

The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities,(B.O.Q), Set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in

Position of funds: Available Position of AA/TS: Work Approved

Publishing Date	14.03.2024
Download Start Date	14.03.2024
Bid Submission Start Date	15.03.2024 at 10:00 AM
Bid submission End Date	22.03.2024 upto 6:00 PM
Date of opening of Technical Bid (online)	23.03.2024 at 1:00 PM in the Office of DFO Marwah
Date of opening of Financial Bid (online)	23.03.2024 at 3:00 PM in the Office of DFO Marwah

- 1. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the Departmental Website: https://jktenders.gov.in.
- 2. The price bids uploaded on the website in time will be opened on 23.03.2024 in the office of DFO Marwah. In case of public holiday on the date of opening of the bid, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- Bids must accompany cost of tender document as shown against work in the shape of demand draft or Treasury Challan (Remittance Head-0406-Forest) in favour of Divisional Forest Officer, Marwah and earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledge to Divisional Forest Officer, Marwah. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. (Vishal Choudhary)SFS

Divisional Forest Officer, Marwah Forest Division.

DIP/J-16132/23

Date: 15-3-24

/MFD Dated:

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER DANSAL, DISTT, JAMMU email ld-cdpodansal@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

In reference to the Advertisement Notice No:-6 of 2023 Dated 26-02-2024 published on 03-03-24 in State Times newspaper, the Corrigendum is issued with regard to following:-

S.no	Corrigendum	Remarks
2	At Annexure 'B' Age	The correction may
	as on 01.01.2023	
	mentioned below	01.01.2024
	Space for Photograph	

No: -CDPO/D/1618-26/2024 Dated: 12-03-2024

Child Development Project Officer Poshan Project Dansal.

Sd/-

DIP/J-16096/23 Date: 15-3-24

Representatives of Kashmiri Pandit organisations call on Lt Governor



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Representatives of sev- also presented several eral displaced Kashmiri publications to Lt Gov-Pandit organisations ernor including a book gratitude to Lt Governor called on Lieutenant titled "Kashmir After Kal- for the support extend-Governor Shri Manoj hana" written by Dr R L ed to the organisation Sinha, today at Raj Bhat and 'Pavak' maga- for promotion of sports Bhawan. The mem- zine of Jonaraja Institute among the community bers of the delegation of Genocide & Atrocities youth.

apprised the Lt Governor of various welfare issues of the community. They

Members of Lalitaditya Sports Organization, led by its President Sh Anil Bhat expressed

Army distributes sports equipments to students at border village-Sher

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An outreach program was organized at Government High School Sher on Friday by Indian Army involving school girls, teachers and local leaders of Sher village along AIOS in Nowshera. About 130 students and teachers of Government School Sher village Sarpanch and VDC members were present at the event.Participants got the opportunity to excellence in their endeav-



the program wholeheart- the hidden talent within engage in various sports Army Local people said vides training to school activities. By providing that with the aim of pro-Students a platform is pronecessary resources the viding basic facility to vided under which sports Army equipped the youth the people and school equipment has been diswith the sports items and students living in the tributed by the Indian encouragement to pursue border areas, the Indian Army to the students in their passion and achieve Army from time to time the government school ors.Cricket equipment the school students study- behalf of all the villagers, including bats, balls, wick- ing in the border areas. we thank Indian army who ets, shin guards and hel- Sports material is distrib- organizes such programs mets were also distributed uted so that the students from time to time, which to the school on the occaremain ahead in sports boosts the morale of the sion. On this occasion, the competitions along with local people and school local people who attended studies and can bring out students.

edly thanked the Indian them.Indian Army proprovides sports facility to of border area Sher. On

Billawaria inaugurates lane, drain work at ward-56, Gangyal

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 15

Former Deputy Mayor Jammu & senior BJP leader Baldev Singh Billawaria inaugurated the lane and drain work at ward 56, Gangyal in Rs Pura-Jammu South constituency. Speaking on this occasion

vide every service at the Billawaria further said Chib were also present.



