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Education should help students to develop consciousness full of courage and it should be future-oriented: LG

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JAMMU, MARCH 19

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today addressed the inaugural ceremony of 'Goonj-2024' a multi-genre mega festival hosted by University of Jammu.

Goonj-2024 has been curated to celebrate vibrant and diverse culture, offers educational institutions to highlight their strengths, promote collaboration and contribute to strengthen the educational landscape in J&K UT.

The Lt Governor congratulated the entire team of University of Jammu for providing a unique platform to the students



to express their creativity, showcase their talents and engage in a dynamic learning environment.

He called upon the Universities and the educational institutions to replicate the important

initiatives of University of Jammu, such as Design Your Degree, College on Wheels and Goonj program which have become the medium of lifelong learning, new discovery, and a powerful instru-

ment to ignite creativity within.

"In the 21st Century, ideas will be the new wealth of the nations. The role of a University and College Campus will expand further. They

will no longer be seen as an academic institution. They will be known as the base to create young minds, who will change the world," the Lt Governor said.

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JK's Political Landscape set to witness Tectonic Shift ahead of Lok Sabha Polls

Altaf Bukhari holds parleys with Ghulam Nahi Azad, pre-poll alliance in Offing

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 19

The political landscape in Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing strategic maneuvers as Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) led by Ghulam Nahi Azad and Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party led by Syed Altaf Bukhari along with other outfits, in a bid to bolster its electoral prospectus, are actively exploring the possibility of forming alliance for the coming LS polls.

Reports inform news agency that following an executive meeting held at the party headquarters in Srinagar, Apni Party's general secretary, Rafi Ahmed Mir, announced that the party has resolved to reach out

to potential allies.

Authorized by party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, discussions are underway to forge alliances in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

On the other hand, DPAP spokesman Salman Nizami confirmed to KNO that talks are in the initial stage with a few "like minded" parties in Jammu and Kashmir and final decision in this regard will be taken within a week's time. "We are holding confabulations and they are in the initial phase. We will come out with a strategy once we reach the decision," Nizami said.

Meanwhile, sources divulged that during the meeting, the leaders engaged in extensive

deliberations, analyzing feedback from both political and parliamentary spheres. The focus was on assessing the prevailing political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir and devising an effective election strategy.

"In its executive meeting on Monday, it has been decided that the Apni Party will initiate talks with like-minded parties," said Rafi Ahmed Mir.

He emphasized the importance of fostering a conducive environment for dialogue, expressing confidence that alliance formations will materialize once we reach the decision swiftly. "We are currently reaching out to various stakeholders, and we aim to finalize the alliances within a week," Mir added. KNO

LG Chairs a review meeting of Health & Medical Education Department



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 19

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today chaired a review meeting of Health and Medical Education Department with the senior officials and Principals of Government Medical Colleges. Heads of Departments also participated in the meeting.

The Lt Governor called upon officials and all the stakeholders to focus on the goal of 'Health for All'

and ensure healthcare services are efficient, effective and equitable.

He reviewed the utilization of funds under various schemes, progress of new Government Medical Colleges and other key health infrastructure projects in the Union Territory.

The Lt Governor directed the officials to conduct an analysis of the facilities extended to the patients in Hospitals and Health centres and work out a strat-

egy to further improve the functioning of the healthcare facilities.

He said the principals must ensure the optimal utilization of medical equipments in their respective hospitals and 3-Tier faculty structure should be implemented without any delay.

The Lt Governor directed for increasing the utilization of AB-PMJAY - SEHAT cards in government-run

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Crime Branch recovers ₹ 1.10 Crore misappropriated by employee of private company in Jammu

AGENCIES
JAMMU, MAR 19

The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police achieved a major success during multi-city raids with the recovery of a substantial amount of Rs 1.10 crore misappropriated by an employee of a private company in Jammu, officials on Tuesday said.

The accused, Sheraz Mir, who was then working as an accountant of Jamkash Vehicleleades, was arrested after he committed criminal breach of trust and cheating by transferring a substantial amount of Rs 1.32 crore into his own bank

accounts from the funds of the company, they said.

