

Cabinet Meet PM asks ministers to draft roadmap for first 100 days, next 5 years of new govt AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAR 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday told ministers to draft a roadmap for the first 100 days and next five years for new government, sources said.

Chairing a Cabinet meeting here this morning, the PM also asked the ministers to meet secretaries and other officials of their respective ministries to discuss how the agenda for the first 100 days and the next five years can be better implemented.

The meeting took place a day after the Election Commission announced schedule for the Lok Sabha polls 2024. The Cabinet also initi-

ated the process of notifying the dates of **CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4**

Shocking but that is expected': Kapil Sibal on J&K assembly polls to be held after LS polls AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAR 17

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After the announcement by the Election Commission to hold Jammu and Kashmir polls after the Lok Sabha elections, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal on Sunday said that it is shocking, but was expected.

"Shocking, but that is expected. They will have no polls in Jammu and Kashmir and what is even more shocking is that Sonam Wangchuk, who is on fast, wants to

Women entrepreneurs are shaping the future of Jammu Kashmir: LG

JI NEWS SERVICE HARYANA, GURUGRAM, MAR 17

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the ET Women Conclave-2024 organized by The Times Group, at Gurugram. On the occasion, the Lt

Governor saluted the Nari Shakti and lauded their significant contribution in growth journey of Naya Jammu Kashmir.

Highlighting women-led development in Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor said the women entrepreneurship in rural and far- the grassroots. flung areas of the Union



Territory is enabling Nari are shaping the future of Shakti to foster change at J&K. We are witnessing extraordinary accomplish-

"Women entrepreneurs ments in ITeS, MSMEs,

Service Sector, agro-based industry and Handicrafts because of women entrepreneurs' single-minded pursuit of excellence and hard work," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to create an enabling environment for the socioeconomic empowerment of women. Today, our Nari Shakti

is scripting new history in every sector. From academics to sports, from crafts to start-ups, our daughters are leading CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

In touch with Centre for more security forces, will ensure optimum of all forces in LS Polls: DGP Swain

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 17

Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain Sunday said that police are in touch with the Centre over the exact security forces requirement and that it will ensure "optimum utilisation of forces" to provide safe and secure environment for peaceful elections.

directions from the Election Commission of India dates and people who are here will be deployed," the and peaceful polls inJ&K. in touch with the Centre

hope for his third-time win



We have to give a secure over the requirement of "There are clear cut atmosphere and level forces. More forces will playing field for the candi- come and those already (ECI) to ensure free, fair eager to cast votes. We are DGP told reporters on the

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Elections in J&K will be held as per SC direction: Tarum Chugh

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Bharatiya Janata Party general secretary Tarun Chugh said on Sunday that the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir will happen according to the Supreme Court's direction.

"Everybody has faith in the Election Commission. According to the Supreme Court's direction, the expected. They will have elections will happen in no polls in J&K, and what Jammu and Kashmir in September," he said.

Advocate Kapil Sibal said have 'district hill status' was expected.

"Shocking, but that is is even more shocking is that Sonam Wangchuk, Earlier today, Senior who is on fast, wants to not arise at this point."

that it was shocking but and they are not even pro- Jammu and Kashmir viding that," he said.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar said on Saturday that the J-K Assembly polls will be held after the Lok Sabha elections.

CEC Kumar said, "We are yet to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. I mentioned in the press conference earlier today that the way for conducting legal elections has opened since December 23. This is March, and

there is snowfall in the region, hence the question of holding elections does

"We (ECI) went to CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MAR 17

After the Election Commission announced the dates for the Lok Sabha elections, people in Udhampur constituency expressed their confidence in Union Minister Jitendra Singh, who will contest from here for the third time.

Surinder Singh, a resiwork has been done in Udhampur. "In the coming time,

I request that this time, when he (Jitendra Singh)



Udhampur.

People laud Union Minister Jitendra Singh,

dent, said that a lot of health and education. Modi across the country Many issues affecting the are visible in Jammu and village people have been solved," he said.

Sanjeet Kumar Sharma, another resident, said ture has also developed. wins, there should be that the benefits of the Water projects have been further improvement in initiatives taken by PM sanctioned for every pan-

chayat. Water is reaching every house under the water scheme. Today, there is electricity in every house. It is necessary to bring tourism here. It can be a major source of employment," he said.

On March 1, the BJP announced Jitender Singh would contest the Lok Sabha polls from Udhampur and Jugal Kishor Sharma from Jammu.

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A resident of Udhampur also pointed out that Kashmir and especially in Union Minister Jitendra Singh should pay more "Our rural infrastruc-

attention to the education and tourism sectors. "ECI has announced CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Night temp rises in J&K amid mainly dry weather forecast till March 20

World full of examples on fast-tracking of **Citizenship: Jaishankar on CAA Criticism**

have 'district hill status' and they are not even providing that," Sibal told reporters.

Sheyphali Sharan appointed govt spokesperson AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Shevphali B Sharan has been appointed as the new Government spokesperson, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said.

A 1990-batch officer, Sharan will "look after" the charge as Principal Director General (Pr. DG) of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) after incumbent Manish Desai's superannuation on March 31.

Sharan had earlier served as the spokesperson of the Election Commission and the Finance Ministry.

She is the fifth woman officer to head the PIB after Neelam Kapur, Deepak Sandhu, Shakuntala Mahawal and N J Krishna.

Senior IIS officer Maushami Chakraborty has been appointed director general (news) of All India Radio (AIR).

Chakraborty, a 1991batch IIS officer, will take charge in April, succeeding Vasudha Gupta.

The Ministry notified the appointments on Saturday.

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Amid criticism of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) from the US and other parts of the globe, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said it is important to put it in the context of the Partition, and underlined that there are a "number of examples" in which many coun-

zenship. responded to questions on on US-India ties.

an Indian national, facing charges in a murder-for- and Canada seamlessly, I which Canada has done.



tries have fast-tracked citi- hire plot to kill a Khalistani would draw a line there, separatist on American for a variety of reasons. During an interaction at soil and US Ambassador Most notably that all said the India Today Conclave Eric Garcetti's remarks a and done, American poli-2024 on Saturday, he also day earlier on its impact tics has not given that kind of space to violent extrem-"You keep using India ist views and activities

So, I don't think it's fair to the US, to lump them together. I would distinguish between the two,"

Jaishankar said. The relations between India and Canada saw bitterness last year over allegations linked with the killing of Khalistani separatist and designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June in the Canadian city of Surrey. India denied the allegation as "absurd and

motivated". Jaishankar also responded to criticisms surrounding the CAA from Washington and other parts of the world.

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SRINAGAR, MAR 17

Weatherman has forecast mainly dry weather over Jammu and Kashmir till March 20 even as night temperature recorded a rise at most places on Sunday.

A meteorological department official said that Srinagar recorded a minimum of 2.0°C against 1.2°C on the previous night which was below normal by 2.7°C for the summer capital of JK for this time

of the year.

and it was 2.0°C below famous resort in south



normal for the gateway Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south town of Kashmir, he said. Pahalgam recorded a Kashmir, recorded a minilow of minus 1.7°C against mum of 2.9°C against 1.9°C Qazigund recorded a minus 2.0°C on the previ- on the previous night and minimum of 1.6°C against ous night and it was 1.8°C it was 0.6°C below normal, 2.1°C on the previous night below normal for the the official said.

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Election Commission makes fresh electoral bonds data public

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public.

in a statement.

The Election Commission and was later asked to same in a pen drive in a on Sunday made public put them in the public fresh data on electoral domain bonds, which was previ-Notably, this informa-

ously submitted to the tion pertains to transac-Supreme Court in sealed tions that occurred before covers, following a direc- April 12, 2019, while tive from the apex court details of electoral bonds to make it available to the issued after this date were disclosed by the election

"The Election Com- commission last week. mission of India has "Data so received from today uploaded the data political parties was deposreceived in digitized form ited in the Supreme Court from the registry of the without opening sealed Supreme Court on elec- covers. In pursuance of toral bonds on its web- the Supreme Court's order tin's Future Gaming. BJP site," the poll panel said dated March 15, 2024, the Registry of the Supreme

The ECI had submit- Court has returned physited it in the sealed covers cal copies along with a to the Supreme Court digitized record of the sealed cover. The Election Commission of India has today uploaded the data received in the digitized form from the registry of the Supreme Court on electoral bonds on its website," the EC statement said.

> According to the new details, DMK received Rs 656.5 crore through electoral bonds, including Rs 509 crore from lottery king Santiago Marencashed electoral bonds CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Sabha elections: UGC Chief Jagadesh Kumar

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAR 17

The Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG will be conducted between May 15 and May 31, 2024, as announced earlier, and there will be no change in view of the Lok Sabha election schedule, according to UGC Chairman Jagadesh Kumar.

released after the registra-



The date sheet will be ing Lok Sabha polls.

The Election Comtion process is completed. mission on Saturday The University Grants announced that polling Commission (UGC) chief for the 543 Lok Sabha conhad earlier this month stituencies will be held in will announce the date paper modes for different said the exam dates could seven phases, starting with sheet for CUET-UG. But subjects. Officials have change depending on the 102 seats in the first phase the dates will not change," schedule of the forthcom- on April 19. The votes will Kumar added.

be counted on June 4.

"The National Testing have until March 26 to Agency (NTA) will conduct complete the application CUET-UG, as announced process for CUET-UG, earlier, between May 15 which was introduced in and May 31, 2024. In this 2022. period, two dates overlap

the 20th and 25th of May.

March 26, 2024, we will

know the number of stu-

dents registered for CUET-

This standardised test with the election dates on streamlines admission processes across central, "After the last date for state, deemed and private filling out applications on universities nationwide.

Prospective candidates

A notable departure from tradition, the NTA has outlined a hybrid UG and their geographical examination format for distribution," Kumar said. CUET-UG 2024, includ-"Based on this data and ing both Computer Based the election dates, NTA Testing and pen-and indicated that

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No change in CUET-UG schedule in view of Lok





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JAMMU, MARCH 18, 2024 MONDAY

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 17

In view of the announcehere to review the prepa- key aspects. rations for the smooth district.

ity mapping, facilities at MCC. ment of the date for Gen- polling stations, resource eral Elections to the Lok availability and manpow- Sherpa instructed the Sabha 2024, the District er, logistics, transport District Informatics Offi-Election Officer, Baramul- plan, communication cer, who is also the nodal la, Minga Sherpa, chaired plan, SVEEP, training officer for IT and use of a comprehensive meeting of the polling staff, EVM technology, to arrange of officers at Dak Bunglow management, and other comprehensive training

Model Code of Conduct government and private (MCC), material manage- buildings 24 hours prior ment plan, vulnerabil- to the implementation of

Meanwhile, Minga sessions for all the AROs

During the meeting, and nodal officers regardconduct of elections in the the DEO directed the con- ing the use of C-Vigil, cerned AROs to remove all Encore, and other moni-He held detailed discus- campaign material, logos, toring apps run under the the AROs responsible for sions with regard to the manifestos, etc. of the supervision of the Election the conduct of elections in implementation of the political parties from the Commission of India.

Regarding the SVEEP initiative, the DEO directed the AROs to continue with the voter awareness programmes across the district and run comprehensive drives in the polling stations where participation was minimal in the previous elections.

Additionally, the DEO directed the concerned nodal officer to provide extensive training to the staff of the control room for monitoring purposes as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India.

Minga Sherpa emphasised to the officers the crucial importance of comprehending their assigned roles and cultivating seamless coordination among themselves to ensure the successful execution of the election process

The meeting was attended by the Additional District Development Commissioner, Syed Qamar Sajad; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Deputy District Election Officer, all the nodal officers, and the district.

engages Young Voters through Varied Awareness Activities at Gulmarg

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 17

The District Administration Baramulla in collaboration with key stakeholders conducted a series of activities aimed at creating awareness among young voters during an event held at Gulmarg.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Syed Altaf, Chief Executive Officer of Gulmarg Development Authority, Raja Waseem, and other officers and officials, besides young voters participated in the event.

Several engaging activities were organized throughout the program to educate and empower young individuals about their role in the electoral process. Interactive sessions, informative presentations, and discussions were conducted to enlighten participants about the importance of voter registration, polling procedures, and the significance of exercising their voting rights.

Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg highlighted responsible citizens by in the electoral process. the pivotal role of youth in exercising their right to shaping the future of the vote. nation and urged them to



democratic process. He Authority stressed the tribute to the democratic tance of ethical voting to raise awareness among practices and encouraged

actively participate in the Gulmarg Development ing their eagerness to con-

emphasized the impor- need for sustained efforts process. Participants expressed young voters and ensure their commitment to young voters to become their active participation spreading awareness among their peers and

The event witnessed communities, thus fosterenthusiastic participation ing a culture of informed Chief Executive Officer from young voters, reflect-

and responsible citizenship. **DM Bandipora** orders ban on use of official vehicle

by political parties/ candidates **JI NEWS SERVICE**

BANDIPORA, MARCH 17

In terms of the instructions from Election Commission of India, the District Magistrate/ District Election Officer (DM/DEO) today ordered that there shall be a total ban on use of official vehicle by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election (except officials performing any election related official duty) for campaigning, election eering or election related travel during elections (subject to certain exception), within territorial jurisdiction of district Bandipora, till the culmination of General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024. "It is further clarified that the expression official vehicle means and shall include, any vehicle used or capable of being used for the purpose of transport, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise and will include trucks, lorries, tempos, jeeps, cars, auto rickshaws, e-rickshaws, buses, belonging to Central Government, State Government/ UT Administrations, public undertakings of Central/ State Government, Joint sector tion with the overall undertakings of Central/ State Government, local bodies, municipal corporations, marketing boards, cooperative societies or any other body in which public funds, however small a portion of the total, are invested," read the order. The order further reads that these instructions shall be strictly adhered to by all concerned Government departments, political parties, candidates, etc. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Bandipora and Additional District Magistrate, Bandipora (Nodal Officer-MCC), have been designated to ensure implementation of these instructions in letter and spirit.

DEO Shopian issues orders for MCC adherence

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SHOPIAN, MARCH 17

Following the announce- held on 13-05-2024. ment of Election schedimmediate effect.

stituency which is part of ties.

provisions related to the in place. As per the schedule, defacement of property

3-Anantnag Rajouri, the The District Election issued to the Law enforce-Suspicious transactions polling shall be on 07-05- Officer has issued direc- ment Agencies to make a exceeding 10 lakhs will

Directions have been made an appeal in print essential are impounded ule by the Election Com- given to prevent the and electronic media for mission of India on 16th misuse of official vehicles the benefit of the general of March, the District and for removal of refer- public about the moni-Election Officer Shop- ences of Ministers and toring mechanism of the ian in a Press statement politicians from official election expenditure announced the imposi- websites and the MCC with the mention of section of Model code of con- teams have been urged tion 171 B and 171c of the duct in the district with to ensure compliance of IPC which has been put

The District Election the elections in the dis- in letter and spirit. The Officer (District Magistrict shall be held in SOP's have been issued trate) has also imposed a two phases. For 36- Zai- for the public servants as ban on issuance and carnapora Assembly con- well as the political par- rying of licensed arms.

2024 and for 37-Shopian tions to the printing press- detailed and individual also be discussed.

Assembly constituency es to furnish information review and assessment of which is part of 2-Srinagar about the material being all licence holders so that PC, the polling shall be printed under sec.127A all licenced arms in those of RP Act 1951. He also cases where considered in order to ensure maintenance of law and order for conduct of free and fair elections.

> The meeting with the political parties has been scheduled in order to brief them about all the legal provisions and instructions. Meeting has also been arranged with bankers for facilitation in opening of bank accounts by candidates and issuing The directions have been cheque books to them.

DEO B'la oversees deployment of Static Surveillance Teams

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 17

The District Election Officer (DEO) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa accompanied by Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Amod Ashok Nagarpure, undertook a comprehensive visit to various key locations within the district to oversee the deployment of Static Surveillance Teams.



cers conducted thorough parent electoral environ-With the elections draw- inspections of various cru- ment and uphold demoing near, the presence of cial locations to assess the cratic principles during Static Surveillance Teams readiness and effective- the upcoming elections. Later, the DEO conpoints is of paramount Teams in fulfilling their ducted visits to several designated polling stations within the district to The collaborative ensure the availability of efforts of the DEO and Assured Minimum Facili-SSP Baramulla aim to safe- ties (AMF) for both voters guard the rights of voters, and polling staff ahead of During the visit, the offi- guarantee a fair and trans- the upcoming elections.

Lok Sabha Elections -2024: **Training for Zonal, Sectoral Magistrates held at Bandipora**



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BANDIPORA, MARCH 17

In run-up to upcoming the District Administration Bandipora organised a training programme for zonal and sectoral magistrates at Town Hall, here.

was aimed to equip zonal to oversee the electoral process effectively.

Nodal Officer MCC/ADC Lok Sabha elections-2024, Umar Shafi Pandit, ERO/ ACR Shabir Ahmad Wani, Rafeeq Bhat were also present on the occasion. During the program,

The training program specific duties and powers and smooth elections. of sectoral and zonal magand sectoral magistrates istrates were discussed, trainers to make the offiwith the knowledge, skills, emphasizing their pivotal cers well equipped with and resources necessary roles in overseeing polling their roles and responsioccasion took feedback related activities

The training was presid- from the participants ed over by DEO/DC Bandi- regarding the training propora, Shakeel Ul Rehman. vided to them besides dis-

cussing essentials of EVMs and electoral process. He stressed the imporand DyDEO, Mohammad tance of proper training and maintaining impartiality in carrying out duties for conducting peaceful

He also urged master stations. The DEO on the bilities besides election **SMC conducts Cleanliness drive** in Zone East Ward No. 04 **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 17

The Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) orchestrated a effective cleanliness drive in Zone East Ward No. 04 on Sunday with a focus on enhancing cleanliness standards and promoting hygiene in the specific area of Kocha Nidan, Rainawari.

The drive was aimed to uplift the overall aesthetic and cleanliness of the area.

Led by the Chief Sanitation Officer, Zonal Sanitation Officer and other SMC officials, the drive successfully improved the cleanliness and visual appeal of the designated area.

Activities included the efficient collection and disposal of waste, along with the clearance of unwanted vegetation and grass.

The primary objective behind such endeavors by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation is to create a cleaner and healthier environment for the residents of Srinagar city.

at all designated check- ness of Static Surveillance the compliance to the elections. Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and maintaining the integrity of the electoral process.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

importance for ensuring responsibilities during

DEO Kupwara visits Handwara; Conducts

Polling Stations, Election control Room

comprehensive inspection of Strong room,

tioning.

integrity and fairness of the electoral process.

On the occasion, DEO ments were in place to directed the officers of facilitate a smooth and concerned departments ondary School Handwara efficient voting and other to put in place all efforts election related process. for smooth conduct of She along with other Lok Sabha Elections.

preparedness observed during the visit, the DEO tance of ensuring that all polling stations, strong adhere to prescribed standards of ECI to uphold the

Expressing satisfac-

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

The District Election Officer/Deputy Commissioner (DEO/DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan on Sunday visited Handwara and conducted a comprehensive inspection of election

Strong room, Polling Stations and Election control Room at Handwara. The inspection was

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KUPWARA, MARCH 17

aimed to evaluate the preparedness for upcoming Lok Sabha election 2024 in the district.