On this occasion, former and Modi government in favour of BJP in the Deputy Mayor Jammu and believes in development country has been created senior BJP leader Baldev and not giving false assurass a result of fulfilling the Singh Billawaria assured ances. Billawaria said that promises of the successful the people that the ongo- the administration under Prime Minister Modi. He ing works in the ward will the leadership of Prime said that definitely for the be expedited and other Minister Narendra Modi third time in the country, ongoing development has implemented a multi- BJP government is going works will be completed pronged strategy with a to be formed under the soon. He said that this strong focus on healthcare, leadership of PM Narendevelopment work was a education, infrastructure, dra Modi and this time BJP long pending demand of transport, agriculture and will cross the mark of 400 the local people and now industrialisation in Jammu seats. During this inauthis demand has been and Kashmir. He further guration, local BJP leadfulfilled. He said that the said that the abrogation ers and prominent of the construction of this lane of Article 370 has opened area Ranjit Singh, Rakesh will provide relief from up new possibilities for the Sangral, Surjeet Kumar, the problem of water log- region, laying the ground- Mamta Razdan, Rajinder ging during rainy season. work for economic pros- Singh, Mulkh Raj, Suresh He said that the main perity and social progress Mishra, Surender Singh, objective of BJP is to pro- in Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Ajmer

NYK Jammu conducts District Level **Neighbourhood Youth Parliament**

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organized a dynamic District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at the Government College for Women in Gandhinagar, Jammu. The event, held on March 15th, brought together young minds from across the Jammu district to participate in insightful discussions and foster community engage-

The program commenced with great fervor, graced by the esteemed presence of Sh. Bharat Bhushan, Chairperson of the District Development Council, who served as the Chief Guest. His profound address on democracy set the tone for the event, emphasizing the importance of youth participation in shaping the future cussions, simulating the

In the second session, Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, NSS Program Officer, provided valuable guidance to concept of Viksit Bharat. through technology and and civic responsibility the event.

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In a significant move

towards addressing the

long pending demands

of the Other Backward

Classes (OBC) community, a delegation led by S.

Gurinder Pal Singh 'Billa',

National Coordinator

OBC Department AICC,

Incharge J&K, visited the

Congress headquarters

Jammu today for an introductory session along

with S. Tarlok Singh Bajwa

Vice President JKPCC, Sh.

Bhushan Dogra Secretary

and aspirations of the OBC

and Kashmir's political

landscape. Gurinder Pal

Singh emphasized key

The event further enriched the participants Nehru Yuva Kendra Jammu with enlightening lectures by distinguished resource persons. Sh. Jatinder Pal Singh, General Manager shared insights on 'New India New Initiatives', highlighting transformadevelopment and progress in the region.

Additionally, Dr. Subhash Chander Kashyap delivered a compelling discourse on the benefits of millets, urging the youth to adopt healthier dietary habits and make informed choices for a better life-

was the Mock Parliament Jammu Smart City Project. Participants engaged in lively debates and disworkings of a real parliaing the essence of demo-

cratic governance. organizing such impactand tools for contributing ment. He emphasized the

Leaders advocate for Substantive Reforms

prosperous nation.

As a token of appreciation for outstanding performance, participants of the Mock Parliament were presented with gift of Jammu Smart City Ltd., tokens, recognizing their dedication and enthusiasm towards constructive dialogue and civic engagetive projects driving urban ment. Furthermore, the resource persons were also honored for their valuable contributions and expertise, which enriched the event and inspired the participants.

The District Level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament in Jammu stands as a testament to NYKS's commitment to A highlight of the event nurturing responsible citizenship and empower-Session focused on the ing the youth to become active agents of change in their communities. The program conclud-

ed with heartfelt gratitude expressed by the ment session, and reflect- Mrs. Bimlesh Kaur, APA State Office NYKS J&K towards the Chief Guest Chief Guest Sh. Bharat and all resource persons. the participants on utiliz- Bhushan, in his con- Mrs. Bimlesh Kaur, APA ing the MyBharat Portal cluding address, lauded State Office NYKS J&K, and understanding the the efforts of NYKS in Mr. Anmol Bajaj, APA NYK Jammu, along with Her interactive session ful programs and com- other staff members and aimed to empower the mended the participants NYVs of NYK Jammu, were youth with knowledge for their active involve- also present during the program, adding to the to national development importance of democracy vibrancy and success of