Accompanied by SSP Handwara, Dawood Ayoob; ADC Handwara, Aziz Ahmad Rather and Executive Engineer Handwara, DEO undertook a comprehensive visit to several polling stations including Polling Station established at Government Boys Higher Secand Polling station of Government Girls Higher Sec-

ondary School Handwara. Officers paid a visit to She took appraisal of election control room arrangements for the Handwara where they night stay of polling staff checked its smooth func-

and security personnel. The basic minimum amenities such as electricity, water supply, sanitation facilities, and accessibility for differently-abled underscored the imporvoters was assessed at these polling stations

The DEO meticulously rooms and counting Halls inspected Strong Room

arrangements for Counting centres. Security arrangements for strong room and counting centres were also reviewed. During the inspection, the DEO engaged with the stakeholders to ensure confidence and ease. that all necessary arrange-

at ITI Handwara and checked booths for Handwara and Langate and reviewed the facilities and

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Modi has won hearts & minds of people: Jugal



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Constituency.

started with the speech of Sukhanadan Choudhary narrated the development increasing the income the Nation and hardwork- present at the occasion.

Iugal Kishore Sharma while addressing the gath-Member of Parliament ering at the occasion said Lok Sabha Jammu along in 2014 when BJP led Gov-flourished the nation and with Ashok Koul General ernment under the stew-Secretary BJP(Org.), Ex- ardship of dynamic leader as the economic power Minister Sukhnandan our Hon'ble Prime Minis- in the world. He said that Choudhary, and Senior ter Sh. Narendra Modi Ji there is hardly any section Leaders BJP today vis- was formed he said that ited village Gajansu in our government is com-Marh Constituency and mitted for the upliftment addressed large Public of poors & farmers and gathering at Manohar today it has been proved. palace at Gajansu in Marh He said that said "Bharat is rising towards becom-People warmly wel- ing Vishav Guru" under ready to make him win comed Member of Parlia- the dynamic leadership of ment by garlanding and Modi Ji and days are not with bunch of flowers. far when the countries of Ashok Koul General secre- World would be following Omi Khajuria, Senior tary BJP(Org) boosted the our Nation, that is all set morale of party workers. to be commanded by Nar- Aulakh, DDC Balbir Public address meeting ender Modi Ji for the third Lal, State Secretary

Samadhaan foundation hosts 'Vimarsh - J&K

past present and future' program in Doda:

fostering dialogue and social leadership"

taking benefit of it. Member of Parliament

Minister.' Jugal Kishore said the dent Vikram Singh, Shakti works initiated by Modi Era of development is Dutt, BJP Booth Presi-Government in Marh Con- being witnessed by the dents and Shakti Kendra stituency.He while thank- people of J&K eversince Presidents,Mahila Rekha ing Modi Government and Central govt headed by Devi, Anita Langeh, Amit member of Parliament Narender Modi Ji took Singh, Deepak Pandey, said that many schemes over the reins of the Coun- Sham Lal, Ex-Sarpanches have been launched for try.He said that love for & Panches and others also

of farmers and they are ing style of Prime Minister has won the hearts and the minds of people. He said that the theme of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikaas" today Bharat is emerging of society one can find which has not been benefited by Modi lead union government.He said that it is the time again to tell the Nation that we are the family of Modi Ji and again in 2024 Lok Sabha

Elections. District President BJP BJP Leaders, DDC Geetu consecutive term as Prime Vikas Choudhary, Ajay Sharma, Mandal Presi-

J&K witnessed boom in healthcare education, facilities under Modi govt: Ashok Koul

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 17

Health and Medical Cell, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir under its Convenor Puneet Mahajan organized a Doctors Meet under Viksit Bharat campaign which was attended by several senior and eminent doctors, including specialists at party headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS, PMO was the key speaker in the programme Ashok Koul, BJP General Secretary (organization), Dr Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary & former Health Minister, Rakesh Mahajan, BIP All Cell Incharge and Ved Sharma, Co-Incharge All Cells addressed the programme and later felicitated the doctors for their important contribution to the society.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, while addressing the meet stressed that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the decisive, progresled Union government sive and visionary governtransformed the Health ment led by PM Modi. He Care sector of India in the last 10 years. He said that the credit of giving true this transformation has democratic representation medicine course. He said been enormous, evolved to the public by asking for that doctors fraternity of from being 'negligent for the suggestion to frame Jammu and Kashmir had personal health' to a leader its election manifesto and always been providing Modi is leading the nation in the palliative and pre- requested the intelligen- people best healthcare to become world's third



er. He said that India has demonstrated its resourcefulness to the entire world in the COVID pandemic time, and also mentioned Ayushman scheme, holistic health care, Yoga, health Start-Ups etc. He also mentioned the use of Artificial Intelligence and tele-mobile clinic services initiated. He said that these all transformations have been possible only due further said that BJP holds

the doctors present in the programme to share their suggestions regarding the health, development, societal and other issues to be added in the manifesto.

Ashok Koul said that BJP and it's medical cell feels proud of services of our doctors and now that All India Institute of Medical many new medical colleges have come up in Jammu and Kashmir, there will be considerable improvement in healthcare services and more students will be able to pursue

deliberate union improving healthcare facilities in J&K. He said more such ventive health care provid- tsia forum represented by services and deserve accoevents will be organized in lades. He said that under future and doctor's advices Modi government, J&K has sought on different issues witnessed a boom in the to give people professional healthcare facilities.

facilities Dr. Devinder Kumar to make India as 'Viksit Bharat' (developed) by 2047, and want to draw Sciences (AIIMS) besides a roadmap for achieving suggestions of the people going to be of great help

Varinder Sharma and Rakesh Mahajan said that professionals are playing a major in building nation and now that Prime Minister Narendra

healthcare education and

vote of thanks saying that Manyal said that the BJP is with the initiative of PM working with the mission Modi a new chapter of peace and prosperity is being written for the welfare of people in which doctors are going to play a major role. this target, for which the working in different fields ducted by Co-convenor and at different levels is Professional Cell Dr

Co Convener Health and Medical cell Dr. Virender Singh Sambyal along with Co Conveners Health

and Medical cell Bharat Bhushan Padha and Dr Rajinder Gupta. **Indian Army**

organised Medical Camp at Kalakot,

largest economy, we all

need to strengthen his initiatives by ensuring that

BJP comes to power with

Puneet Mahajan said

that this fraternity is

considered in very high

esteem. He added that

presence of eminent

and respected Jammu

doctors in this first ever

Sammelan establishes

that they are all here to

exchange ideas to make

India a strong nation and

Ved Sharma presented

The program was con-

a thumping majority.

The right to health is a fundamental right of every individual in any country. Undoubtedly, good health is the biggest treasure. Indian Army strives to providing basic medical assistance for a healthy life style to the residents of remote village organised a medical camp at Kalakote, Rajouri on 17 March 2024. The medical camp was



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Sunil Prajapati, President BJP OBC Morcha J&K UT visit of the OBC Hostel at Basholi (Kathua) and found that the condition of OBC Boys Hostel is in shambling condition and the facility is being denied to the OBC Students from the far-flung and remote areas studying in Govt Degree College, Basholi.

Prajapati expressed never extended to the the OBC students. OBCs boys studying in Classes. It was ascertained each dormitory. Howev-



been provided the facility Library is function in the ing, which is the biggest with great concerned but occupied by the Govt Hostel Building, which is one. There are 12 Dormithat the OBC Hostel was Departments offices . It is gross misuse of the Hostel tories in the Hostel with constructed 12 years back the worst example of step facilities as well as great capacity to accommodate which was inaugurated motherly treatment with discrimination with OBC ten students in each dorby the then Social Wel- OBC Community, which students studying in the mitory. For which crores fare Minister during 2012, has a large community Educational Institutions of Govt funds had been which a view to provide but is being neglected by the hostel facility to the the J&K Govt and Adminstudents of remote areas istration, which is great studying at Basholi. But discrimination and misuse the Hostel facility was of the facility extended for However he added the Educational Institu- that the Hostel facility problem in continuing the ingly, appealed to the tions or Govt Degree Col- cannot be provided to the lege Basoli, which is great students studying in the discrimination with the Degree College, Basoli as people of Other Backward the Hostel has been affiliated to the Higher Secthe visit to the OBC Hostel ondary School, Basoli. that the Hostel Building is When asked that who in worst condition due to all are accommodated facility but no OBC Stu- facility can be availed by mismanagement. There in the Hostel Building, are 12 Dormitories in the he disclosed that four Hostel with capacity to Govt Offices ie. The J&K accommodate 10 boys in Board of Schools Educa-

er, no OBC students has Sports Department and having two storied build-

Rajouri Govt building meant for OBCs students as well as **JI NEWS SERVICE** that of the welfare grants RAJOURI, MAR 17 being provided by the Govt for the management of the OBC Hostel. The condition of the Hostel Building is very bad and requires renovation and to put the Hostel in functioning. There is no administrative staff and in the

programme under theme "Vimarsh - J&K Past Present and Future" at District Head Quarter Doda in which noted columnist Er Dava Sagar was chief guest. Advocate Vinay a local young lawyer was guest of honour. Main speaker from Samadhaan the false narratives preva- and Kashmir. Foundation was its Patron- lent in society through disin-Chief Pawan Sharma.

Today Samadhaan Foun-

dation a Socio - Cultural

Organisation organised a

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program. Milap Singh be extra careful. There is a detailed introduction social leadership, which mual. about organisation and its will devote itself for the

upon the audience to bust development of Jammu of Doda.

All esteemed intellecsemination of correct and tuals who participated in Intellectuals and authentic information. As the program, requested thinkers from different Jammu and Kashmir is organisation to organise walks of life participated passing through a transi- such type of programmes enthusiastically in the tion phase so we need to at regular intervals.

The proceedings of founder Member Sama- a dire need of developing whole programme were dhaan Foundation gave a dedicated and selfless conducted by Vivek Jam-

Program ended with 2 various initiatives in J&K. welfare of the society and minutes silence as mark All speakers impressed can contribute for the of respect to the martyrs other than the Govt Model expended for its construc-Higher Secondary, Basholi tion during 2012 but the and that of the Degree building is being misused College Basholi, which and not being utilised for are meant for the OBC the purpose for which it Students of the adjoining was constructed.

far-flung areas who face education due to residing Hon'ble LG and the Social far away from Basholi. It Welfare Department, J&K was also disclosed by the Govt that the OBC Hostel Principal Higher Second- at Basholi be maintained ary that four boys from General Category have the Govt Degree College, been provided the Hostel Basholi so that the Hostel dent has been extended the Hostel Facility.

From the above facts, the Govt Degree College, it seen that Hostel Build- Basholi and other Education, Cooperative Society, ing is being misused as of tional Institutions.

organised to meet the quick health care need of the AWAM of remote kalakote village. A team of medical doctors and professionals were available to address various health concerns and pro-Sunil Prajapati, accord-

Hostel. It is very unfortu-

nate that the OBC Hostel is

vided expert guidance like medical check-ups, specialized care, health awareness sessions etc as well as provided essential medicines to them. The properly and affiliated to Indian Army's Medical Camp aimed to not only provides immediate healthcare support but the OBC students from the also to raise awareness far-flung areas studying in about the importance of regular health check-ups and a healthy lifestyle.

Jammu Police organise Police-Public meeting at Village Dhadap

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As a part of public outreach programme and in order to strengthen the relationship between Police and Public, a Police **Community Partnership** Group (PCPG) meeting was held at Village Dhadap on 16.03.24 by South Jammu Zone Police. The meeting was chaired by SDPO City South Shri the gap between Public Pal Singh



The prime objective Dhadap, Giddar Galliyan that their genuine grievof meeting was to bridge and Rohi participated. During the meeting, Kartik Shrotriya IPS along- and Police. The meeting the participants raised with with SHO Satwari was attended by promi-various issues of public Inspector Sushil Sharma nent citizens, Sarpanch importance including & Incharge Police Post Dhadap Kashmir Singh, drug menace. Gadigarh PSI Harjinder Civil Society members The chairing officer authorities for their early and youth of the Villages assured the participants

ances pertaining to Police would be resolved on priority and the issues pertaining to civil administration would be taken up with concerned redressal

Indian Army contingent departs for seychelles for joint military exercise "exercise lamitiye - 2024"

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Indian Army contingent departed for Seychelles today to participate in the Tenth edition of Joint Military Exercise "LAM-ITIYE-2024" between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The Joint Exercise will be conducted at Seychelles from 18-27 March 2024. 'LAMITIYE' the Creole language is a the GORKHA RIFLES of erability between both in Semi-Urban environ- the two sides.



the Indian Army and Sey- the sides during Peace chelles Defence Forces Keeping Operations. The (SDF) will participate in exercise will also build and the exercise. promote bilateral military

The aim of the Exercise relations in addition to is to enhance interopera- exchanging skills, experibility in Sub-conventional ences and good practices Operations in Semi-Urban between both armies meaning 'Friendship' in environment under Chapter VII of the United train, plan and execute a biennial training event Nations Charter on Peace series of well-developed and has been conducted Keeping Operations. The tactical drills for neutral- foster collaborative partin Seychelles since 2001. Exercise will enhance ization of likely threats nership and help in shar-45 personnel each from cooperation and interop- that may be encountered ing best practices between

showcasing new-generation equipment and technology. The 10 days long Joint Exercise will include Field Training Exercise, combat discussions, lectures & demonstrations,

which culminates with two days of Validation Exercise. The exercise will

ment, while exploiting and

contribute immensely in developing mutual understanding and mag-Both sides will jointly nify jointness between the troops of both the Armies. The Exercise will also

Placebo Meditation session held at Sainik School, Nagrota

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An enriching and enabling session on Placebo Meditation was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Praveen Kumar, Staff Officer Education, White Knight Corps on 17 March 24 for the cadets at Major Somnath Sharma PVC stadium of the school. Session drew enthusiastic participation from staff, cadets, and volunteers alike.

the officer presented a energy. comprehensive introduc-

belief of cadets and and members of the fac-Being an expert and enable them to unleash ulty also participated in a Research Scholar of their full potential with the meditation session. Pondicherry University, increased vigour and

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Following the intro- empowering the future tion to the unique form duction, the officer con- leaders of Sainik School of meditation which is ducted a practical medi- Nagrota, instilling in an effective way to refine tation session for the them the importance the perception and self- cadets. Vice Principal of mindfulness and per-

school, the Vice Principal presented a token of appreciation and gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Praveen Kumar and mentioned that regular The event marked a practice of meditation significant milestone in will undoubtedly help the cadets to stay focused

sonal growth through

proved to be a catalyst

for meaningful conver-

sations, inspiring cadets

to embark on a jour-

ney of self-awareness,

on achieving their aim of

joining the Armed Forces

but also prepare them for

the future challenges.

placebo meditation. The session, which lasted nearly an hour,

confidence-building and instill the spirit of nationtransformation through alism and patriotism placebo meditation. especially in the youth On behalf of the of border villages, Indian Army conducted a moti-

vational lecture at Govt higher secondary school, Lam, Rajouri. The interaction was organised for the school students of Govt Higher

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With an aim to evoke and

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Secondary School, Lam in which the Kargil War Ravinder Singh, Ex 8 JAK the war heroes of Kargil armed conflict between our country.

Veterans Hav Rajvir Singh mencement of the lecture, dents were given a brief & L/Hav Amrik Singh of 8 Army officials and all the history on the causes of understood the residents SIKH and ESM Hony Capt students paid homage to war which started with as significance of the day for

Pradesh Vishwakarma sabha rejects 8% reservation to OBC

Indian Army with Kargil Veteran's

organised Motivational Lecture at

LAM

"Veero Ki Bhoomi" Lam, Rajouri

LI shared their experience War (Operation Vijay). of the war. Before the com- After paying homage, stu-

India and Pakistan at the Line of Control. They were also narrated with the heroic deeds of Kargil war heroes who displayed their mettle in the face ofenemy and remembers all the martyrs who laid down their lives to uphold the sovereignty of the country.

The event was successful in evoking the spirit of patriotism and nationalism in the students. At the end, teachers and students applauded the Indian Army for hard earned victory and also

Indian Army distributes Solar Lights to AWAM in Reasi Region

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Households in remote Parankot Sardar village in Reasi, lack access to electric grid and are deprived of electricity. Solar street lights are ultimate solution for these remote areas. Due to simplicity, these solar lights can be installed even in harsh climatic conditions.

Indian Army with an aim of improving the living conditions of remote village of Parankot Sardar, Tolda Gala, Dabbar Gala,



goodwill for Indian Army establishing lasting peace Chapri, Dhakikot & Khandi amongst the residents. in the region besides laud-Gali installed solar lights The residents whole heart- ing the efforts made by under Operation Sadb- edly expressed their grati- Indian Army in fulfilling havana project. This act tude and acknowledged the aspirations of these also generated a spirit of the role of Indian Army in under developed villages.



An emergency meeting of "Pardesh Vishwakarma Sabha" held today at its head quarter, Vishwakarma Mandir, Gurah Bakshi Nagar, Jammu. The meeting was chaired by the worthy President of Vishwakarma Sabha along with all Executive Members of the Sabha who strongly condemned the inadequate enhancement of OBC Reservation from 4% to 8% and not following the recommendations under Mandal Commission Report.

A press conference was

15 new Castes in the list of Peoples. On previous days OBC. The State OBC's has BJP was making very hue been denied their Consti- and cry that previous par-70 years, particularly from also called in which mem- 1992 when the Mandal bers present treating this Commission Report was in its true spirit. Unfortu-Order the Govt. is totally implemented. Every suc- nately OBC's met with the against the expectations of cessive Govt. may it be of same fate. A famous saying OBC's by raising reservation N.C, PDP, Congress or BJP from 4% to 8% and adding have deceived the OBC Much Noise'

we now we will implement the reservation to OBC's fits "Empty Vessel Makes

BJP as it is now proved working by keeping the vote bank for political tutional Rights for the last ties deceived OBC's but now advantages that is why they issued Order last day before announcing of Code of Conduct. BJP Govt. has diluting the main concept of reservation by includ- cate Amarjeet Chargotra, ing non-deserving Castes Advocate Ashwani Kumar, under OBC's, which defeat Joginder Verma.

the Object & Spirit of the Constitution of India. Reservation has now become the freebies to get the votes of masses thus, completely diluting its basic concept. The Castes which were deprived Educationally & Socially from Centuries were treated as OBC's. The recent Govt. Order a decoity on the Rights of the coming generations of OBC's which is not accepted at any cost.

So we in one voice condemn and reject this Govt. Order to OBC's unless Mandal Commission Report is not implemented in its true Spirit.

The members present in the Press Conference as Shashi Verma, Raj Chalotra, Sham Lal Chargotra, Advo-

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Women entrepreneurs...

by an example and are inspiring others through their remarkable achievements.

also talked about the programmes being run by the songs were made in Dogri." Universities and Higher Educational institutions of the UT focusing on skilling and upskilling of women.

first-time voters of Jammu and Kashmir.

all first-time voters. The picture has drastically changed is not possible to deal with all the consequences right At the ET Women Conclave 2024, the Lt Governor since 2014. This city was so deprived of roads that folk then and there.

important, because very often when you have some- Night temp rises in J&K... The union minister said "We have expectations from thing very cataclysmic, something really very major, it

"The leadership of this country had promised to "In the last 10 years, roads were constructed in these minorties, that if you have a problem, you are 3.4°C on the previous night and it was below normal Udhampur under PMGSY. Three medical colleges have welcome to come to India. The leadership thereafter by 0.1°C for the world famous skiing resort in north

Kupwara town recorded a low of 0.5°C against minus 0.2°C on the previous night and it was 2.6°C below normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a low of minus 2.0°C against minus

education," the Lt Governor further added.

In touch with Centre...

sidelines of a public darbar at Doda district of Jammu, as per news agency. He said that police will ensure optimum utilisation of forces to provide a safe and secure environment for peaceful elections," the J&K police chief said.

To a query about when would the terrorism end in J&K, the DGP said that question should have been how is the policy aimed at wiping out terrorism going on. comprehensive policy and there is a road map which is being followed in spirit."

The DGP also stated that the police is doing its best to provide all possible benefits to SPOs. "We will try to is supposed to address," Jaishankar said. persuade the Government at some stage to give more benefits to SPOs in future. They are an important part of the police family and it's our duty to take care of terrorism," he said-(KNO)

Elections in J&K will be...

and were asked by all the political parties there to hold the state assembly elections with the Lok Sabha polls. After that, we held administrative meetings wherein it was discussed that a lot of security forces would be required to conduct state assembly election with Lok Sabha election in J-K," he said.

The general election for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases from April 19, Chief Election how close you are with friends...," he had said. Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced on Saturday The counting will be held on June 4.

Nearly 97 crore voters will be eligible to vote for 543 announcement of dates, the moral code of conduct comes into force immediately. (Agencies)

People laud Union...

the date of the Lok Sabha elections. This is a matter of great happiness because we get the opportunity to choose the government of our choice. I urge everyone to vote. Dr Jitendra Singh has done a lot of work here in the past. If BJP has given him a ticket for the third time, tourism and education sectors," he said.

Yesterday, Dr Jitendra Singh expressed hope from the

"Our prime objective is to achieve gender equality in opened. A radio station and even a passport office have now opened up here," he added.

The general election for 543 Lok Sabha seats will be held in seven phases from April 19, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar announced on Saturday. The counting will be held on June 4. (Agencies)

World full of examples...

The US on Thursday said it is concerned about the notification of CAA in India and is closely monitoring its implementation.

"Look, I am not questioning the imperfections or "We can't give an exact timeline or a fixed date as to otherwise of their democracy or their principles or when it would be over," he said. "We are following a lack of it. I am questioning their understanding of our history. If you hear comments from many parts of the world, it is as if the Partition of India never happened, there were no consequential problems which the CAA

So, if you take a problem and "remove all the historical context from it, sanitise it and make it into a political correctness" argument, and say, 'I have principles and them and those who die in line of duty while fighting don't you have principles', "I have principles too, and one of them is obligation to people who were let down at the time of Partition. And, I think, the Home Minister spoke very eloquently on it yesterday", he added.

> Garcetti in response to a question on CAA during a panel discussion at the conclave on Friday, had said the principles of religious freedom and of equality under the law is a cornerstone of democracy.

> "And, that is why we look at these things, it will be easier not to look at our friends. We invite you to do the same with our imperfect democracy, it is not a one-way street. But, you cannot give up on principles, no matter

Jaishankar while responding to the criticism on CAA, also cited a "number of examples" to make his point.

He said he has a problem when people don't hold up Lok Sabha constituencies across the country. With the a mirror to their own policies, as he cited Jackson-Vanik amendment, which was about Jews from Soviet Union the Lautenberg Amendment, Specter Amendment and "fast-tracking of Hungarians after the Hungarian revolution, fast-tracking of Cubans in 1960s".

"So, if you were to ask me, have other countries, other democracies, fast-tracked on the basis of ethnicity, faith, social attributes, I can give you any number of examples," the minister said.

He sought to put the context of the 1947 Partition which cleaved the Indian subcontinent into two indethen they must have given it after some thinking. I want pendent nations India and Pakistan, and led to a masto say that he should pay a little more attention to the sive bloodshed resulting in large-scale migrations across X. (Agencies) the border.

"Now, if I were to also say, after all why is the situation

didn't deliver on the promise," he added.

Jaishankar said it is "not just our predicament. If you look at Europe, many European countries fast-tracked citizenship of people who were left behind on the World War or in some cases much before the World War Some historical issues which were not addressed...I have a moral obligation to that community".

'So, the world is full of examples, and to me the context therefore is very important," the minister said.

On the upcoming US elections, the Union minister said, "we are prepared for whatever happens"

We have actually built a very extensive culture of engaging and sort of maintaining relationships...Well before the 2016 November results, we had already reached out to the Trump campaign at a high level. crore through electoral bonds. Because, that is the way it would be. It wouldn't be hypothetically tomorrow," he said.

Because the US-India relationship is "very important" and that is the only way one can get a grip on that relationship, the minister said.

On the issue of the Indian national, facing charge for a murder-for-hire plot to kill a Khalistani separatist on American soil, he also shared how India is dealing with it.

"Yes, the US has shared with us some information, some of this in the public domain, some of it is not. And, our interest is to also look into it, because, to us there seems to be a very strong organised crime aspect to it which also impinges on our own security.

'So, when we were apprised of this information, we decided to set up a very high-power committee of competent people to look into it and that is an ongoing issue right now," Jaishankar said.

He also came up with some light-hearted response when asked about the use of social media and diplomacy

"Look, I am paid to fix foreign policy, I am not paid to fix social media," he said, drawing laughter from the audience.

To be honest no one can fix social media. The nature of the platform is such that every thing that you some what disapprovingly state is actually something that gets more eyeballs on social media," Jaishankar said.

He said he assumed this is a medium which is very angular, but one can counter it fairly rapidly.

'We (MEA) have adjusted to the times too...Short, sharp impactful expressions (on social media) are required then we move out of our, shall we say old comfort zones, and adjust ourselves to respond in that nomination process begins for a particular phase with way," said the Minister who has a massive following on the issuance of the notification. (Agencies)

Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a minimum of 12.1°C and it was below normal by 2.8°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 4.4°C, Batote 8.5°C and Bhaderwah 4.5°C, he said.

While largely dry weather has been forecast till March 20, the weatherman said that a fresh spell of rain and snow was expected in J&K thereafter till March 24.

Election Commission...

totalling Rs 6,986.5 crore. The highest amount received by the ruling party was in 2019-20 worth Rs 2,555 crore. Congress redeemed a total of Rs 1,334.35

The Supreme Court, in a ruling in February, struck down the Centre's Electoral Bond Scheme, which allowed for anonymous funding to political parties, and ordered the SBI to stop issuing Electoral Bonds immediately.

It had asked SBI to furnish details of each electoral bond encashed by parties, including the date of encashment and the denomination of the bond.

On Monday, the top court dismissed an application of SBI seeking an extension of time till June 30 to submit details of electoral bonds to the Election Commission, asking the bank to disclose the details by March 12.

The apex court also directed the poll panel to compile the information to be furnished by the SBI and publish the details on its official website no later than March 15, 2024, by 5 pm. (Agencies)

No change in CUET-UG...

subjects witnessing high registration volumes will adopt a pen-and-paper format using optical mark recognition (OMR), while others will remain computer-based.

In the previous cycle, approximately 14.9 lakh registrations were recorded for CUET-UG, highlighting its significance in the higher education landscape. (Agencies)

Cabinet Meet: PM asks...

the seven-phase parliamentary elections by sending the Election Commission's recommendation to President Droupadi Murmu.

The first notification will be issued on March 20 for the first phase of polls on April 19 on 102 seats. The

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Gujjar, Bakerwal, Pahari, OBCs get justice in Modi govt: Ravinder Raina

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Gujjar, Bakerwal, and OBCs got justice in the Modi government. It gave rights to the Pahari community, while it kept the rights of the Gujjar, Bakerwal, and Gaddi-Sippy Sheena communities intact. It is the BJP again that has given rights to ing OBCs, which were ignored by earlier governments of NC, Congress & Raina.

ana, MP (Rajya Sabha) Sheena community. and Er. Abdul Ghani Iammu



addressed a press con- in the Parliament, the darkness. ference at party head- Modi government made

every community includ- addressing the media per- while safeguarding the sons, thanked Prime Min- interests of the Gujjarister Narendra Modi for Bakerwal, Sheena comgiving rights to the Pahari munities. The earlier PDP, stated Ravinder community for fulfilling governments led by NC, the long pending demand Congress, and PDP did Ravinder Raina, Presi- of the Pahari community, criminal injustice with dent, BJP, Jammu & keeping intact 10% res- these communities for sonalities for their vested ment has done unprec-

Kashmir, accompanied ervation rights of Gujjar, 70 years and brought by Er. Ghulam Ali Khat- Bakerwal, Gaddi-Sippy the black law of interdistrict recruitment, putting Raina elaborated that the future of children of Kohli, former minister, when the bill was placed Gujjar-Bakerwal into the

It is the BJP, that raised quarters, Trikuta Nagar, it absolutely clear that voice on interdistrict to STs", said Raina. justice will be delivered recruitment rule, vehicles

the forefront to resolve the issues faced by these & Kashmir also made sure and others were given efit along with the Pahari community.

interests tried to misguide people on the issue, J&K. The people of J&K although it was made have approved the poliabsolutely clear that the cies of the Modi governquota provided to Paharis ment promoting peace would be separate from and progress. The people the earlier existing quota

Raina also said that ister for the 3rd term.",

animals, gave political including Lohar, Nai, representation in DDC, Teli, Hajam, Markban, BDC, and is always on Zargar, Jaat, WPRs were given the benefits under OBCs following the policy communities. The LG of Sabka, Sath, Sabka administration of Jammu Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas". BJP OBC that the earlier quota to Morcha has been serving the communities is kept the people of J&K, raising intact. With the enact- the voice loudly for the ment of this rule, the ben- neglected and those who efit to the Paddri tribe of were deprived of their Padder area, Gadda Brah- rights for decades by the mins, Kohli communities previous governments. "BJP along with the

the benefit of 10% ben- whole of the nation is waiting enthusiastically for the festival of democ-"Several political per- racy. The Modi govern-

edented development in

are waiting to vote and elect Modi ji as Prime Min-

Ravinder Raina, while to the Pahari community for the transportation of more than 40 castes said Raina.

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Milind Shukla, a final year student of the School of Mechanical Engineering (SoME) presented a paper at International Conference on Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering (ICMME-24) held in Kathmandu, Nepal on



SMVDU Student presented Paper

in International Conference

high academic standards upheld by the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU. This achievement reflects his dedication and the quality of his research, and serves as a testament to the rigorous academic standards and opportunities provided by the School of Mechanical Engineering at SMVDU.

14 March 2024. He pre- neering was discussed in Milind Shukla's successful sented a full length paper detail. Also, new dimenthrough hybrid mode on sions on future technol-Robotics and future tech- ogy were discussed. The in his academic journey, nologies. In this paper, chair appreciated the setting an example for the use of robotics in student for his presenta- future students and highpresent and future and its tion. This achievement lighting the University's development and impor- not only highlights Milind commitment to promottance from the point of Shukla's commitment ingresearch and scholarly view of mechanical engi- but also emphasizes the endeavours.

participation in ICMME 24 is a notable milestone

Debates and Laughter: Natrang's 'Tauba-Tauba' Delights Audience

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play 'Tauba-Tauba' here today under Natrang's weekly theatre series 'Sunday Theatre' . The Rajinder Kumar Sharma and directed by Neeraj Kant. Coated with humor, debatable issues which being didactic.

lack of commitment of a vant adds to the confusion of father in the play, who few artists which spoil the as he comes up with a new reluctantly agrees but real whole performance. But problem every time he trouble erupts when the still it was more inclined enters the room. 'Anokhe real father of 'Anokhe Lal' towards comedy than Lal' was very much wor- arrives to whom the serried about the perfor- vant introduced himself as The play opens at the mance of the play as noth- the father of 'Anokhe Lal' home of one 'Anokhe ing was going right, actors on which both the servant Lal' who has converted were forgetting the lines, and Anokhe Lal received a it as rehearsal space as people were coming late thorough beating from the

Natrang actors who per-

Cultural Fabric and Rich Heritage of Jammu City is Still Alive and Well: Sawhney



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Former Minister of Jammu menting on the people's & Kashmir and senior Con- religious fervor, Former gress leader, Yogesh Sawh- Minister Yogesh Sawhney ney, on Saturday joined extended his warm wishes the auspicious occasion to all present, emphasizof a Bhandara held at Shiv ing the significance of Mandir, Rajeev Colony in unity and peace during Jammu East. The event these festive times. With was organized by Vijay religious sentiments run-Manhas, Vice President ning high and the anticipaof the District Congress tion of Holi looming, the Committee, and President event served as a beacon of Mahila Welfare Com- of cultural richness and mittee, Rajeev Colony. communal harmony in The Bhandara drew sig- the Rajeev Colony and celebrations coincide and local people are keen with the ongoing festivi- on protecting this rich ties since Shivratri, adding heritage, said Sawhney.

New registration policy is on cards: Vivekanand Rai

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In its continuous efforts for streamlining pilgrim tourism president Chamber of Tourism Trade and Industry Katra, Sh. Raj Kumar Padha met with Sh. Vivekanand Rai (IRS) director tourism Jammu in his office chambers. He discussed host of issues confronted by the pilgrim tourism of J&K UT especially of holy town Katra. The issue of registration and renewal of hotels ,guest houses ,reswas in the main focus .Sh. Vivekanand Rai apprised

be rolled out soon .In a eration and support. major relief to the tourism

units the govt is consider- Trade and Industry Katra ing the provision of issu- expressed gratitude to the taurants and travel offices ing tourism certificates director tourism for the requiring less number of opportunity to engage in formalities and for longer this constructive dialogue. Raj Kumar Padha that new duration of validity. Direc- The organization remains registration policy of tour- tor tourism gave a patient committed to working ism units has been under hearing to all other points closely with the governconsideration at the sec- raised by CTTIK president ment to address issues retariat and expected to and ensured his full coop- and contribute to the sus-

tainable development of

Chamber of Tourism the pilgrim tourism.

Natrang presented Hindi play has been written by the play presented some are faced by many the-

rehearsals. At the top of it, his newly appointed ser- by Mohd. Yaseen.

atre groups because of the newly appointed ser- vant to do the character

he is the director of the in the rehearsal and on the real father. play which is scheduled top of it, the tickets of the to be staged within a few show have already been formed in the play includdays. The drama erupts sold. The ultimate crisis ed Brijesh Avtar Sharma, as the play proceeds as occur when the director Vishal Sharma, Aadesh it appears that no one is comes to know that the Dhar, Kananpreet Kaur, serious in doing rehearsal actor who was doing the Samket Bhagat and Kushal other than the director. role of father of hero is not Bhat. The lights of the play The artists who used to doing the play as he has to were executed by Neeraj plead for a single entry in go out of station for some Kant Sharma and the prethe play have turned pricy personal work. Shattered sentations were done by now and come up with by this untoward news, Sushant Singh Charak. different excuses to skip he decides to prepare The show was coordinated

nificant attention from beyond. In a statement, the local community as the Former Minister also many devotees came in later said that the religious huge numbers to attend festivities are the beacon and participate. Amidst of hope for people in J&K the soaring religious senti- against the political disments of people in Jammu appointments they have after Shivratri and in lieu had to deal with in light of upcoming Holi festival, of the current scenario. Sawhney extended his The extremely dire ecowishes to the devotees nomic and political situaand offered prayers at tion has left people hopethe Shiv temple. The fes- less and disillusioned. tivities commenced with However, people are still traditional Pooja-archana in high spirits owing to ceremonies, evoking spir- religious festivities and itual fervor among the drawing hope from spiriattendees, followed by the tuality. The political and Bhandara, where bhan- economic fabric of the dara meal was served to city has been destroyed all participants. Sawhney by BJP government comappreciated the organis- pletely, however the culers and said that these tural fabric is still intact

to the joyous atmosphere

prevalent in the region as

Holi approaches. Com-

03 Vehicles involved in illegal mining seized by Jammu Police

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 17

In a quest to stern the which Police team of Police Post Phallian Mandal acted to Police Post Phallian stringently on the specific inputs and raided at multiple locations within their jurisdiction and seized 03 The mining was done in vehicles involved in illegal violation of order of Honmining. Details of the vehi- ourable High Court of J&K. cle seized are as under: 1. In order to strictly imple-Sonalika Di 7451 Tractor ment the drive against illealong with trolley Ch. No. gal mining and to tighten JZCDV366154S3 2. MAHIN- noose against the violators DRA TRACTOR ALONG of the law Jammu Police WITH TROLLEY CH. NO. has inititiated strict action.

RKBB01782 3. TRACTOR along with trolley bearing Reg No. JK02CS7163

The tractors were found menace of illegal mining, a loaded with minor minmulti-pronged strategy was eral sand without FormA/ devised by Jammu Police in permission and so were detained and brought

> Mandal. DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same.

Dimple urges mass participation in Amarnath Yatra; criticizes delay in J&K Assembly Elections



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JAMMU, MAR 17

Sunil Dimple, President of Mission Statehood, made a fervent appeal to citizens across India to participate in this year's

and Kashmir, emphasizing the elaborate arrangements being made for the pilgrimage. This call came during an impressive bhandara lunger organized by Dimple on the eve of Holi, where a diverse gathering including women and people from various religious

backgrounds took part. During his address, Dimple expressed disappointment over the delay mir, alleging both the many others.

Election Commission of India (ECI) and the BJP

government for the omission. He emphasized the importance of communal harmony and brotherhood in the region, offering prayers for peace and Amarnath Yatra in Jammu happiness in J&K.

Amidst the festivities, Dimple engaged in dance with devotees and Shiv Bhagats, underscoring the spirit of the occasion. His prayers extended towards universal peace, communal harmony, and the prosperity of families in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among the notable attendees were Mrs. Madubala, Rajni Sharma, Komal Dogra, Bhavana Kumara, Arjun Kumar, in holding assembly elec- Brahm Sharma, Chintu tions in Jammu and Kash- Kumar, Vivek Kumar, and

Director Agriculture Jammu visited Vegetable improvement scheme at Krishi Bhawan

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 17

Today, the worthy Director of Agriculture Production and Farmer Welfare, Jammu, Sr. Arvinder Singh Reen, undertook a significant visit to Krishi Bhawan Jammu. The primary aim of this visit was to promote and inspect the vegetable improvement scheme, showcasing the commitment to advancing agricultural practices in the region.