delegation advocated for mitment of the OBC com-

ing targeted policies to to advocate for substan-

challenges faced by OBCs. the OBC community and

Political OBC reservation ensure their inclusion in

all spheres of society. The

prominent figures present

Aditya Dogra, Raj Mohd

Salaria, Bodh Raj Godiya,

Darshan Verma, Dharam

Pal Dogra, S. Sham Singh,

Capt Karamjeet Singh,

Surinder Prajapati, State

Joint Coordinators RashPal

The meeting was pre- the conduct of a compre- munity to work along-

sided over by Chairman hensive Caste Census to side the Congress party

OBC Department, JKPCC gather accurate data on for meaningful progress

Madan Lal Chalotra, the demographic compo- and social justice. The

served as a platform to sition and socio-econom- session concluded with

reaffirm the commitment ic status of various caste a renewed sense of pur-

to addressing the concerns groups, essential for devis- pose and determination

community within Jammu address specific needs and tive reforms that empower

was also underscored as a

community and rallied ering OBC leaders and during meeting were, Vice

support for their cause ensuring their active par- Chairman S. Mehar Singh,

a 27% reservation quota tude to Rahul Gandhi for Coordinator/General Sec-

in educational institu- his leadership in uniting retary Darshan Mehra,

and public life. This res-society and focusing on Singh, Raj Kumar Mehra,

ervation aims to provide unresolved issues since Jagdish Kashyap, Sham Lal

equitable opportunities the Mandal Commission. Verma, Prem Sagar, Ajay

and representation to Chalotra highlighted the Kashyap, Fafa Tundeep,

individuals facing histori- importance of advocating Ajaj Ahmed Ganai, and

cal socio-economic dis- for the rights and welfare Sandeep Dogra (Senior

advantages and marginal- of marginalized groups JKPCC Leader), Gurmeet

ization. Additionally, the and emphasized the com- Singh Sayan (Mohali).

issues affecting the OBC crucial aspect for empow-

within the political arena. ticipation in the political

The primary focus of the process, from panchayat

visit was to highlight the to parliamentary elec-

critical demands of the tions. At the conclusion of

OBC community, includ- the meeting, Madan Lal ing the implementation of Chalotra expressed grati-

tions, government jobs, marginalized sections of

Empowering the OBC Community: J&K Congress







college. Under the able said policy. guidance of Principal of the college, Prof. Seema Head Department of Mir, the event was con- Business Administration ducted with the view presented the formal welto encourage entrepre- come address. Ms Nisha neurship, Innovation Manhas and Ms Tanisha and inspire young brains conducted the proceedtowards their own Start ings of the event. Dr. up. She also appreciated Tajeshwar Singh, Departthe organsing team for ment of BBA presented conducting such pro- the formal vote of thanks grammes for the overall to the gathering. More

dents. the chief guest for the said event. The overall event event. He emphasized the was coordinated by Dr. need for organsing aware- Jasvinder Singh, Head ness about the impor- Department of BBA, Prof tance of startups in driv- Ajay Sharma, Dr. Tejesh-

sion Dr. R. K Pandita Gupta Prominent among inspired the youth of GDC others present on the Kathua to turn their inno- occasion were Prof.R. vative ideas into the real- K Pandita, Dr. Nelam ity with the help of JKEDI Bhagat, Prof. Ravinder that play a nodal role in Kour, Dr. Yashpal Sharma, overall implementation of Prof. Shiwani Kotwal, Prof

for the todays event was Singh, Prof. Charandeep Mr. Dheeraj Handoo Dis- Handa, Prof Rakhi, Dr. trict Nodal officer JKEDI Rahul Gupta and other Kathua and Mr. Hari faculty members

Indian Army distributes "Combating Cold Tarpaulin Tents" for Gujjar-**Bakkarwal at Poonch**



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availability of grazing of life, distributed tarlies and herd of animals villages.

from severe cold and rains. Indian Army under Op Sadbhavna launched Unable to move back to several welfare activities warm places owing to to improve the quality grounds for their herds paulins to these Gujjarof animal, many Gujjar- Bakkarwal at Mendhar Bakkarwals families gets Tehsil under district struck in upper reaches Poonch. The inhabitof south of Pir Panjal. As ants whole heartedly cold snap hits severely expressed their gratitude these communities and acknowledged for caught shiver with only the role of Indian Army make shift tarpaulin tents fulfilling the aspirations for safety of their fami- of these under developed

GDC Kathua, JKEDI organize **Awareness Programme on** New Jammu and Kashmir Start Up Policy 2024-27







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development of the stu-than 100 students from

ing job creation.

Bhushan, District Coordinator JKEDI Kathua. They emphasized on Department of Business new jammu and Kashmir Administration, GDC Start up policy 2024-27 Kathua in collaboration recently launched by the with Jammu and Kash- UT govt. of J&K. And also mir Entrepreneurship highlighted on how the Development institute new entrepreneurs can (JKEDI) today organized avail the benefits from an Awareness Programme such schemes along with on New Jammu and Kash- process of funding and mir Start Up Policy 2024- conceptual framework 27 for the students of the for implementation of Dr. Jasvinder singh,

BBA departments of the Dr. Sanjay Kurlupia was college participated in the war Singh, Prof. Rohit Speaking on the occa- Gupta and Dr. Supriya new startup policy 2024. Ambica Rajput, Dr. Ram The resource person Singh, Prof Manmohan

BJP's proxy govt, a total failure in J&K: Congress

SAMBA, MAR 15

Sanjav sharma, Distt President SC Department Vinod Kumar arrived as special guests. While Jammu Kashmir Congress on addressing workers, Kundal Friday alleged that the BJP's said that only Congress party's "proxy" government has failed rule in J-K can bring smiles on all fronts in Jammu and back to the faces of people. Kashmir and claimed people The party also passed a resoare feeling betrayed by the lution to condemn the governsaffron party. INC party work- ment for not conducting the ers organised a public meet- assembly elections in J-K. "The ing here at Nud under samba government in J&K, run by the constituency. Former Minister administration led by Lieutenand Congress UT vice presi- ant Governor Manoj Sinha, has dent Yash Paul Kundal was the proved to be an utter failure chief guest. Distt President on all fronts with common



people were left to fend for of this region are waiting to bled due to multiple miseries

themselves. The people crum-teach them a lesson. "BJP fears losing the elections whenunder the proxy government ever they are held. This is the of BJP in J&K," Kundal said. reason that the government While addressing Distt Presi- has adopted delaying election dent Sanjav sharma said that tactics. Assuring the cadre of the people of Jammu region, Congress that the party is fully who were "promised the geared up for the elections, he moon" by the BJP, today feel said people have now realised betrayed by the saffron party that only Congress can provide as it never proceeded beyond solutions to their problems and 'jumlas' creating merely false they will overwhelmingly vote narratives to secure votes. San- for Congress candidates whenjeev said even the BJP leaders ever assembly or parliamenknow quite well that people tary elections are held in J&K

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Div Com Jammu attends Exhibition and Symposium on Iconic Women of India

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 15

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar attended the Exhibition and Symposium on iconic women of India as the Chief Guest at Abhinav Theater today.

The Exhibition featuring numerous women icons from ancient times to modern day India was put up by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, in collaboration with J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages, in the K L Sehgal Hall of Abhinav Theatre Jammu.

Speaking on the occasion, the Divisional Commissioner highlighted the women icons in the social, educational and other tions in every field. Today, Atma Nirbhar and devel-

examples of towering developed India in the towards upliftment and es the strength of Indian ic history of India. enlightenment of the women", he said. Indian society. He further



have reached high posi- achieving the target of the world is witnessing oped India by 2047. The Div Com cited their role in building a

The topic of the sym- mended Indira Gandhi

Students meet Dr Jitendra Singh at

Delhi during Bharat Darshan Tour

said women continue to posium was Viksit Bharat National Centre for the be on the forefront in Mein Mahilaon Ki Bhagidiverse professional fields. dari. A number of speak-"Since ancient times, ers presented their views significant role of Indian women in our country on the role of women in

Earlier, the Div Com went round the exhibition women personalities 21st century. From Mis- 'Empowered in Form' and from pre Independence sion Gaganyaan to Chan- praised it. The Exhibition India like Rani Laxmi Bai drayaan, female scientists showcased the life and and other women icons are not only playing a cru-role of 75 women who and enumerated their cial role but also providing made significant contribusupreme contribution leadership. This showcastions in the socio-econom-

The Div Com com-

Arts for organising such events to celebrate the International Women Day and assured support from the UT administration in such endeavours of highlighting the role of women.

Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages, Shruti Awasthi, Regional Director IGNCA, DIG Shakti Pathak, Dr Garima Gupta, from Jammu University other dignitaries and students were present.

District Level **Committee approves** 13 cases for change of land use in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15

A meeting of the District Level Committee on Change of Land Use today approved 13 cases here ait its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai.

A total of 33 cases were presented for consideration regarding the change of land use. The DLC committee approved 13 cases, while 07 cases were rejected, and 13 were deferred for further review.

The DC inquired about the status of NOCs issued to applicants in earlier cases and the follow-up progress by the concerned depart-

Necessary directives were issued to ensure the timely issuance of NOCs after meticulous document verification. The DC emphasized the importance of field certification before finalizing the appli-

Among others, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Umesh Shan, SDM Chenani Gurdev Kumar and other concerned officers.