The Director visited the vegetable demonstration unit showcased the cultivation of different vegetables, possibly including exotic or high-value crops, floriculture development nursery displayed production of flower seedlings, ornamental plants, or rose cuttings and naturally ventilated poly greenhouses (NVPGHs). Here, the focus use of these structures for growing vegetables under protected conditions, tion and distribution to farmers.

The visit highlights

ogies for increased yield, of innovation and adapimproved quality, and tation in addressing the evolving challenges faced potentially, year round production by farmers. He reiterated

During the inspec- the government's unwavtion, A.S Reen engaged ering commitment to proclosely with the staff and viding necessary support agricultural stakehold- and resources to empowers, exchanging valuable er farmers and enhance insights and feedback on agricultural productivity the ongoing scheme. He across the region.

would have been on the emphasized the importance of adopting modern agricultural techniques, leveraging technology, to prioritize agricultural potentially with discus- and implementing sustain- advancement and farmer sions on seedling produc- able farming practices to welfare in Jammu. It reinensure long-term agricultural prosperity.

Expressing his vision potential of agriculture the department's efforts for the agricultural sector, to drive socio-economic to encourage farmers to Director Agriculture high- progress and prosperity adopt innovative technol- lighted the significance in the region.



The Worthy Director's

visit serves as a testament

to the collective resolve

forces the government's

pledge to harness the full

tions.

Banned Drugs recovered at Katra: Accused arrested JI NEWS SERVICE

REASL MAR 17

Continuing the drive against Drug Abuse launched by District Police Reasi, team of Police Station Katra in surprise nakas in and around Katra town apprehended one person namely Babai Halder S/O Sanjay Haldar R/O Natalia, SC Mal lick Road Kolkata. During checking/frisking 7 strips of Alprazolam tablets containing 10 tablets each and Cash amounting Rs 40,000/ recovered from his possession. On this, FIR No. 81/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act registered at Police Station Katra and investigation initiated to unearth the forward and backward linkages. Sr. Superintendent of Police Reasi Ms Mohita Sharma - IPS while sharing the details conveyed that Reasi Police is committed to eradicate the menace of drug abuse and illicit liquor smuggling from the area and while working on this front Reasi Police is leaving no stone unturned to eradicate this menace from society. People from all sections of the society should come forward and join hands with Police to strengthen antinarcotics drive of District Police Reasi which is must to save our future genera-



EDITORIAL

PDP's strategic maneuvering

he ongoing developments within the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc in Jammu and Kashmir highlight the intricacies of coalition politics and strategic maneuvering ahead of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) is currently in a wait-andwatch mode, anticipating the National Conference's unilateral announcement of candidates for three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir Valley. This calculated approach by the PDP underscores several key aspects of their political strategy. Firstly, it aims to project a unified front against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), signaling a commitment to coalition unity within the INDIA alliance. By delaying the formal announcement of their candidates until after the National Conference reveals its nominees, the PDP is positioning itself strategically to challenge any perceived alignment issues or disagreements within the coalition. At the heart of this strategic delay is also the underlying message to the public. The PDP's decision to defer its candidate announcement serves to highlight the National Conference's role in potential division of anti-BJP votes in the region. This move is designed to put pressure on the National Conference while also allowing the PDP leadership to assess and contest decisions made by their coalition partners, particularly concerning any perceived alignment with the BJP. The dynamics within the INDIA alliance have become more complex with the National Conference's announcement of independently contesting all three seats in the Kashmir Valley. This stance reflects the NC's reluctance towards seatsharing agreements with other alliance constituents, including the Congress and the PDP. The ongoing informal discussions between Congress leaders and the PDP to address this disagreement highlight the challenges of coalition building and consensus within political alliances. One of the key points of contention revolves around the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat, with the PDP expressing interest in contesting it with support from INDIA alliance partners. However, Omar Abdullah's recent statement reiterating the NC's unwillingness to concede the Anantnag seat underscores the complexities of seatsharing negotiations within the alliance. In proposing that the NC contests all three Kashmir seats while the Congress focuses on the Jammu and Ladakh seats, Omar Abdullah is emphasizing the need for a strategic approach to maximize the alliance's chances of defeating the BJP. The historical electoral trends in Jammu, Udhampur, and Ladakh, where the BJP has secured significant victories, further inform the NC's position on seat allocation. Ultimately, the evolving dynamics within the INDIA alliance in J&K highlight the delicate balance between coalition unity, strategic maneuvering, and the broader objective of countering the BJP's electoral strength in the region. The upcoming Lok Sabha elections will test the resilience and cohesion of the alliance as it navigates through these complex political waters. Whatever be the situation arises, the National Conference is in no mood to surrender to any pressure tactics of the PDP.

Army's Contribution to Infrastructure Development in J&K

MIR MOHSIN

tion has undertaken the The Indian Army, often construction of the Zojila lauded for its role in safe- Tunnel in Ladakh. This guarding national security, tunnel, once completed, has also been instrumental will provide all-weather in fostering infrastructure connectivity to the remote development in the region areas of Ladakh, ensuring of Jammu and Kashmir. year- round access and While primarily tasked boosting socio- economic with ensuring territorial development in the region. integrity and combating

terrorism, the Army's ini-**Education and Skill Development Initiatives** tiatives have significantly

Border Roads Organisa-

contributed to enhanc-Recognizing the imporing the socio-economic tance of education in foslandscape of the region. tering socio-economic This article explores the progress, the Indian Army multifaceted efforts of has initiated several prothe Indian Army in infragrams aimed at promoting structure development, literacy and skill develophighlighting its impact ment among the youth on local communities of Jammu and Kashmir. and the broader region. These initiatives encom-To elucidate the pivotal pass the establishment of role played by the Indian schools, vocational train-Army in promoting infraing centers, and scholarstructure development ship programs to empower in Jammu and Kashmir, the local populace.

focusing on key projects Armv-run schools and and initiatives undertaken. educational institutions Infrastructure Develophave been instrumental in ment Projects in Border providing quality educa-Areas, Education and Skill tion to children in remote Development Initiatives, areas, bridging the gap Healthcare Facilities and between urban and rural Medical Outreach, Proeducation. Additionally, vocational training centers motion of Tourism and Economic Opportunities, offer courses in various Community Engagement trades, equipping youth and Welfare Programs, with marketable skills and Lessons and Future Prosenhancing their employability.

The Indian Army's Sadb-The Indian Army's presence in the border areas havana Project in Jammu of Jammu and Kashmir has and Kashmir includes the been pivotal in not only establishment of Army ensuring security but also Goodwill Schools across catalyzing infrastructure the region. These schools development. Through not only provide educavarious initiatives, the tion but also focus on Army has focused on holistic development, improving road connec- offering extracurricular tivity, constructing bridg- activities, sports facilities, es, and enhancing com- and career counseling to munication networks in students.

Scholarship programs remote and inaccessible areas. The construction sponsored by the Indian of roads and bridges has Army have enabled underfacilitated easier access to privileged students to border villages, enabling pursue higher education, thereby opening doors to residents to connect with urban centers for essenbetter career prospects tial services and economic and economic advanceopportunities. Moreover, ment. By investing in the development of com- education, the Army aims munication networks has to empower the youth of strengthened connectivity, Jammu and Kashmir to is left behind in the jourallowing for better coordi- become agents of change and facilitating socio-eco- communities. nomic exchanges. Addi-



paramount for the wellbeing of any community, especially in remote and underserved regions like Jammu and Kashmir. The Indian Army has undertaken numerous initiatives to improve healthcare

to residents in remote villages of Jammu and Kashmir. Mobile medical units equipped with doctors, nurses, and medical supplies travel to these areas, delivering healthcare to underserved populations. Medical outreach programs organized by the Indian Army reach out to marginalized populations, providing preventive healthcare services, immunizations, and health education sessions. Mobile medical units traverse difficult terrain to deliver healthcare to remote villages, ensuring that no one

ment, skill enhancement

and commerce.

Community Engagement and Welfare Programs

The Indian Army's commitment to the wel- of infrastructure developfare of the local populace ment will require continin Jammu and Kashmir ued collaboration between extends beyond infra- the Indian Army, governstructure development to ment agencies, and local encompass various com- communities. Strengthenmunity engagement and ing partnerships, leveragwelfare programs. These ing technology, and adoptinitiatives aim to address ing sustainable practices the socio-economic needs will be key to addressing of residents and foster the evolving needs of the goodwill between the region and ensuring inclu-Army and civilian communities.

a crucial role in promoting tourism and eco- empowerment, youth society organizations in nomic opportunities in Jammu and Kashmir. By showcasing the region's empower individuals to natural beauty and cultake an active role in comtural heritage, the Army munity development. Skill development workshops, self-help groups, and awareness campaigns empower women to contribute to household income.

The Indian Army's ; Awaam Ki Awaaz; initiational tourists to explore tive in Jammu and Kashmir the scenic landscapes and aims to engage with local communities and address cultural richness of Jammu and Kashmir. Army-led their grievances. According to official sources, the ture sports activities and initiative has provided a cultural festivals, have furplatform for residents to voice their concerns and ther enhanced the tourism experience, drawing visicollaborate with the Army tors from across the globe. in finding solutions to The Indian Army's local issues. Youth engageinitiative to develop the ment initiatives, including Siachen Glacier region as sports events, educational a tourist destination has tours, and career coungarnered significant attenseling sessions, provide tion. According to a report opportunities for personal by The Times of India, the growth and skill enhance-Army has opened certain ment. By nurturing talent areas of the glacier for and fostering leadership qualities among the youth, tourism, allowing visitors to experience its natural the Army contributes to building a brighter future beauty and unique ecosystem under the guidfor the next generation of Jammu and Kashmir. ance of trained personnel.

Economic development The Indian Army's projects initiated by the :Youth Outreach: program Indian Army, including includes various activities infrastructure developsuch as sports competitions, talent shows, and ments and organizations programs, and entrepre- career guidance sessions to undertake infrastrucneurship initiatives, have for young people in Jammu ture development initiacontributed to job creation and Kashmir. According to ney towards better health. and income generation in reports, these initiatives nation during emergencies and development in their According to a report by the region. By fostering a have helped channelize less efforts in infrastruc-The Economic Times, the conducive environment the energy and potential ture development have The Army's Udaan ini- Indian Army's medical for business and invest- of youth towards construc- significantly improved the

education, and economic opportunities for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Looking ahead, sustaining the momentum sive growth.

The Indian Army's Outreach programs collaboration with local focusing on women authorities and civil engagement, and envi- implementing infrastrucronmental conservation ture projects has been crucial for their success. According to experts, the involvement of multiple stakeholders ensures that projects are tailored to the specific needs of local communities and are become self-reliant and implemented in a transparent and sustainable manner.

Moreover, incorporating lessons learned from past initiatives and adapting to changing socioeconomic dynamics will be crucial for the Indian Army to remain responsive to the needs of the local populace. By embracing innovation and fostering a culture of inclusivity, the Army can further enhance its impact on infrastructure development and contribute to the overall progress and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Indian Army's experience in implementing infrastructure projects in challenging terrains and adverse conditions can serve as a valuable learning resource for other regions facing similar challenges. By sharing best practices and lessons learned, the Army can contribute to building the capacity of local governtives effectively. The Indian Army's tire-

tionally, the Indian Army tiative, aimed at providing camps in Jammu and Kash-ment, the Army has laid tive pursuits, reducing the socio-economic landscape promoting social cohe- Through initiatives spanning road construction, education, healthcare, tions to the region's progthousands of kilometers resources and expertise, tial to sustain this momenof roads and bridges in the the Army has made signifi- tum and ensure a brighter region, improving connec- cant strides in improving future for the people of tivity and facilitating trade connectivity, healthcare, Jammu and Kashmir.

has attracted visitors and infrastructure and proinvestors, stimulating ecovide medical assistance to nomic growth and creatresidents in need. Armying employment opportunities. The identification run hospitals and medical and development of tourcamps serve as lifelines for communities located ist destinations in border in far-flung areas, offering areas have encouraged essential healthcare serdomestic and internavices and emergency treatment. These facilities cater to a wide range of medical needs, including primary care, maternal health, and initiatives, such as advenspecialized treatments. The Indian Army's Operation Sadbhavana includes medical outreach programs that provide free healthcare services

has been actively involved educational scholarships mir have been instrumen- the foundation for sustain- risk of radicalization and of Jammu and Kashmir. in the construction of bun- to meritorious students tal in reducing maternal able economic growth and kers and shelters to pro- from Jammu and Kashmir, and infant mortality rates tect civilians from crosshas seen significant success. According to official border shelling and incursions. These protective data, hundreds of students structures provide a sense have benefited from the of security to residents Udaan program, pursuing higher education in presliving in vulnerable areas, fostering stability and tigious institutions across India. resilience in the face of external threats. Accord-

ing to a report by The Tribune, the Indian Army, in collaboration with the

in the region. These camps provide prenatal care, vaccinations, and childbirth assistance to pregnant women, improving health outcomes for mothers and babies

Promotion of Tourism and Healthcare Facilities and **Economic Opportunities**

In recent years, the Indian Army has played

sion. The Indian Army's The Indian Army's con-Border Roads Organiza- tribution to infrastructure tourism, and community tion has been actively development in Jammu engagement, the Army has involved in infrastructure and Kashmir serves as a made substantial contribudevelopment projects testament to its commitin Jammu and Kashmir. ment to the socio-eco- ress. Moving forward, con-According to official data, nomic upliftment of the tinued collaboration and the BRO has constructed region. By leveraging its innovation will be essen-

Tila Ashtami of Kashmiri Pandits

prosperity.

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pects,

aha Shivratri is the biggest festival celebrated by the Kashmiri pandits. This festival of Shivratri has a special importance in the philosophy of Kashmir Shaivism and it is celebrated in a distinct, the Kashmiri Pandits all over the world. The observance of Tila Ashtami is associated and connected with the celebration of Shivratri. The Shivratri to KP'S commences on the first Tithi day of Falgun Krishanpaksh is 27th February. in the first fortnight of this a fortnight and culminates or comes to close with Teela Ashtami.

In all important festivals of Sanatan darma, there is the practice of giving of offerings to ones dead ancestors called Pitras in Hindu mythology and the observance of Tila

tice and norm with the Kashmiri Pandits that the Shivratri Prasad such as wet walnuts and bread made from rice flour is distributed among neighbors, relatives and friends only before the Tila Ashtami and on this occasion light is lit in the form of earthunique and special way by en divas and offered to the dead ones to satiate them. Therefore the observance of Tila Ashtami is connected with offering light to the dead ancestors and the day is dedicated to them. This year Tila Ashtami falls on Monday that

Medical Outreach

Access to healthcare is

On this day all KP houseauspicious month, lasts for holds lit earthen divas and put these at important spots including at the entrancegates in their compounds. In

fact the tradition and ritual of making offerings to the dead ancestors on the occasions of festivals is part and parcel of all Kashmiri Pandit festivals and to repay the Ashtami is concerned with debt to ones dead ancestors become extinct and it points occasion with all humility in lit lamps are placed at difoffering light to dead ances- by making various offerings towards the forgetting of this honor of the dead relatives. ferent places starting from tors on the eight day after is the important practice old tradition connected with In north India or other Hindu one's home to river bank

tion of all important festivals and on the occasion of Teela Ashtami earthern divas are lit and light is offered to the dead ancestors and the celto close with the observance of this day.

Tila Ashtami is observed and dedicated to the dead ones to satiate the Pitras by offering them light. Tila Aetham -Teil Atham/Tila Ashtami is celebrated as a culmination of Shivratri Festival mainly by Kashmiri Pandits. Tila Ashtami is celebrated on the 8th day of the bright fortnight of Fhalgun month (Fhalguna Shukla Ashtami tithi). On this occasion puja is offered to Lord Shiva and any other favorite God and diyas are lit in temples and homes. 'Jaa Teen Teen' (tieng Kangri) was the old tradition associated with this festi-

revive the old traditions and customs and be connected to our rich cultural roots and preserve our rich and vibrant culture for the future generaoblivion due to afflux of time and its seemingly irrelevance

in the modern age. In fact it is common among Kashmiri Pandits to remember their dead ancestors on festivals and make offerings to them in order to satiate them and repay the Pitar Rin-debt. The occassion of Tila Ashtami is celebrated and observed in honor of the dead ones by the Kashmiri Pandit community with great devotion and dedication. The celebration of Tila Ashtami continues even in these days of materialism and exiled Kashmiri Pandits and the women folk of this com-

mahashivratri and it is prac- connected with the celebra- this festival. There is need to calendars', the Tila Ashtami (Yarbal) and also one of the day is celebrated 'Masik Dur- oil lamps is made to float gashtmi ' in Falgun month on the river with its base and 'Holashtak Arambha din'.The religious festivals The day of Tila Ashtami also of the Kashmiri Pandits have signals the end of the severe ebrations of shivratri come tions so that it is not lost in Rigvedic roots. Tila Ashtami cold and winter and advent is the unique and distinct of pleasant season of spring festival celebrated by the Kashmiri Pandits alongwith this day, the changeover of other festivals like Herath, the season is celebrated by Navreh, Hur Atham. Pan-Roth Puza, Vinayak Tsoram, Khetsimavas etc. and the Kashmiri Pandits deserve praise and appreciation for celebrating these and other festivals even in the trying times of their displacement from their native Kashmir. It is a matter of satisfaction that Kashmiri Pandits have preserved their culture, traditions, customs, social mores even today and they are passing on their age of modernity among the culture to the future generations without any adulteration but in pristine beauty.To val. It is so disturbing that munity take special interest be specific on Tila -Ashtami these days, the tradition has and initiative to observe this , a number of earthen oil

seated on grass ring or arie. ,locally known as 'Sonth'. On children by burning old firepots (Kangris), stuffed with dry grass and tied with long ropes around in the air ,all the time uttering the words of 'Jateen-Tantah'. It marks the final good-bye to the holy festival of Mahashivratri which is called and celebrated as Havrath by the Kashmiri Pandits. In brief the observance of Tila Ashtami is the culmination of the fortnight long festival of Mahashivratri by the Kashmiri Pandit community even in their exiled life away from Kashmir. The KP's deserve all kudos for celebrating their festivals and preserving these and passing of the festivals to the coming generations

HEALTH



POTENTIAL HEALTH **BENEFITS & RISKS**

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iscuits are a convenient food that is easy to grab and keep munching on. Biscuits are mostly not baked at home, and people purchase them from stores. However, before purchasing, it is essential to check the biscuits' type, nutritional facts, packaging, etc.

Biscuits: An Introduction

A biscuit is a popular quick bread-like snack and is usually called a bakery product. It is a baked food that contains flour, sugar, and fats. Fresh-baked biscuits, refrigerated biscuit dough, and dry biscuit mix are readily available at the grocery store. There are several varieties of biscuits, such as glucose biscuits, digestive biscuits, creamy sandwich biscuits, chocolate-coated biscuits, rusks, and cookies, and they also come in different flavours nowadays.