Mega SVEEP program held at Ramnagar

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15

To educate the voters, an awareness program under SVEEP was organised at Government High School Nalla Mallian, Assembly Constituency Ramnagar by Nodal officer Pawan Kumar Sharma, the Zone Educational Officer Ghordhi and Principal HSS Ghordi.

The event was part of a series of SVEEP programmes chalked out by ERO (SDM) Ramnagar Rafiq Ahmad Jaral on the direction of District Election Officer Udhampur Saloni Rai.

The event encompassed varied activities, including songs, street plays (nukkad natak) focusing on the public awareness particularly Nomads and Gadhi tribal voters.

The Young and women

like Kho-Kho, Tug of War toral process.

Booth Level Officers etc. The local residents of all ages participated in the received directives to meeting chaired by Dr. programme and fervently extend assistance to indi- Manmeet Kumar, SDM advocated for achieving a viduals encountering Dudu was held today 100% voter turnout in the any challenges related to involving Officers/ Offiforthcoming elections. During the event, Nodal procedures.

Officer elucidated the The primary objecvoting rights of citizens tive of the programme and highlighted the spe- was to educate and moticial provision of the Elec- vate voters to participate tion Commission of India actively in democracy by for elderly and disabled exercising their voting voters. He underscored rights, ensuring that every extend benefit of the govvoters were engaged in the significance of active voice is heard, and every ernment schemes to the different sports activities participation in the elec- vote contributes to shap-

ing the nation's future.

Meanwhile, a review voting and the election cials of allied Departments. The SDM Dudu gave necessary instructions regarding timely achievement of targets, prompt disposal of public grievances and holding outreach programmes to

Dr. Rashmi Singh reviews progress of upgradation works at Tara Niwas

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UDHAMPUR, MARCH 15

Commissioner Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol (H&P) department, Dr. Rashmi Singh today undertook a comprehensive tour of Udhampur district to assess the progress on upgradation works of department's Tara Niwas here.

Director, H&P, Tariq Hussain Ganai, Joint Director H&P, Naresh Kumar and other senior officers of the depart-Commissioner Secretary during the visit.

During the visit, the Commissioner Secretary with officers to evaluate to VVIPs, dignitaries, and department.

existing facilities at Tara State Guests, the Commis-Niwas. She emphasized sioner Secretary underon the need for continu-scored the department's ous improvement in ser- commitment to delivering vice standards and benchmark setting.

explore various avenues for making this place ment accompanied the more visible on thd and SSP, Udhampur also ground for better utilization. Highlighting the ing. They spoke in length pivotal role of Hospitality about the potential of and Protocol department complex and assured also convened a meeting in extending courtesies full co-operation to the

quality hospitality services and promoting the J&K Dr. Rashmi urged the brand of hospitality.

Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur, Saloni Rai participated in the meet-

Documentary on 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' screened at GDC Ramgarh

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College, Ramgarh today screened a documentary whole. on Nasha Mukti under the aegis of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA).

The event was conducted under able guidance and leadership of Princi- from the drugs and relat- the documentary. All the pal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Andotra.

The documentary was sports and yoga activities

Prof. Braham Dutt shared Bharat Abhiyan'. his insights on the issue aged students to embrace the event.

screened to generate as a part of their daily awareness among stu- lives to enhance their The National Service dents about drug abuse performance in sports Scheme (NSS) Unit-Prab- and its catastrophic effects and sharpen their minds, ha of Government Degree on the addicts, their fami- instead of falling into drug lies and the society as a addiction. He added that all Indians must live up to NSS Program Officer, the spirit of 'Nasha Mukt

> The students particiof drug abuse and moti- pated enthusiastically vated students to refrain and patiently watched ed narcotics. He encour- faculty members attended

Committed cadre real asset of BJP: Munish

Power shutdown

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public.

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Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Bandral and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 16, 18, 20, 22 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Kanhal-1, Kanhal-2, Industry-I and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 17 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Nandpur-1, Nandpur-2 and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 17 and 19 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Sehora and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 16 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ghagwal, Jatwal, PHE, Power Grid and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 16 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Rajpura, Mawa, Sanura, BSF-I, BSF-II and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 17 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Chakra, Hiranagar City, Hospital, Jail Factory and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 18 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Tarun Chugh, Dr Jitendra address public meeting at Udhampur

It may be recalled that

Under the Civic Action Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Koul-

Program, 33 Battalion Teacher & Associate NCC CRPF based at Sarna Bha- Officer (PM Shri GHSS

Dr Jitendra Singh inter- the tour has been organ-

The students are being and also acquaint them

Students from various darwah has organised Bhalra, Bhaderwah) and

schools of District Doda, Bharat Darshan tour-2024 Umesh Kumar-Teacher

under Civic Action Plan, acted with students and ised to expose the stu-

met Dr Jitendra Singh, also arranged lunch for dents from underprivi-

Union Minister of State them at PMO's Civil Ser- leged sections of the soci-

(Independent Charge) for vice Office Institute, Delhi. ety to the external world

MoS PMO, at the Insti- escorted by two teachers with the Socio-Historical

tute of Civil Service Office from the school educa- perspective of the coun-

tion department namely try.

who are currently on for the under-privileged (GHS Pranoo).

Bharat Darshan tour-2024 students of district Doda.

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sponsored 33 BN CRPF

Science & Technology,

UDHAMPUR, MAR 15

Tarun Chugh, BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K and Dr Jitendra Singh, Union MoS & party candidate for Kathua-**Udhampur Parliamentary** constituency addressed a massive public meeting at Udhampur.

It was organized by Bharatiya Janata Party, whole country is progress- to stand even for few sec- A glance at the prevailing of connectivity, power

the meeting.

public meeting, Tarun "Lal Chowk" in Kashmir towards an era of peace, which has improved the the needs and wishes of

District Udhampur led by ing under the leadership onds as there was uncerenvironment in Jammu & generation, health, and its President Arun Gupta. of PM Narendra Modi tainty and fear of terror- Kashmir, one can easily education sector which J&K BJP Vice Presi- and the wave of develop- ist attacks. The previous claim that the heaven brought smiles on the dents Pawan Khajuria & ment and social welfare is governments used Article Chander Mohan Gupta, visible in every area. He 370 for their own benefits returned to its pristine marginalized class. He Udhampur Parliamentary said that if we talk about and when the BJP gov- glory. It has been possible said that the people of the In-charge Adv Sunil Sethi, Jammu and Kashmir, then ernment came to power former Minister Pawan only terrorism, the youth leadership of Prime Min-steps to curb terrorism Parliament for 2 times Gupta, former MLAs Bal- were given stones instead ister Narendra Modi, the and restore peace and and now his work done want Singh Mankotia & RS of books and only nepo-draconian Articles were normalcy. Like other parts here speaks that one more Pathania were prominent tism prevailed in the politabrogated and the situation of the country, J&K too has chance is needed to serve among those present in ical parties, which never tion in Jammu and Kash- been given due share in the people so that the allowed Jammu and Kash- mir improved. Jammu and mega development proj- development works con-While addressing the mir to progress. In the Kashmir started moving ects and welfare schemes, tinue and complete as per Chugh said that today the city, people were afraid progress and prosperity. existing infrastructure the people

on Earth has once again faces of poor needy and due to the strong leader- constituency have voted co-Incharge Ramesh, 10 years ago, there was at the Center under the ship, which took effective Dr Jitendra Singh to the

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senior leader and district Prabhari, Munish Sharma, during his tour of different Minister, Narendra Modi.

Jammu and Kashmir BJP

convened to review the and the party activists have organizational general ongoing activities related to remain in regular touch secretary, Rajesh Mehta, to different programmes with the people at all levels district general secretary, being undertaken across to keep sharing the same Tilak Raj Bhagat, Vidhan the district.

Munish Sharma, while people to support, vote dust. and contribute in making



government under Prime Sabha elections. These meetings were Minister Narendra Modi with them.

Munish hold and convince the opposition parties will bite

Kathua District presi- ings.

government under Prime claim as achievements of desired success in the Lok Vishal Parihar, district

Sabha Prabhari, Vicky Sharma Sharma, vidhaan sabha addressing these meetings, expressed confidence that sanjoyak, Shiv Dev Singh, said that BJP has a com- the dedicated efforts of district vice president, mitted cadre, which is the ground level activists and Rahul Dev, city Mandal real asset of the party. He the good works of BJP-led president, Ajay Sharma, said that the party activists NDA government, will win Lakhanpur Mandal presineed to devote more time support of majority of the dent, Mayank Kumar, in reaching every house- people across the UT and media secretary, were prominent among those who attended the meet-