People tend to consume a lot of biscuits, but they should know whether biscuits are healthy to consume and what nutritional components they include. Biscuits can contribute to various health benefits if made with safe and nutritious ingredients, providing calcium, fibre, protein, and iron. However, biscuits can also harm your health due to some of their ingredients.

Popular Types of Biscuits

The biscuit variations vary greatly depending on the ingredients, flavours and texture. Let's get to know the many types of biscuits:

Wafer Biscuits

Wafers are flat-textured cookie biscuits that are crisp, soft, thin, and light. They originated in Italy and Austria. These dry biscuits are available in various flavours, from vanilla to chocolate, and sometimes with a creamfilled inside layer.

Ginger Biscuits

Ginger cookies are a classic English treat and snack. As the name implies, the biscuits have powdered ginger and additional baking components such as flour, cinnamon, and nutmeg. These biscuits have a hard texture but melt on the tongue and have a lovely unsweetened flavour. They're a crispy and perfect snack to munch with tea or coffee.

Digestive Biscuits

Digestive biscuits are unsweetened or Note semi-sweet biscuits that can be a part of a

other macronutrients. These are ideal snacks to pair with tea or coffee.

Bourbon

Bourbon biscuits originated in the United Kingdom. They are dry, crispy, and flavorful, with a chocolate cream filling making them an excellent snack of the day.

Karachi Biscuits

The famous Indian biscuits, known as Karachi or Osmania biscuits, are thick, flat, round-shaped cookies for nighttime snacking. They are rich in flavour and taste, with a mildly sweet and salty delicacy that goes well with tea and coffee.

Macaroons

Macaroons, an Americanised form of French biscuits, are another well-known biscuit variation that is getting popular. These coconut-flavoured biscuits have a gentle, provides the fibre in the biscuit. sweet flavour and are dry and light biscuits that come in circular form. The crispy outside and soft interior biscuits are best served as desserts or side dishes with other snacks during the evening and supper hours.

Rusks

Rusks are hard, dry biscuits or twicebaked bread that people sometimes use as a teether for newborns. Cake Rusk is a rusk made with cake rather than bread that is popular in some cultures

Nutritional Properties of Biscuits

Biscuits have varied nutritional profiles depending on their type and ingredients. However, the USDA provides this nutrition value for one hundred grams of digestive biscuits.

- Energy: 500 kcal Carbohydrates: 66.67 g Iron: 2.4 mg Protein: 6.67 g Sugar: 16.67 g Fibre: 6.67 g
- Saturated Fatty acid: 13.33 g Sodium: 667 mg

These nutritional values are an indication of digestive biscuits' nutritional profile. However, it varies on the manufacturing brand and the ingredients. But, the nutrients in biscuits usually involve calories, carbohydrates, fibre, sugar, fats and sodium.

Not all biscuits have the same amount of

released and keep you feeling fuller for longer. In addition, they have whole grains, fibre, and protein, which are necessary for energy production. Some of the biscuits may also have B vitamins, which play a crucial function in releasing energy

Can be a Good Source of Fibre

Usually, biscuits may not be high in fibre. However, different kinds of biscuits made with specific ingredients can be fibrous. For example, biscuits made with whole grains can be rich in fibre and provide health benefits. According to USDA nutrition standards, one 30-gram digestive biscuit has 150 calories, 20 g of carbs, and 2 g of fibre. Although the calories are high, they can provide about 7-8% of your total fibre requirement. It is because wheat bran, the outer part of the wheat grain,

Studies show fibre-rich foods help avoid constipation, reduce cholesterol, and aid weight management. However, most biscuits have added sugar. So, they are not the most beneficial form of fibre.

Enriched with Vitamins and Minerals

Choosing whole-wheat biscuits instead of white-flour biscuits provides needed minerals. Though whole grains include many critical elements, you may fall short of achieving your daily vitamin and mineral requirements if you exclude refined grains manufactured from enriched flour.

Including refined grains manufactured with enriched flour, such as biscuits, in your present in some biscuits related to some diet helps you fulfil your daily vitamin and mineral requirements. In addition to boosting energy, research suggests that these vitamins and minerals act as antioxidants for the immune system, good skin, and hair.

Easy Digestible Option

Fibre is an essential food with several health advantages. When recuperating from stomach surgery or having a burst of digestive problems, a healthcare physician may advise you to follow a low-fibre diet for some time. Low-fibre foods are easy to digest. When eating a low-fibre diet, search for bread and grains with fewer than 2 grams of fibre per serving, such as biscuits.

oxidants

Not all biscuits contain antioxidants. How-

the morning. These components frequently is an ancient herb used for many natural thercontain complex carbs that are gradually apeutic purposes throughout history, most notably as an antiemetic. The best current information indicates that ginger is a safe and effective therapy for nausea and vomiting.

Possible Side Effects of Eating Biscuits

Now that we have mentioned the potential benefits of eating biscuits, let's look at how they can harm your digestive and immune systems.

Usage of Palm Oil

Palm oil is one of the most common ingredients that biscuit manufacturers use. It is fat-based, and regular use may elevate some risk factors for cardiovascular disease. It is inexpensive and one of the most harmful oils to consume. Palm oil also reduces antioxidant ability, increasing your risk of heart disease.

High in Sodium

According to the Consensus Action on Salt and Health (CASH), ordinary sweet biscuits contain 0.4g of salt per 25g bag. It is no secret that excess salt intake can raise the risk of high blood pressure, stroke, and heart failure if ingested in excess. Excess salt consumption also causes water retention, which causes bloating, puffiness, and weight gain.

Preservatives

Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and Butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT) are in storebought biscuits and cookies. According to studies, they are both harmful to human blood. In addition, sodium Benzoate is also forms of DNA damage.

Allergies

Biscuit recipes vary and may include wheat, dairy, or eggs, which are frequent dietary allergies. If you have food allergies, carefully check the recipe or the food label on your boxed biscuit mix or refrigerated biscuit dough. You may also seek biscuit recipes that exclude the allergen, such as gluten-free biscuits for people with a wheat allergy, celiac disease, or gluten sensitivity.

Storage and Food Safety

You can store fresh-baked biscuits in the cupboard for up to 18 days. Biscuits have a low moisture content, extending their shelf Biscuits with Fruits and Berries are High in Anti- life. Refrigerated biscuit dough should be used before expiration, although you can store boxed biscuit mix in the cupboard for

RECIPES USING RICE NOODLES

THAI RICE NOODLE SALAD

Servings: 6 Preparation Time: 15 min

Cooking Time: 7 min Total Time: 22 min

Ingredients:

Dried vermicelli rice noodles: 8 ounces Bean sprouts: 1-2 cups Medium carrots: 2 (cut into matchsticks) Green onions: 4 (thinly sliced) Green bell pepper: 1 Red or orange pepper: 1 (thinly sliced) Cooked shrimp/ tofu: 1 can Fresh cilantro: 1 cup Chopped fresh basil: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Dry roasted peanuts: 1/4 cup Dressing: Lime juice: 1/3 cup Fish sauce: 3 tbsp Soy sauce: 3tbsp

Sugar: 2-3tsp Chilli sauce: 1-3tsp

Minced garlic cloves: 2 Sesame oil: 1tsp

Procedure

Prepare the dressing in a small howl Combine lemon juice, fish sauce, soy sauce, sugar, chilli sauce, garlic and sesame oil.



Lightly

boil rice noodles for about 7 minutes. Drain and place in a large salad bowl. Add bean sprouts, tomatoes, carrot, green onion, bell peppers, shrimp, tofu, and cilantro. Toss with the dressing. Garnish with basil,

cilantro and peanuts.

Nutritional Value per Serving

Calories: 179 kcal Carbohydrates: 31 g Protein: 6 g Fat: 4 g Sodium: 1237 mg Fibre: 4 g

COCONUT RICE NOODLES

Servings: 6 Preparation Time: 5 min Cooking Time: 20 min Total Time: 25 min

Ingredients:

Rice noodles: 450 g Coconut oil: 2 tbsp Mustard seeds: 1 tsp Black gram: 1 tbsp Cashews: 3 tbsp Large red onion: 1 (thinly sliced) Thai green/red chillies: 1 cup Curry leaves: 8-10 Freshly grated coconut: 1 cup

Salt: to taste Procedure

Boil noodles in a large pot until they turn soft. Set aside for a few minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Heat coconut oil on a medium flame. Add mustard seeds and heat till they



healthy diet. These fibre-rich biscuits keep these properties as mentioned earlier. Nutri- ever, ginger cookies and biscuits with ber- up to 9 months. Always check the packet for you satiated for extended periods. Unlike white flour or processed components, these use whole grains.

Cookies

Most cookies are dry, thick, crunchy, and dense, given the texture. Cookies are varieties of bakery biscuits that can have a variety of tastes and fillings. They are satisfying as a snack and are best eaten alone or with beverages like tea.

Arrowroot Biscuits

Arrowroot biscuits are a nutritious and delicious snack for people searching for flourfree alternatives to cookies and biscuits. These biscuits include arrowroot flour to give them a unique and rich taste, vitamins, and

tional properties in biscuits can range from calories to iron, depending on the origin and variety of biscuits you consume. For example, 100g of whole wheat Marie biscuit does not contain any amount of calcium and iron. However, 100g of buttermilk biscuit contains 2.9 mg of iron and 235 mg of calcium.

Potential Benefits of Eating Biscuits

Biscuits are always considered a junk snack that everyone seems to eat any time of the day. However, if made with healthy ingredients, it can deliver some health benefits also. So, let's check them out.

Instant Source of Energy

Biscuits are full of nutrients your body

ries can have some amount of antioxidants. Ginger also contains antioxidants in foods such as garlic, coffee, and green tea. These nutrients aid in eliminating free radicals. which cause cell damage and an increased risk of illness.

Antioxidants include vitamin C and E, selenium, and carotenoids like beta-carotene, lycopene, lutein, and zeaxanthin. Research has shown that antioxidants are synthetic or natural chemicals that can prevent or postpone some forms of cell damage. As a result, eating ginger cookies can impart some of these health benefits.

Lowers Nausea

requires to generate energy, particularly in help with nausea and motion sickness. Ginger

the expiration date.

Conclusion

Eating biscuits is a ritual for many people. It may have some nutritional gains ranging from being a good source of fibre, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, calories, and energy. The nutrition mostly depends on the ingredients used. For example, if it is a ginger biscuit, you can get the benefits of antioxidants. However, most biscuits consist of palm oil, all-purpose flour, and preservatives which can increase the risk of heart diseases, high blood sugar, bloating, weight gain, allergies, etc. Eat a moderate level of zero added sugar protein-infused biscuits to stay healthy, and According to studies, ginger cookies can keep the biscuits in a safe container to control the moisture level.

pop. Add cashews followed by black grams. Cook until they turn goldenbrown Add the noodles

and salt. Mix well and heat for about two minutes. Serve with plum chutney or dal.

Nutritional Value per Serving Calories: 416 kcal Carbohydrates: 72 g Protein: 5 g Fat: 12 g Sodium: 144 mg Fibre: 4 g Sugar: 3 g

Rice Noodles: Are They Healthy?

PARUL DUBE

Toodles are universal favourites. But they are not very N healthy. However, we cannot generalise anything, can we? So now, with awareness and more options, we have been introduced to healthy noodles, low on carbs, good in proteins, and easily digestible. As the word suggests, rice noodles are noodles made from rice. Rice is the seed of the grass species Oryza sativa (Asian rice) or, less commonly, Oryza Glaberrima (African rice). The principal ingredients are rice flour, water, and tapioca starch for texture. While their place of origin is China, rice noodles are the most common cuisine in east, southeast, and south Asia.

Rice noodles are brittle when raw. On cooking, they turn translucent and chewy. They cook very fast and may turn pulpy if overcooked. Rice noodles are fresh, frozen, dried or in various shapes and thicknesses. Fresh noodles are highly perishable, so their shelf life is short. One advantage is that they are glutenfree, which is great for those who are gluten intolerant.

Nutritional Value of Rice Noodles As per USDA, 100 g of cooked rice noodles contain:

Calories:108 kCal Protein:1.79 g Fat:0.2 g Carbohydrates:24 g Fibre:1 g Vitamins and Minerals Phosphorus:20 mg Sodium:19 mg Calcium:4 mg Potassium:4 mg Iron:0.14 mg Zinc:0.25mg Selenium:4.5 µg

Health Benefits of Rice Noodles

Rice Noodles offer multiple health benefits. For example, it's a boon for people with gluten allergies. In addition, it proves to be a blessing for overweight individuals. The low-calgluten part orie and low-fat count of rice noodles make it a perfect dish for individuals in their weight loss journey. Finally, with abundant selenium, it is the ideal snack for people with asthma, thyroid and heart problems, etc.

Some of the other significant benefits of rice noodles are:

Gluten-Free

Rice is naturally gluten-free. Not ful for cancer treatment. just one form, but all forms of this grain, be it wild, white, or brown,

are entirely gluten-free. In addition, rice noodles do not contain wheat flour, making them gluten-free and a perfect choice for gluten intolerance or Celiac disease patients. In celiac patients, even a tiny amount of gluten can lead to the malabsorption it becomes essential to introduce a gluten-free diet to such individuals. People with such diseases now do

not need to compromise with glutenfree rice, which has a bland taste, as even studies suggest that rice noodles with gelatinised starch make it a tastier alternative. It also proves to be the perfect alternative for wheat flour as it resembles wheat in the form of

High Selenium Content

Rice is a rich source of Selenium (Se). It is a powerful antioxidant and immunity booster. It helps in preventing mental decline and is also essential for thyroid health. Apart from this, it may also reduce the risk of certain cancers. A study shows that different Se nanoparticles have anti-cancer properties and are help-

Rice Noodles are Low in Fat

moderate in calories. It has been found in the research that rice flour just has 0.4-0.8% fat. And this characteristic of rice makes it popular in weight loss diets. When paired with high-fibre veggies and tasty sauces, of some crucial nutrients. Therefore, rice noodles become a perfect addition to your weight-loss diet without compromising on flavour.

Rich in Phosphorus

The primary function of phosphorus is in the formation of bones and teeth. It plays a vital role in using carbohydrates and fats in the body. It is also needed for the body to make protein for the growth, maintenance, and repair of cells and tissues. Studies show that the phosphorus level in the diet is essential in preventing tooth decay.

As per USDA, rice noodles have

in the general healthy population. Evidence shows that salt can damage heartwater and kidneys without raising blood pressure.

Rice Noodle are Easy to Digest

Rice noodles are delicious and easily digestible due to their high glycemic index. A study shows that a high glycemic index makes food easily digestible by raising blood sugar levels. A high glycemic index means the body can easily break down its sugars. However, these foods can substantially increase blood sugar. Rice noodles have simple carbohydrates such as rice, making them easier to digest. However, it would help if you consumed them in moderation since high GI poses an increased risk of diabetes.

Rich in Magnesium

Magnesium is involved in hundreds of biochemical functions in our body. It helps in boosting exercise performance and helps in fighting depression. It is also crucial in prebelow the Chronic Disease Risk and nerve functions, blood sugar

Rice noodles are low in fat and Reduction level (CDRR) is expected levels, blood pressure, and protein and chromosome breaks. Also, it to lower the risk of chronic disease in bones and DNA. It is also good for better sleep. A study proves that low magnesium levels in the body can lead to sleep disturbances.

Probiotics feed friendly bacteria

in the gut by improving gut health.

Resistant starch in rice reaches

the colon and feeds good bacteria.

increasing bacteria production in

the gut. The process produces butyr-

ic acid, which can reduce inflamma-

A study also suggests that it helps

in bowel disorders, such as lactose

intolerance, antibiotic-associated

ten-free property, low fat and carbs

make them a good choice for those

who want to lose or maintain weight.

In addition, it's very high in the min-

eral selenium, which helps in reduc-

Acts as Prebiotic

protects the body against infections. It is also rich in minerals like folic acid and iron.

Tips and Tricks to Make Rice Noodles More Healthy

Vegetables are the perfect solution for staying healthy. For example, one can make noodles more nutritious by adding rainbow-coloured veggies. That makes it more appealing to children and increases its health benefits as every vegetable has its advantages. For example, carrots are perfect for increasing eyesight, improving blood pressure, improving skin texture, and reducing the risk of heart diseases and cancer.

Keep it Simple

Adding lots of spices and condiments diminishes their nutritional properties, so using them as little as possible is advisable. Adding sauces and packet seasonings add more sodium and turn them unhealthy. For example, adding flavour sauces can lead to stomach disorders like bloating, constipation, diarrhoea, and nausea. Instead, try keeping it simple by adding healthy yeggies and cooking it in olive oil to increase its ing the frequency of DNA adducts nutritional content.

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colour and texture by eliminating the

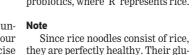
Low in Sodium

just 19 milligrams of sodium per 100 grams of portions. Our body needs very low sodium. High sodium can raise blood pressure and cause heart diseases and strokes. High sodium intake also troubles the kidneys as it venting migraine attacks and helps increases blood pressure. Research in promoting heart health. Furthershows that reducing sodium intake more, It also helps regulate muscle

diarrhoea, infection, and erosion. Even dieticians prescribe the BRAT (Banana's, Rice, Applesauce, Toast) diet, especially for children with an

upset stomach. It is one of the best for probiotics, where 'R' represents rice.

tion.





Congress faces setback as key leaders join BJP ahead of Lok Sabha 2024 elections

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a big blow from Hakkal panch Kunti Devi and Naib lawaria, District Presi- elections. dent Jammu South Rekha Rajinder Singh.

Manyal, while congratu- centered on the motto of option in the country. lating the newcomers 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,

Nari Shakti Vandan Act, Jammu South constituen- Modi has also ensured 33 the women of the counand joined BJP along with Sarpanch and Panch who dynastic political parties their supporters. All these have joined the party are in Jammu and Kashmir. He leaders took membership grassroots level leaders. It said people from diverse of the party in the pres- is certain that the opposi- backgrounds are joining ence of BJP State Gen- tion will lose its deposit the party, attracted by its eral Secretary Davinder from RS Pura-Jammu Manyal, former Deputy South assembly seat in ist programs which have Mayor Baldev Singh Bil- the upcoming assembly

Former MLA Balwant Mahajan, former MLA Singh Mankotia said that Balwant Singh Mankotia, the joining of former sar- Zorawar Singh said that District Incharge Ayodhya panch and panches in impressed by the work of Gupta, BJP leader Zorawar the BJP party is a proof Prime Minister Narendra Singh, Mandal President of their faith in the prin- Modi, everyone is joining Vijay Sharma and Captain ciples of good governance BJP for country building. Speaking on the occa- ister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister Narendra sion, BJP State Gen- Prime Minister's trans- Modi, no other politi-

former Sarpanch Kunti Bharatiya Janata Party is Devi, Panches along with the largest political party supporters joined BJP now in the world today. He said Lok Sabha-2024 elections Hakkal Panchayat has that the country's Prime bugle has been sounded, become 'Congress Mukt'. Minister Narendra Modi the Congress party has got He said that by passing the has implemented many welfare schemes for the Panchayat of RS Pura- Prime Minister Narendra empowerment of women. District in-charge Ayodcy. Former Congress sar- percent reservation for hya Gupta highlighted the growing popularity of the Sarpanch Sudesh Kumar, try in the democratic BJP and stressed its role as eight panchs left the party structure. He said that the a viable replacement for

transformative nationalmade a positive impact on the country and the Union

Territory. Senior BJP leader supported by Prime Min- He said that apart from eral Secretary Davindra formational leadership, cal party has any other Former Sarpanch Kunti

Don't vote on basis of caste, religion: Azad

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU MARCH 17

Chairman of DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad, today addressed a public meeting in Jammu East, urging people to transcend religious lines when casting their votes. Azad emphasized the importance of voting based on merit, policies, and track records rather than religious affiliations. He highlighted the need for unity and inclusivity in the electoral process, stressing that candidates should be evaluated people and uphold democratic values. "We have through state subject laws. raise our voice, not based on religion, just as I have jobs, ensuring the prodone on various critical tection of our rights and issues. Many MPs remain resources. Azad promised

concerns." he said. Azad mentioned that Article 35A was initially introduced protect our land and jobs a law to protect land and

people while we remain

a half years, I sanctioned Azad said, It was me who districts, roads, hospitals fought for statehood in which no government Parliament, pressuring the on their ability to serve the by Maharaja Hari Singh to could provide. My mis- government to promise sion is solely dedicated to the return of statehood. achieving development at He expressed sadness at to vote for a candidate If we come into power, a large scale.' The other the widespread lack of for Parliament who can my government will bring parties have exploited the electricity and power. He vowed to work tirelessly to committed solely to devel- ensure that every region. opment. They have divid- regardless of challenges, ed people along regional has access to reliable silent in Parliament, but significant developments and religious lines with electricity infrastructure. my candidate will be the including more districts, fake slogans that have Azad underlined Jammu's one who truly represents schools, hospitals, and now been exposed. My rich heritage of secularyou and speaks up for your roads. He said, 'In two and slogan is 'kaam bolta hai'. ism and unity and urged

Saini emphasized the

Mother's Pride & Joy

Pre School organized

a collective effort to uplift the region, prioritizing progress and peace. He stated, "Jammu has been renowned for its social cohesion and unity for many years. It is imperative that we preserve these values for the promotion of peace and progress." Among others who were present on the occassion were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, R.S.Chib Gen Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Arvind Singh Mickey Gen Secretary, Vinod Mishra Gen Secretary, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, Secretary Hiralal Abrol, Adv Maheshwar Singh Gen Secretary, Gourav Chopra Distt President, Gurmeet Kaur, Sunita Arora, Sobat Ali, Kulwant Singh, Kirtan Singh, Vishal Chopra, Ashok Sharma, Mohinder Sharma and others.

Gurdeep Saini starts construction of Gandhi Nagar route leading to OHT in village Gandli

JI NEWS SERVICE RS PURA, MARCH 17

Former Sarpanch of Gandli Panchayat and Co-Convenor of Panchayati Raj Cell, BJP, J&K, Gurdeep Singh Saini today started the construction of a route leading up to the tank constructed under the Jal Jeevan Mission in Gandli village in RS Pura. The local residents of Gandli Panchayat have provided the space for the construction of this passage leading up to the tank.

Speaking at the event, Gurdeep Saini highlighted that the Jal Jeevan Mission was initiated by the BJP government with the aim of providing household ing up to the tank. The water connections in each village. Under the Mission, the Panchayat members the construction work at to construct the route led the Panchayat level has to the commencement of already started, and today marks the beginning of tank.



gratitude towards the residents of Gandli Panchayat taken with utmost urgency to immediately cancel the for providing the space for the construction of this route. One year ago, the work on the Jal Jeevan Mission had started in the Panchayat, but without the proper passage leadunanimous decision of construction work today.

He urged the govern-

every family was under- the concerned authority and focused attention. He tender of OHT and reissue further added that as per new tender with an aim to Prime Minister Narendra complete the work of OHT Modi's vision to provide without any compromise. every family with access to clean drinking water, BJP's commitment towards the Jal Jeevan Mission winning the upcoming had been launched. The Lok Sabha Elections and project aimed at provid- continuing to provide ing water supply to each people with the benefits Panchayat, and work had of government schemes begun in every Panchayat and welfare initiatives. He under the Mission.

was accompanied by the The former Sarpanch former Deputy Sarpanch the work towards creating ment to ensure that the also urged the government Pyarelal, former Panch a route leading up to the work towards achieving to hold probe against delay Pawan Singh, former the objective of providing in completion the work of Panch Somnath, Harjinder

police station, Jammu solves theft case; recovered stolen property of more than 2 lakhs JI NEWS SERVICE

On 11.01.2024,FIR no. 11/2024 U/S 379 IPC was registered regarding the theft of auto JK08-9072 lodged by Rishi Pal Singh R/o Nanak Nagar Jammu, which was parked by him outside his residence on

investigation under the guidance of SHO Gandhi rounded up, during sustained questioning the

Vehicle amounting to Rs 2.18 lakh was recovered on the disclosure of accused person namely Sunny Kumar R/o Bhawani Nagar Talab Tillo Jammu. The thief was accordingly arrested and stolen property recovered. People have appreciated the efforts

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25.12.2023.

During the course of Nagar suspects were stolen

joining the party, said Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Devi said that I have that everyone's dignity Prayas', has brought posi- expressed my faith in the

and respect will be taken tive change across the leadership of PM Narencare of in the party. Refer- country. dra Modi, I am inspired by ring to the Lok Sabha District Jammu South the way he is working to

elections, he said that the President Rekha Mahajan take the country forward. target is big, hence every said that the respect of She further said that I worker has to ensure his women is safe only in BJP. have faith in the policies best contribution in view She said that the BJP takes of BJP and believe that of the role decided by the care of everyone, whereas Prime Minister Modi is party. Former Deputy this is not the safe envi- the right leader to bring Mayor Jammu Baldev ronment for other par- the necessary changes in Singh Billawaria said that ties. He also said that the the country.

"Aaoo Sabi Vote Keran" Election Awareness Hindi Nuked Natak Staged at Katra

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KATRA, MAR 17

Sangam Theatre Group Reasi staged a Hindi Nuked Natak "Aaoo Sabi Vote Keran" here at Phawara Chowk Bus stand Katra and was organized by District Administration Reasi. On the occasion SDM Katra Sh Piyush candidate. Dhotra (JKAS) was the Chief Guest, other offi- play narrate the general Akram Khan. cers, Younger's, Locals, mass "Vote Keran ge hum, Senior Citizens and general public witnessed the daalna hak he sabka our Katra appreciated the Nuked Natak show.

participation of younger's more participation. registered themselves to and how to elect the right Devi, Priya Kumari, Anu 28th March



Young Voters electoral reg- motion achieved on one Reasi as well as D.C.Reasi istration and Election pro- side through the active dis- for presenting such type motions. Artist stressed semination of information of Nuked Natak for the on new voters in the age among the general public awareness of young voters of 18 years enrolled in the with a special focus on the and enrolment of electoral electoral, more and more knowledge about voters registration. The Next

Devi, and The play was The characters of the written & directed by M.

SDM Katra Piyush Vote Keran ge sab.....Vote Dhotra and public of hemari shan he" This efforts made by the artists The Natak based on awareness of Election pro- of Sangam Theatre Group Nuked Natak show was

The Artist who per- stage on 27th March on the cast the vote properly in formed the Nuked Natak eve of Ward Theatre Day fair and ethical manner were Anil Kumar, Nia celebration at Auditorium in upcoming Election in Chouhan, Raja Aamir Reasi For Young Voters. district Reasi. The play Khan, Sarita Bhagat, And same was stage at depicts rights of the voter Aasim Nadeem , Anamika Main Market Maahore on

Saini expressed his clean drinking water to Over Head Tank. He asked Singh, and Darshan Lal. of Jammu police.

Tawi Trekkers J&K Organizes 2nd One-Day Trek to Devi Pindian, Katra



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 17

Continuing its series of one day treks for promotion of pilgrimage and heritage one of the biggest trekking clubs in the country, organized the 2nd one-day trek to Devi Pindian near Panthal (Katra)

The group of 143 Gandhi Nagar, Jammu was flagged off from Kala Kendra, Jammu by Patron of Tawi Trekkers J&K importance of mountains calm and cool trees. Rahul Sharma, Chairman and the role they play in Sidharth, senior mem-Ananjan Raghav along best wishes. with sports secretary of

trekkers for better coordination during the trek.

nature besides keeping

Most of the students pate in such a wonderful the college Ishika Jandial on their maiden trek were activity.

also accompanied the enchanted by the beauty of the serene trekking destination and fully enjoyed

The budding trekkers the 10 km to and fro trek were pleasantly surprised amidst the pines and along when Superintendent of a stream of gushing transsites Tawi Trekkers J&K, Police, Katra Vipin Chan- parent water. Reaching dran alongwith SDPO, the Devi Pindian shrine Katra Satyakam Sharma the trekkers were overwelcomed them on their whelmed by the sublime arrival at Kunia Nursery, atmosphere and seren-Panthal. While interact- ity of the place where as ing with the trekkers he per legend the Goddess women trekkers exclu- said that trekking incul- Vaishno Devi resides for sively from PS PS Govern- cates in a person a spirit nine months in a year. On ment College for Women, of adventure and love of their return some of the trekkers preferred a short mentally and physically but steep trek and finally a fit. He emphasized on the 2km road walk amidst the

After the conclusion of Sprawling Buds ICSE our life and advised the of the trek Tawi Trekkers School. General Secre- participants to keep the was showered with praise tary of the club Sonam mountains clean when- by the budding trekkers ever they go for trekking. who profusely thanked bers Shashi Kant Sharma, Finally, he flagged off the the management of Tawi Sourav Deep Singh and trekkers for the trek with Trekkers for giving them an opportunity to partici-

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 17

Mother's Pride & Joy Pre School organized Gradu- out little scholars. ation Ceremony for the graduating class Sr. Kg Trehan enlightened the 2023 at the school campus parents about the impor-Today. The ceremony tant role of a pre-school commenced with the Prin- in a child's foundation cipal / Director Mrs Mona years and how a quality Khurana welcomed the preschool transforms a Guests and presented the child into a well groomed, school report and Shared responsible and a conthe vision of the school fident personality. She that aims at the all-round also stressed that the development of the child. importance of the pre-

mony was host to a gallery child should miss the preof guests and parents who school years. cheered and marked their presence as their little breathtaking colors and ones receiving their life's highly coordinated move-1st graduation diploma. ments full of vibrance

dren attired in graduation witnessed the spark and caps were all thrilled with enthusiasm of young Joy-Pride n'Joy as Dr Chand ites as they regaled the Trehan the Chief Guest audiences with their out-Psychologist, and found- standing performances.

er member of Mother's Pride & Joy pre-school gave away graduation diplomas to the passing

In her address Dr The Graduation cere- school years & that no

The event was full of The graduating chil- as guests and parents

BJP's Social Media Department meets Jugal Kishore, discusses strategizes for upcoming LS polls

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 17

The Social Media Department of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, held a significant meeting with Jugal Kishore, the contesting candidate from Jammu Lok Sabha Constituency. The meeting aimed to strategize and plan for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Ankit Gupta, the Convenor of the Social Media Department, led the team

Media Department for electorate. their efforts and empha-



expressed his content- vision and accomplishment towards the Social ments of the party to the his gratitude to Jugal

sized the significance of Ankit Gupta, the Conve- Lok Sabha Constituency social media in reach- nor of the Department, during his previous two ing out to a wider audi- gave a comprehensive tenures and the dedicaence and disseminating briefing on the impor- tion he has shown in under the guidance of accurate information. He tance of digital engage- bringing about developtermed the social media ment and social media ment and progress. team as frontline warriors outreach in today's and emphasized their political landscape. He the contesting Member to ensure a resounding vital role in the upcoming emphasized the need Parliament Jugal Kishore victory of the Party in the

which included Nitish acknowledged the power tive online campaign to would actively engage Mahajan, Manjeet Singh of social media in shap- connect with the masses dyal, the Co-Convenors. expressed confidence in and achievements of the Jugal Kishore, the the team's ability to effec- BJP to the voters of the contesting candidate, tively communicate the Jammu constituency. Ankit Gupta expressed

Kishore for the tremen-During the meeting, dous work in the Jammu

polls as trendsetters. He for a robust and effec- that the social media team upcoming polls.

with young volunteers to Jasrotia, and Satish Jan- ing public opinion and and convey the vision further strengthen their campaign. He recognized the potential of young minds and acknowledged their significant contribution in reaching out to the masses

With the Lok Sabha elections approaching, he assured that the Social Media Department, Ankit Gupta, is prepared to embark on an energet-Nitish Mahajan assured ic and focused campaign

Masses enthusiastically pledge support to BJP, eager for PM Modi's third term: Ashok Koul

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 17

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org) BJP, expressed today that the people's choice for Prime Minister Narendra Modi to serve a third term is evident. The soaring momentum of the BJP is reflected in the increasing number of individuals stepping forward to join and strengthen the party.

joining programme held at Party Headquarters wherein large number of people including women, youth and first time voters joined the party fold. These people joined the party fold under the leadership of Adv Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP, J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu and Parmodh Kapahi, District he added. President.

Speaking at the pro- in her address, emphagramme, Ashok Koul emphasized the growing popularity and trust placed by the people in the BJP, which is evident in the rising graph of the party with each passing day. The enthusiasm shown by the masses is a testament to their unwavering support for the party and the Prime Minister Modi.

Koul said that Bharatiya ter Narendra Modi. She

CEO Jammu visits NILP Assessment Centres, interacts with learners



using schools as the base.

material is available on

DIKSHA portal developed

Padha claimed that

He was speaking at the cies and commitment to with citizens and urged people of Jammu and the welfare and develop- the first-time voters to Kashmir for placing their ment of the nation, has exercise their vote wisely. trust and belief in the

been successful in attracting individuals from all ed that the BJP remains steer the nation towards walks of life. The party's dedicated to serving the continued progress and inclusive approach and nation and the people focus on progress have with utmost sincerity and the people's eagerness to resonated deeply with the determination. With the see Narendra Modi serve people, leading to a surge support and aspirations as Prime Minister again is in individuals coming forward to be a part of this confident in its ability to their unwavering support. ever-growing movement, lead the country towards continued progress, pros- bers, on joining the BJP, Adv Purnima Sharma,

future for all, she added. sised that the overwhelming response to the event ty's approach of youth out- by sincere and dedicated was a clear indication that reach and commended the work. Among those who newly inducted members joined the party fold people across Jammu and Kashmir were eager to wit- for their decision to join include, Anuradha ji, ness Modi's third term as the BJP. She highlighted Sushama Bhan, Seema that the initiatives of the Gupta, Kavita Devi, Anu the country's prime minister. She emphasized the party in Jammu had creat-Sharma, Dr Shashi Bharti, transformative policies, ed a buzz among the youth Nisha Gupta, Kamlesh decisive leadership, and of the region, and there Devi, Anju Devi, Rajni unwavering commitment was a sense of excitement Sharma, Abhay Partap, visionary leadership of to development cham- among them about the Surinder Singh, Ayushpioned by Prime Minis-BJP's vision for the future. man, Vishav Partap,

Adv Purnima assert- government's ability to prosperity. He stated that of the people, the party is a clear manifestation of The newly joined mem-

perity, and a brighter assured that they will work wholeheartedly to She also lauded the par-strengthen the party base

Parmodh Kapahi, Akashdeep, Ranjit Singh, Janata Party, known for pointed out that these another BJP leader, shared Sachin, Kuldeep and Abhi its transformative poli- have resonated deeply his appreciation for the Singh.

Blood Donation Camp organized at SDH Bani



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promote and encourage blood donation for the betterment of society.

Dr Dev Raj Mishra, In collaboration with the team JK Blood Donors Block Medical Officer, and Volunteer Youth, a expressed his gratitude successful blood dona- and thanked the JK Blood

JKPCC Working President addresses worker meeting in Ramgarh constituency

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA

The Congress on Sunday claimed that the INDIA alliance will win all the six Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in the general elections. This was stated by JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla while addressing worker meeting in Ramgarh constituency organized by former Minister and JKPCC Vice President Yashpal Kundal . Prominent among those present on the occasion include Vice President and Treasurer JKPCC and incharge Samba District Rajnish Sharma Mian, General Secretary JKPCC Thomas Khokhar, District Sharma besides others. as no party will be able to is ruling the country with Party in the country, fight- hijack democracy. ing against dictatorship of Modi government.



President Sanjeev Sharma, and anti common people not coming to people. He and promotion of genu-Working President Babbal policies of the ruling said media is the watch- ine democratic process Gupta, Mahesh Sharma, party whose diversion- dog of democracy and Tanveer Singh, Vinod ary and divisive politics has a very important role Kumar, Mandeep Choud- is exposed before people. to safeguard democracy. hary, Anita Devi, Uttam BJP has nothing to sell Expressing confidence Chand, Balram Kundal, except indulge in religious that the Congress will Sarpanch Krishan Kumar, politics, while people reel bounce back in a revital-Vinod Pardeep Vinay under unprecedented ized form on the J&K's price rise and large scale political scene, he said Bhalla said "like in unemployment. Urging that the party will conthe Ladakh Autonomous party workers to gear up tinue to push for peace nitely show this party its Hill Development Coun- for the ensuing Lok Sabha with dignity and will form cil (LAHDC)-Kargil elec- elections and strengthen next government in the tions, INDIA alliance will booth and village commit- Union Territory . He said sweep the forthcoming tees to defeat BJP which that leadership has started Lok Sabha election in J&K has polarized the soci- working on a revival plan and Ladakh. It will emerge ety. Congress believes in and the cadre is being victorious in these elec- Hindu Muslim unity and revitalized to carry on the tions elsewhere in the religious brotherhood for party's political campaign sive politics blaming them country too." He said that peace and harmony in with renewed vigour He it for dividing people on the Congress is ready for the country. He said that said that Congress is a the upcoming Lok Sabha record unemployment of movement that will surge elections, and it will con- last 45 years, price rise, back. The utterances of test the poll together with murder of democracy in leaders of regional parties others in the INDIA alli- J-K apart from snatching are inconsequential. It's trict Rajnish Sharma Mian ance. He said, "I feel Con- our statehood, rights to time for involving youth gress is now a good and land and jobs, failure to in the party, their involvestrong party in J&K".He regularize daily wagers ment will regenerate the claimed that Congress will and stopping of old age, hollowed pillars of the come back to power in J&K widow pension and evic- Congress Institution. "Conafter emerging as single tion of farmers from lands, gress will continue to fight largest party will form crushing rights of employ- anti-people policies of the government with like- ees are all anti people and Centre and LG's Adminisminded secular parties. anti democratic actions of tration in J&K UT, besides He said that Congress will BJP government. Congress defeating the challenges emerge stronger enough fought for freedom and faced on various fronts as that, it is the Congress to form the government democracy in the country especially, misleading poliwith likeminded parties, while Modi government tics of BJP", said Bhalla. form government without the help of ED, CBI, IT & Yashpal Kundal in his safeguarding rights of Congress which is only other agencies and target- address said that Con- people, he said."Congress secular and Democratic ing opposition leaders to gress will continue its

Bhalla raised great con- restored in J&K and people and unifying force, it will cern over the hijacking start living a normal and never compromise on its Bhalla said that people of media in the country peaceful life. "The J&K principle-based politics," are fed up with anti poor by BJP and the truth is needs humane handling he averred.

which cannot be achieved by inspired fragmentation of votes in a particular region of J&K," he said. He said people of Jammu and Kashmir are eagerly waiting for assembly elections and they will teach a lesson to BJP in J&K and will defiplace in the next elections. He said that Congress will emerge stronger in view of dedication and enthusiasm amongst the Party workers across J&K. He lashed out at BJP's diviregional, caste and religious lines to serve the dirty political ends.

Incharge Samba Disspeaking on the occasion said that people of J&K have always stood with harmony and secularism. They will continue to oppose any misadventure by BJP. He urged Party workers to remain steadfast to serve people and highlight their problems, Party alone which has served the people and it JKPCC Vice President will continue to fight for Party shall continue to efforts till durable peace is remain relevant, strong

JI NEWS SERVICE RS PURA, MAR 17

> Govt Boys Middle School Survey of beneficiaries Chohala and Girls Middle and Volunteer Teachers School Chohala of Zone (VTs) are being conducted Miran Sahib and interacted with learners under NILP. The volunteer teachers are Director Samagra Shiksha trained to carry out the Rakesh Magotra and Co- learning modules in online ordinator Samagra Ajit mode. Various workshops Kumar ZEO Arnia were are being conducted. The also present on the occa- teaching and learning sion.

> Speaking on the occasion, Chief Education by NCERT. The sample Officer Jammu Jagdeep assessment modules have Kumar Padha said that also been made available programme aims to cover on DIKSHA.

> a target of 5.00 crore learners during the five years Department is serious for under Foundational Litimplementation of the proeracy and Numeracy comgramme for conducting, ponent. The programme among others, environhas five objectives includ- ment building activities by ing foundational literacy the involvement and use and numeracy, critical of social media platforms life skills, vocational skills including Print/Electronic/ development, basic edu- Folk Media and Interpercation and continuing sonal Media to reach across education.Under the New all rural areas and to create India Literacy Programme an atmosphere so as to (Nav Bharat Saksharata motivate and spur poten-Karyakram) scheme, 200 tial literacy volunteers and hours "study on the course learners and also to adopt FLN" have been imparted multiple strategies, keepthrough critical life skills to ing in view the local condiall illiterate persons in the tions, with active participaage group of 15 years in UT tion of community leaders, of J&K. PRI functionaries, Mahila

> Padha further said that Mandals, Civil Society various steps are being Organisation and educataken by the Government tional institutions.

tion camp was organized Donors Team and Volunin SDH Bani today.

Services Jammu Dr. District Kathua to particifor effective implementa-Rakesh Magotra and pate actively in the blood tion of the programme in under the able guidance donation programme in of Chief Medical Officer, due course of time, as the J&KUT and encourag-Dr Vijay Raina, and under blood transfusion prothe supervision of Dr Dev vides a new lease of life to Raj Mishra, Block Medical the hopeless patients. identify the beneficiaries

Officer, Bani. the active participation of testament to the commit-25 donors, including Per- ment and dedication of Dr dumyan Attri, Tehsildar Rakesh Magotra, Director Bani, who donated blood Health Services Jammu, to support the noble and his team in making cause. The donors were blood donation accessible provided with refresh- to all those in need. The ments by the Hospital contribution of donors, administration and Team the support of volun-IK Blood Donors. The teers, and the guidance blood donation camp of competent medical commenced at 10:30 AM professionals like CMO Dr and concluded success- Vijay Raina and BMO Dr fully, marking another Dev Raj Mishra have been significant milestone in instrumental in bringing

teers for their invaluable The event was held service towards mankind. under the directions of He appealed to the young Worthy Director Health generation of Tehsil Bani

The success of the The camp witnessed blood donation camp is a the ongoing efforts to this event to fruition.

Abhijeet Jasrotia addresses public meeting in Nagri, Kathua

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NAGRI (KATHUA)

Abhijeet Jasrotia spokesperson BJP, on a public meeting in Nagri area of Kathua, said that people should get ready for voting on 19 th April & appealed full participation to win all booths.

JD Singh, secretary Minority Morcha was also present on the occasion.

On the occasion, lot of people joined BJP in the presence of Abhijeet Jasrotia in which women outnumbered men.

Abhijeet Jasrotia, on the occasion. praised Dr Jitendra Singh and said that he is popular with a lot of development works in his kitty and has given lot of projects to Kathua. He assured public that BJP will always work for the upliftment of poor.

Chief Education Officer ing users to join the pro-Jammu Jagdeep Kumar gramme. The first step is to Padha today visited NILP Assessment Centre at and Volunteer Teachers.



Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal urges intervention to Halt eviction process and ensure revival of impacted units

Association

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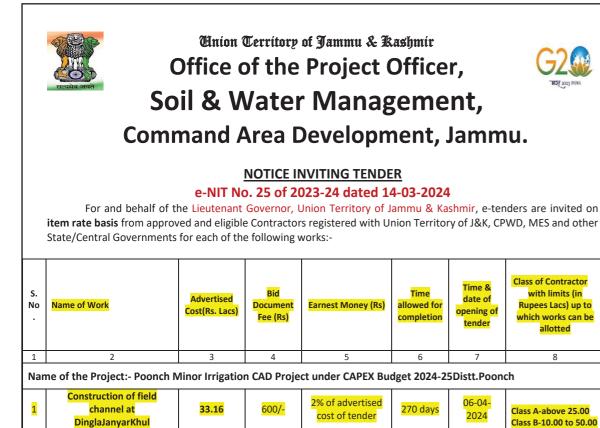
participating in the delib- of Industrialization in J&K. attention of J&K Govt. erations strongly resented the leased premises both shall only result in further Commerce Department the total revival/ reha-

image of the concerned taken them in confidence units. notified units who would to avoid such publica-In an emergency meet- have been making seri- tions. Instead J&K Govt. ing of Advisory Commit- ous efforts to revive/reha- should have constituted tee and Executive Com- bilitate their units without a high level committee mittee alongwith many any significant support by ensuring the participation other member units of UT authorities. Entrepre- of the industrial represen-Association of Industries neurs were formally of tatives to categorized the (Regd.) Gangyal, Jammu the belief that such local reasons/causes of their was held under the Chair- units were in the forefront becoming dysfunctional. manship of its president to establish their units S. Tejwant Singh Reen mostly in Micro/Small sec- Industries(Regd.) Gangwherein entrepreneurs tors in the very first phase yal wish to also draw the

Entrepreneurs present authorities to urgently the J&K UT move to ini- raised their serious con- constitute high powered tiate eviction process for cerns that such unwar- committee to review and ranted actions shall only initiate revival/rehabiliby SICOP & SIDCO of per- result in unwarranted tation process so as to manently registered units litigations and by such ensure that all the dysremained functional for actions J&K authorities functional units are satisover 4 to 5 decades who have only tried to absolve factorily made functional were forced closed due to of their responsibilities through active participareasons beyond their con- to properly revive/reha- tion/advice of the various trol including withdrawal bilitate the effected units. Govt. departments and of marketing support Members present repreagencies. extended to local units senting various industrial through SICOP. Associa- associations in different tries (Regd.) Gangyal furtion of Industries (Regd.) industrial estates/areas ther requests the Hon'ble Gangyal is strongly of the who attended the meet- Lt. Governor to personally view that the UT Govt. ing were firmly of the intervene in the matter so through publically notify- opinion that J&K Govt. in as to ensure that no furing through Local Press General and Industries & ther action is initiated till

maligning the status and in particular should have bilitation of the impacted

Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal also takes this opportunity to seek the intervention of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Chief Secretary J&K UT and Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department J&K UT to ensure the immediate of release of huge amount of nearly Rs. 300 crores of material supplied to various Govt. Departments/agencies the delay of which is bound to further escalate the sickness amongst the impacted units. Vice President of Association of Industries (Regd.) Gangyal Mr. Sandeep Ohri, Mr. Pardeep Vaid, General Secretary, Mr. Ajay Kumar Mahajan, Secretary, Mr. Vishal Association of Indus-Gupta, Treasurer President Birpur Industrial Association Mr. Deepak Dhawan and Mr. Sanjay Chopra Sr. Vice President, Digiana Industrial Association also participated in the deliberation.



Notorious gangster Vikramjeet Singh detained under PSA

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Continuing its crackdown on organised crime and wanted criminals, Police Station Gangyal, under the guidance of SSP Jammu, executed the PSA warrant of wanted criminal Vikramjeet Singh @ Vikky and lodged him in prison today.





by SHO Gangyal, Sh. Harmohindar Singh and PSI Aaquib Lateef.

It is important to note that Vikramjeet had 15 FIR's registered against him in various police stations, and had multiple warrants out for his arrest.

His detention marks another step in improving law and order in Jammu District.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division (JPDCL) Udhampur

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Short Term Notice Inviting Tender

e-NIT No: ED/UDH/145 of 2023-24

INVITATION:-

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the Executive Engineer (Distribution), Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, hereinafter referred as 'Employer', invites online ebids from reputed Companies or Class 'A' registered Electrical Contractors for Survey, Supply, Transportation, Carriage, Erection, Testing and Commissioning for Shifting of 100 KVA Sub Station at Bus Stand Moungri, (Kainthgali Block Boundry Udhampur to Bariote Upto Moungri (Part-I) on turnkey basis.

Bidders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful/conscious study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

• The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested Bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

		14.02.2024 4.00 DM
A	Tender Document Sale/Download Start Date	14.03.2024; 4:00 PM
В	Tender Document Sale/Download End Date	22.03.2024; 04:00 PM
С	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	14.03.2024; 10:00 AM
D	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	22.03.2024; 03:00 PM
Е	Submission of Hard Copy of Tender Fee & EMD	22.03.2024; 04:30 PM
	Instrument (End) date & time	
F	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date &	23.03.2024; 03:00 PM
	time	
G	Online financial e-Bid opening date & time	Will be communicated to the Technically
	(Only of the technically qualified Bidders)	Qualifying Bidders.
Н	Venue of opening of techno-commercial Bids	Soft Copy Electronically & Hard copy in the
		Office of the Executive Engineer,
		(Distribution), JPDCL Udhampur.
I	Tender Velse	
1	Tender Value	Rs. 8.30 Lakhs
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 600/- (Non-Refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 16600 /-

2	Construction of field channel at KunniyanKhul	<mark>14.80</mark>	<mark>600/-</mark>	2% of advertised cost of tender	<mark>270 days</mark>	<mark>06-04-</mark> 2024	Class C-5.00 to 25.00 Class D-upto 15.00
	Position of A.A.A.:-Position of T.S.:-Major Head of Account :-:-Position of funds:-						

The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, Bill of Quantities (BOQ), set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in as per schedule given below:-

1	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	15-03-2024		
2	Period of downloading bidding document	From 15-03-2024 to 06-04-2024, 1600 hrs		
3	Bid submission Start Date	15-03-2024, 1000 hrs		
4	Bid submission End Date	06-04-2024upto 1500 hrs		
5	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	08-04-2024 on or after 1300 hrs in the office		
	Date & time of opening of reclinical bids (Offine)	of the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu.		
6	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after Technical Bid evaluation		
	Date & time of opening of Financial Blus (Online)	is completed.		

- 1) Bids must be accompanied with the cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & Date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly credited to Account Head 0702 favouring the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu.
- 2) All the bidders shall have to deposit Earnest Money @ 2% of advertised tender cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu.
- 3) The 1st lowest bidder (L-1) has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR before award of contract favouring the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu (as per circular by the Finance Department). A copy of treasury challan/receipt and relevant documents have to be submitted to the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu at the time of award of contract.
- 4) The 2% Earnest Money Deposit on advertised cost shall be released as and when L-1 submits Performance Security @ 3% of his quoted rates before allotment of the contract.
- 5) The Performance Security @ 3% of contract in the shape of CDR/FDR shall be released only after successful completion of work (100%) in case of the successful bidder.
- 6) The time and date of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on the website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail on their submitted e-mail address. The Financial Bids of the Responsive Bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Project Officer, SWM, CAD, Jammu, the date of which shall be intimated separately.

Sd/-

Jammu

No:- SWM/E-Tendering/CAPEX/2023-24/299-302

Date:-14 - 03 - 2024

DIP/J-16198/23 Date: 16-3-24

• The Bidders need to submit the proof/cost of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, payable at Udhampur. The original demand draft shall be submitted in a separate envelope to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur and should reach at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be uploaded along with the e-Bids.

• Bidders must quote for all the particulars of the item in the Technical Bid and in the price schedule/BOQ of financial bid. The bids of Bidders who will not quote for all the particulars for any item in technical and financial bids shall be liable to be rejected at the discretion of the Employer keeping in view the interest of the JPDCL.

• All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only from any Nationalized/Scheduled bank only pledged to Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, with the payable at Udhampur. No Interest shall be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

• Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur, at least one day before opening of commercial and technical e-Bid.

• The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site http://jktenders.gov.in. This is conveyed to the technically qualified Bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Web Site.

• The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of Bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table. An authority letter of Bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.

• The JPDCL reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof if any major lapse/deviation is found. The decision of the JPDCL, will be final and binding.

• In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for JPDCL office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.

• All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidders electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

• To participate in e-bidding process, Bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

Hard Copy/ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT of EMD & Cost of Tender Document must be delivered to the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electric Division, JPDCL Udhampur in sealed cover at least one day before the scheduled date of opening of the commercial and technical e-Bids. The sealed cover shall be super scribed as "COST OF TENDER DOCUMENTS & EMD INSTRUMENT AGAINST e-NIT NO: ED/UDH/ 145 of 2023-24 Dated: 14-03-2024".

> Sd/-**Executive Engineer Electric Division JPDCL** Udhampur

Project Officer Soil & Water Management **Command Area Development**

DIP/J-5863-P/23 Date: 16-3-24

Scores of people join Shiv Sena Former Sarpanch starts blacktopping Hindustan at Natral village, Bishnah of road in Kotli Shah Doula Panchayat

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A meeting was organized by Shiv Sena Hindustan in the village Natral of Block Bishnah under the chairmanship of Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, in which dozens of youth, influenced by Shiv Sena Hindustan activities, joined the party. The new entrants Kumar, Rajat Kumar Ravi



include Rohit Kumar, our party and will help the and every social worker Rahul Kumar, Sanjay candidates contesting elec- to save. Kesri further said tions. For the last one year, that as long as the young Kumar, Dheeraj Kumar. Shiv Sena has been work- generation does not obey Speaking on the occasion, ing in every village of RS their parents and respect Kesri said that nowadays Pura Border. Kesri urged their elders, drug sellers drugs are being sold a lot the parents of the chil- will dominate the young in the border areas, keep- dren in the meeting and generation. Today's young ing this in view, we have even the small children of generation should also pay launched a campaign in 14-15 years of age to stay attention to the progress every village to eradicate away from the consump- of the country and take drug addiction, for this tion of drugs and other dry care of their family and purpose a meeting was intoxicants which were their health. Attention Kumar, Ashwini Kumar, held today in Natral Vil- growing in the society. He should also be paid to lage and all the youth were said young generation is this because intoxication asked to pledge that they a ray of hope of the soci- makes the body hollow will not consume any kind ety, which is the respon- from inside like a termite Neeru Devi, Pooja Devi of drugs and will promote sibility of every parent and destroys a person's besides others.

thinking power, added Kesri. Kesri observed that because of this intoxication the children in the border areas have lost their parents and siblings. They lost their lives at such a young age due to drug addiction. He requested the young generation to respect their elders and also pay attention towards their religious activities so that their mentality becomes capable of serving the country's progress and become great officers by focusing on their studies and health. Prominent among those present on the occasion include Bishnah Block President Rajkumar Baba Vice President Sanjeev Sharma, Arnia President Balwant Saini ,Dheeraj Kumar, Suresh Deshraj Fauji, Rakesh Kumar, Rajesh Kumar, Darshana Devi, Rajni Devi,

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Former Sarpanch and senior Congress leader Badrinath Sharma on Sunday kick-started blacktopping work of Railway line Patri village of Kotli Shah Doula Panchayat in RS Pura Jammu South constituency. The blacktopping of 1 Km of road will be completed with an estimated amount of Rs 15 lakh rupees, he added. The Black Topping work of the said road was the longest pending demand of the locals, the locals thanked the Congress leader for keeping his promises ,the total length of the blacktopping of road stretch is about 1 Kilometer.The locals and the prominent persons thanked Congress leader for his efforts, as the said developmental work has been ignored for the last several years, the issue was raised by



the local residents of the Village, when he was on Election campaign, and assured that he will complete this work ,and now the work has been started, this positive change is worth appreciating said locals. Sharma said that after becoming the Sarpanch of the Panchayat, he has continuously paid attention to the development of the Panchayat and today every village of the Panchayat has the facility of a Pucca road.He said that all the promises made during elections have been fulfilled and each and every link road has been constructed. He assured the villagers that the development works would be continued. He urged the government to prioritize the timely completion of essential road projects and ensure that the promises of development translate into tangible improvements for the people of the region.

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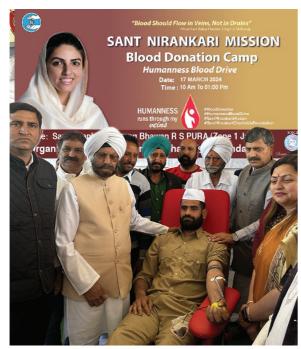
JAMMU, MARCH 18, 2024 MONDAY

Blood donation camp organised by Sant Nirankari Mission branch RS Pura

101 Units of Blood donated by devotees

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Today, the 17th of March, 2024 marks a commendable event in the annals of humanitarian service as the Sant Nirankari Mission Branch RS Pura, under the divine guidance of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, hosted a voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan RS Pura. This event stands as a testament to the mission's dedication toward serving humanity and fostering a sense of compassion among individuals. The camp saw an overwhelming turnout of donors from various age groups, not just from the



local branch in RS Pura ing on the occasion he said service, has been instru- sented on the occasion but also from nearby areas that Voluntary blood dona- mental in promoting and were Dr Zulfikar Ahmed like Miran Sahib, Arnia, tion camps organized by conducting these life-savand Sai Kalan. This wide the Sant Nirankari Mission ing events. participation is indicative are a commendable effort of the strong community towards addressing the Incharge Jammu while Sanchalak Jammu and sevspirit and the shared ethos critical need for blood in speaking on the occasion of selfless service that the hospitals and blood banks he said that self-realisa-Sant Nirankari Mission across various regions. tion through God realisa-The Sant Nirankari Mis- tion is the fundamental This camp was inaugu- sion, a spiritual organiza- objective of human birth. rated by Sh Jugal Kishore tion that emphasizes uni- Beyond the physical act transfusion dept. of Govt. ji Ex Member Parliament versal brotherhood and of donating blood, these Medical College Jammu Jammu West while speak- the importance of selfless camps serve as a power- and JKSACS.

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cluster.

ful platform for educating the public about the health benefits of blood donation, including the promotion of hemoglobin levels, improved blood flow, and the joy of giving. They also play a critical role in debunking myths and fears surrounding blood donation, making it a more widely accepted and celebrated act of kindness. He said that since 1986 from the last 38 years Blood Donation Camps are being organized by the Mission and nearly 600 blood donation camps organised in India every year.

Master Tara Singh Sanyojak R S Pura welcome all presented in the Camp. Other Dignitaries pre-

16th Triennial Conference of BMS J&K is scheduled on 23rd, 24th March at Katra, poster with charter of demands released

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Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) Jammu Kashmir is going to hold its two days triennial conference at Chinta Mani Trust Katra in which hundreds of delegates from all districts of UTs of J&K and Ladakh belonging to manufacturing, construction, service, power, transport, health,

banking, postal, BSNL, Railways, Coperatives and hospitability industries will participate and deliberate on various important been highlighted includissues confronting the ing; working classes in Govt., Semi Govt. and Private mum wages with DA in sectors.

The 16th triennial conorganized in line with ries/establishments.



nizing Secretary BMS J&K employment in all projects and Ladakh) in the form and industry. of poster for conference wherein genuine demands 3000/- monthly pension of working classes have as social security to construction workers.

a) tor workers in all sectors.

J&K. b) Ensuring coverage Skill Employment Corpo- next three years. ference of BMS is being of ESI and EPF in all facto- ration in J&K and Ladakh. The press conference j)

professional targets. The delegates will discuss how to curb exploitation of working class, poor functioning of ESI and PF and labour laws implementation. The conference will pass important resolutions while fixing targets next three years to make inroads for BMS in left out sectors

BMS National Organizing Secretary Sh. B. Surendren Ji and North India Organizing Secretary Sh. Pawan Kumar Ji and other senior functionaries of BMS along with various h) Stoppage of out- trade unionists will grace Linking of mini- sourcing jobs to contrac- the occasion and new State Executive committee i) Establishment of of BMS will be elected for

Establishment of was addressed by Sh.

promotes

Consultant, Dr. Aifa from Blood Bank GMC Jammu, Sh Ajit Singh Zonal Gian Chand Khetriya eral senior citizens and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & legacy of over 48 years agenda and target of BMS for focused struggle on issues taken up in the conference for coming years. The charter of demands upon which the BMS J&K will focus in coming years wages for power projects

is released today by Sh. Ashok Choudhary Ji (Orga-

ees.

d) Bringing Aanganwages.

e) Central minimum on Chenab river. f) Ensuring 80% local is ensured while achieving der and others.

c) Solving issues of Shrine Board for Dhram- Ashok Choudhary (Orgaof BMS in J&K and this Daily wagers, contractual arth Trust and ensuring nizing Secy. BMS J&K) conference will set the workers and NHM employ- wages to its employees on and attended by Neelam pattern of SMVDB.

g) Providing

wadi workers and helpers ence will have sessions (working president BMS into the fold of minimum on various important J&K), Ravi Hans, Rohit topics including bal- Seth, Mukesh Kumar (Secance of work and life so retaries BMS J&K), Shamthat physical and mental sher Chand, Ghar Deen, health of working classes Sewa Ram, Subash Chan-

Rs.

Sharma (Gen. Secy. BMS The two day confer- J&K), Harbans Choudhary

Notorious Drug peddler held with 35 gms heroin by Domana Police, Jammu



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The Jammu Police continuing its efforts to eradion Saturday.

dler arrested has been drug peddlers.

identified as Ajay Kumar alias Sachin S/O Madan Lal R/O Khour Deonian.During

investigation it has came to fore that the accused cate the menace of drugs is main drug supplier and from the society, a noto- supply herion to the innorious drug peddler was cent youth and operate arrested by Police team of on ring road. A case FIR Police Post Ponichak led No.63/2024 under NDPS by Incharge PP Ponichak Act has been registered at at Bhagatpur while on Police Station Domana & patrolling duty at Ring road investigation is underway. under the JD of PS Domana People have applauded efforts of Jammu Police in

The heroin(Chitta)ped- acting taugh against the

coordinator of the event. Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. A. Ravinder Nath and

An awareness program Registrar Prof.

rally aimed at sensitizing Atikur Rehman said Micro, Small, and Medium MSMEs are the major Enterprises (MSMEs) on sources of employment the Design Innovation having a 30% GDP conscheme, a sub-component tribution of the Indian of MSME, concluded on economy, particularly Saturday in Jammu cluster. in developing countries The program was orga- where large-scale indusnized by the IIED Centre tries are limited.

"There is a need for of NIT Srinagar and sponsored by the Ministry of such industries in the MSME, New Delhi. It took region and NIT Srinagar place across various Indus- is committed to use its trial Clusters in Kashmir, resources for the benefit including Bari Bharamana of the Indian Economy," of Samba Industrial Estate, they said.

Katra cluster, and Jammu The program commenced with a welcome Velladurai Jt., Direc- address delivered by Shri. tor MSME, J&K and Dr Tarun Singla, Senior Vice Saad Parvez Head, IIEDC President of the Bari Bhraare the Chairman, Saheel man Industrial Associa-Alaqband Assistant Direction. He extended a warm tor MSME, Srinagar and welcome to the President Dr Dinesh Kumar Rajen- of BBIA, Shri. Lalith Maha-

dran, Assistant Professor jan, and other industrial-Mechanical is the Nodal ists participating in the Officer for MSME Design program. & IPR Scheme are the con-

venor of the program and tude to Dr. Dinesh Kumar industry is often likened to dran delivered the aware- energy in development upcoming weeks to ben-Dr Noor Zaman Khan and Rajendran, the Nodal Offi- the Australia of the Indian ness session to the indus- of Industry and making efit the industrial clusters Dr Ved Parkash are the cer for the MSME aware- subcontinent due to its trialists about the Design them self-sustained. He of Kashmir.



NIT Srinagar conducts awareness program for MSMEs in Jammu Industrial Cluster

remarkable development spanning decades, evolv-

ing from a modest beginning to its current robust stature.

This industry caters to different sets of people's needs and highly contributes to the economy of the state. He also added collaborating with premier institutes like NIT Srinagar on solving the Industrial Design problem will help

the community grow better and benefit and also cluster Dr. Eswarmoor- for mutual benefit. bridge the gap between Industry and Institute.

Scheme of MSME. He also discussed the various explained about the two design problem relevance components of the scheme in renewable energy sechaving opportunity to get tors such as solar and funding upto 40 lakhs for wind making things more the growth and better- energy efficient. ment off the industries educational Institute.

Jammu.

On the occasion, Mr in collaboration with the Tarun, Vice President of Bari Brahmana Industrial Dr Rajendran added this Estate, introduced the scheme from the ministry industrialists about the of MSME will add an addivarious aspects of design. tional feather to the crown He highlighted industrial-

of the developed Industri- ists about better design al Estates of Jammu. that can improve the pro-He also pointed out ductivity and profit of the what are the potent company.

design interventions that Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajencan be made based on the dran, the Nodal Officer of research survey conduct- the program, delivered ed across the industries of the formal vote of thanks, concluding the session

He elaborated the induswith an optimistic note. trialist about the Design He expressed appreciation Thinking problem solvfor the engaging session ing technique and how to with the Jammu industritackle the Industrial prob- al estates and expressed lem with Design approach. hope for enhanced col-In the Katra Industrial laboration in the future

thy Muthusamy from He also mentioned SMVDU Katra empathises that similar awareness Dr Dinesh Kumar Rajen- on potential growth of rallies are planned in the

ness program in Jammu and Kashmir. President of Bari Brahmana Industrial Estate, Mr. Lalith Mahajan, high-

lighted that Bari Bhraman is the oldest industrial cluster in Samba, Jammu, boasting over 400 industries encompassing

diverse sectors such as steel, plastic, pharma-

ceuticals, distilleries, and chemical industries. These industries employ

hundreds of thousands of individuals directly and indirectly. Mr. Maha-

Singla expressed grati- jan emphasized that this



District Election Officer Rajouri chairs meeting with Political Parties regarding Lok Sabha Elections 2024

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, MARCH 17

District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat today presided over a meeting with representatives from various political parties. The objective was to underscore the importance of adhering to the highest ethical standards outlined in the Model Code of Conduct, and other applicable guidelines of ECI in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

The meeting served as a platform to sensitize the imperative nature of upholding integrity, fairness, and transparency throughout the electoral the session, encompassing permission for media important aspects.

during the meeting under-



mitment of all political collective commitment stakeholders towards towards ensuring a demfostering an environment political parties about characterized by ethical conduct, accountability, transparency, and ethical and respect for democrat- conduct. The District Elecic principles.

DEO reiterated the fidence in the cooperation guidelines set forth in the Elections. advertisements, campaign Model Code of Conduct of vehicles, initiation of can- ECI. He urged all parties juria; ACR, Jhangir Khan; didate bank accounts a to exhibit utmost integrity Deputy DEO Shakeel day prior to the nomina- and responsibility, theretion period and the other by setting a positive prece- Nawaz Choudhary besides dence for a free, fair, and representatives of politi-The discussions held peaceful electoral process. cal parties attended the

scored the collective com- as a reaffirmation of the ocratic electoral process characterized by integrity, tion Officer expressed con-

process. All issues were pivotal role of political and adherence of all politideliberated upon during parties in upholding the cal parties to the guidedemocratic ethos of the lines outlined, thereby ing crucial aspects such nation and emphasized fostering conducive envi as complaining as per the need for cooperation ronment for the smooth MCC provisions, obtain- and adherence to the conduct of the Lok Sabha

ADC Rajeev Kumar Kha-Ahmed and DIO, Mohd The meeting served meeting

Lok Sabha Election 2024: DEO addresses media; Training session of election manpower held in Ramban

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, MARCH 17

In preparation for the Lok Sabha Election 2024, the Election Department Ramban conducted a one day training session for all the officers and officials involved in the election process.

Presided over by District Election Officer, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, the session focused on ensuring smooth implementation of election protocols and guidelines. The training session witnessed the participation of dedicated individuals committed to upholding the integrity of the electoral process.

ADDC, Roshan Lal, ADC, Varunjeet Singh Charak, ARO Ramban S. Harpal Singh, ARO Banihal, Rizwan Asgar and Nodal Officers of various committees were also present on the occasion.

Led by a National Level Master Trainer, Riyaz Ahmed Bhat participants execution of the Model Expenditure Monitoring ing Committee, Election guidance of the DEO.



during the Lok Sabha Flying Squad, Expendi-Election 2024.

Various specialized were sensitized to the teams including the Video ary Monitoring and other provisions and meticulous Viewing Team, Video Sur- Committees, along with veillance Teams, Media Police Officers, attended Code of Conduct and the Certification and Monitor- the session under the

ture Monitoring Committee, Material and Station-

efforts aim to ensure transparency, fairness, and adherence to ECI regulations throughout the guidelines, thereby conelection process.

Sabha Elections sched- the democratic process.

DEO Jammu

uled to be held on April 19, 2024, in Ramban district as part of the 04 Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, the District Election Officer, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, also convened a press conference today.

Addressing media representatives, the DEO reiterated the critical importance of every participant in preserving the democratic process's integrity. The DEO emphasized the pivotal role each individual plays in upholding the sanctity of democracy and urged them to discharge their duties with the utmost diligence and impartiality.

The DEO underscored the District Administration's unwavering commitment to conducting free, fair, and credible elections, ensuring that the electoral process remains transparent and inclusive.

Media personnel were Their collaborative encouraged to disseminate accurate information regarding election procedures, schedules, and tributing to public aware-In view of the Lok ness and participation in

Training Session on Vulnerable Mapping Conducted by District Election Authority in Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 17

Dr. Akhtar Hussain, the cussed vehicle logistics. session provided detailed Deputy District Election information and guidance Officer Doda provided

of coordination among all officers and officials deployed for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections. He stressed upon the need to complete all necessary formalities to facilitate smooth conduct of the elections.

The training session, attended by civil officers and police officers, also addressed arrangements for movement during the election period and dis-

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District Administration Doda, **Education Department organize** "Nasha Mukt Bharat Programme"



the collaborative efforts

gears up officers for implementation of MCC

In view of the ensuing Lok Sabha elections 2024, District Election Officer, Sachin Kumar Vaishya has issued a circular detailing the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct to maintain the sanctity of the electoral process. The circular, directed to all district officers and officials, outlines essential measures to ensure a level playing field for all political entities.



The circular mandates ment conduct, especially non-partisanship among concerning the display of government officials, pro- political figures' photo-

JI NEWS SERVICE Chief Education Offi-JAMMU, MARCH 17 cer commended the Cultural Heads and Tanveer Ahmed Wani, Principal of

Commissioner Sudershan rity and transparency of Kumar and the guidance the electoral process. of Deputy District Election Officer Om Prakash.

Master Trainer (DLMT) sized the importance tively.

During the meeting, ADC acting as the nodal Led by District Level officer of election, empha-

The District Election on vulnerable mapping to instructions to partici-Authority in Doda orga- all sector officers, zonal pants on conducting nized a training session magistrates, and police the election process and on vulnerable mapping for officers in the district. emphasized the timely Sector Officers and Police Attendees were briefed on submission of the vulner-Officers. The session was the importance of accu- able mapping report once held under the supervi- rately mapping vulnerable the election date is finalsion of Additional Deputy areas to ensure the integ- ized. He assured that all necessary arrangements, including vehicle availability, would be made

promptly to support the election process effec-

DODA, MARCH 17

District Administration Doda and Education Department jointly organized "Nasha Mukt Bharat" programme at Government Higher Secondary School Boys Doda.

The programe was organized to advocate the message "Say No to Drugs" and Nasha Mukt Bharat was orchestrated through

al, logistical, and

of the District Adminis- tive sessions, participants tration and the Educa- were empowered with the tion Department. This knowledge and motivaimpactful event, aimed at tion to reject the allure of raising awareness against drugs and embrace healthdrug abuse, witnessed a ier lifestyle choices.

GBHSS Doda, for proactive

involvement in advancing

educational outreach ini-

tiatives within the com-

munity. Recognizing the

pivotal role played by

educational institutions

in shaping societal values

and behaviors, he under-

scored the importance

of collective action in

combating the pervasive

issue of drug addiction.

Through a series of engag-

huge crowd of students As the program traof different schools and versed through resoparents. Chief Education nant chants of "Say No to Officer Doda, Parkash Lal Drugs" echoed, serving as Thapa inaugurated the a poignant reminder of the programme in presence collective commitment to of Principal GBHSS Doda building a drug-free sociand officers of J&K Police. ety.

ing activities and informahibits the use of govern- graphs and messages in ment resources for elec- government buildings and tioneering and details the on official websites. permissible use of govern-

The circular also

ment facilities. It empha- addresses other issues sizes the importance of to ensure that the Model impartiality in govern- Code's integrity is upheld.

Lok Sabha Election 2024 **DM Bandipora orders Printing Press Operators to ensure Print-Line** In Poll Posters, Allied Material

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MARCH 17

In view of Lok Sabha Elections-2024, the District publisher of any election Magistrate/ District Elec- pamphlets or posters or dipora, Shakeel ul Rehman by them. on Sunday ordered that all by them.

Bpr of 2024 Dated: 16-03- also enjoined upon the 2024 reads that in terms concerned printing press of section 127A of Repre- owners/operators that any sentation of People's Act, violation of the provisions 1951, and in pursuance of of section 127 A of Reprethe instructions contained sentation of People's Act, in para 5 (1) (a), (b) and 1951 and the above instruc-(c) of the letter No. 3/9/ tions of Election Com-(ESOOS)/94-J.S.II dated 2nd mission of India would September, 1994 from Elec- be viewed very seriously tion Commission of India, which may in appropriateit is hereby ordered that all cases include even the revoprinting presses, operating cation of the licence of the within territorial jurisdic- printing press.

tion of District Bandipora shall indicate clearly in the print line the names and addresses of printer and

tion officer, within three

tion Officer (DM/DEO) Ban- such other material printed Further, these print-

An Order No. 31-DEO/ days of its printing. It is

printing presses, operating ing presses shall also send within territorial jurisdic- the copies of the printed tion of District Bandipora, material (along with three shall indicate clearly in the extra copies of each such print line the names and printed material) and the addresses of printer and declaration obtained from publisher of any election the publisher as required pamphlets or posters or under Section 127 A(2), to such other material printed the office of District Elec-

The district administra-

tion 127 A of Representation of People's Act, 1951 and the instructions of Election Commission of India, underling that the same would be viewed "very seriously" which may in appropriate-cases include even the revoca-

The move aimed to ensure free, fair and transparent elections in the dis-

of any election pamphlets

or posters.

DEO Poonch reviews preparations for LS Election 2024 the meeting cov-JI NEWS SERVICE ered operation-

POONCH, MARCH 17

District Election Officer, Yasin M. Choudhary, who is also the District Election Officer (DEO), chaired a meeting to assess the progress of the upcoming Lok Sabha Election-2024, focused on ensuring proper arrangements at polling booths, adherence to Election Commission guidelines and maximizing voter participation.

The meeting was attended by the ADDC Sandesh Kumar Sharma, ADC Tahir Mustafa Malik, Deputy DEO Saleem Ahmed and all the appointed Nodal Officers election-related assignments in the district.

DEO stressed the need stations and also directed roles and responsibili- process. the concerned to launch ties during the election.



responsible for various awareness campaigns Their commitment to 2024. The DEO's focus to encourage maximum upholding electoral laws, voting turnout.

regulations, and ethical DEO directed the nodal standards was stressed to participation reflects the to fulfill basic require- officers to be well-pre- ensure the integrity and ments at all 474 polling pared for their respective fairness of the electoral

administrative aspects essential for the smooth functioning of the electoral process. The total number of polling stations in Poonch district is 474 and the Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced the polling date for District Poonch on May 7, 2024 and with the counting scheduled for June 4,

The discussions during Election in 2024.

on meticulous preparations and maximum voter district's commitment to conducting a successful and democratic Lok Sabha

license holders to deposit weapons in nearest Police Stations within one week

DM Rajouri directs all gun

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, MARCH 17

As the schedule for the tion cautioned the print-Lok Sabha is announced, ing press owners/operathe District Magistrate tors against any violation Rajouri, Om Parkash of the provisions of sec-Bhagat directed all the civilians possessing licensed weapons to deposit the licensed arms and ammunition at the nearest police station

The District Magistrate,

weapons, has also directed all the printing presses, operating within his juristhe printer and publisher tion, 2024.

within a week. who is also District Elecasking for deposition of

tion Officer (DEO), besides tion of the license of the printing.

diction, to clearly indi- trict as per the guidelines cate in the 'Printline' the of Election Commission of names and addresses of India for Lok Sabha Elec-

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