The officials said that a case was registered on July 19, 2022, on the written complaint of the Executive Director of Jamkash Vehicleleades and it came to be known that the accused used the transferred amount for online betting.

The accused, Mir, was arrested and about Rs 22 lakh misappropriated amount was recovered, the officials said, adding a preliminary charge sheet against the accused was filed by the Jammu Police in the court of law for judicial determination. Following transfer of

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'Shakti' remarks: opposition INDI alliance only targets Hinduism: PM



JINNEWS SERVICE
SALEM (TN), MAR 19

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday kept up the attack on the INDI bloc over Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Shakti'

remark, saying the opposition alliance displayed its "ill-intention" by declaring to destroy it.

The opposition alliance, of which the Congress and the DMK are key constituents, repeat-

edly insults Hinduism but never targets any other faith, he said, addressing a BJP rally here.

"INDI alliance people repeatedly deliberately insult Hindu faith;

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'400 Paar' is common people's demand: Dr Jitendra Singh



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

"400 Paar" for Modi is common people's demand, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said.

At the same time, "Udhampur 4 lakh Paar" is common people's demand in Udhampur-Kathua-Doda Lok Sabha constituency which is all set to beat its own victory margin record, he said.

It is not only the BJP worker appealing for 400 plus mandate, but the common citizen of India who wants a third term for Narendra Modi to lead India on the path to "Viksit Bharat", he said.

The Union Minister Dr

Jitendra Singh was interacting with media on the sidelines of a series of meetings with groups of citizens from all walks of life at his parliamentary office here.

In the last two terms Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as the tallest leader today, his word is heard with respect and awe by Heads of State across the world and because of him India's stature has grown and India's word is being taken seriously at the high table in all international fora, said Dr Jitendra Singh.

PM Modi's out-of-the-box decisions have given a push to different sectors including Space,

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Light to moderate Rain, Snow over J&K during March 21-22: MeT

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 19

Meteorological Centre Srinagar on Tuesday predicted light to moderate rain and snow at many places over Jammu and Kashmir during March 21 and 22.

The MeT office said that the weather will remain generally cloudy on March 21 and 22, with the possibility of light to moderate rain and snow

at many places with thunder, lightning, and gusty winds over the plains of Kashmir and Jammu division.

The weather will generally remain dry on March 23, while it will turn generally cloudy with light rain and snow at a few places over Jammu and Kashmir on March 24. It said and added that on March 26, the weather will again remain general-



ly dry while partly cloudy with light rain and snow at a few places during March 27 and 28.

Currently, the weather is pleasant, with a bright sun shining over the Kashmir valley.

The night temperature improved at most of the stations, while the day temperature recorded 5-7 °C above normal in Kashmir Valley on the

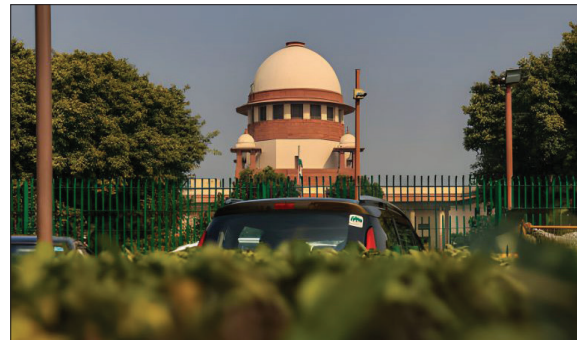
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Centre seeks time to respond to applications seeking stay of Citizenship (Amendment) rules, 2024

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAR 19

The Centre on Tuesday sought time from the Supreme Court to file a reply to the applications seeking a stay on the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud



that he needed some time to respond to the 20 applications which have sought

a stay on the Rules till the apex court disposes of the petitions challenging the

constitutional validity of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.

"It (CAA) does not take away citizenship of any person," Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

The hearing is underway.

The Centre had on March 11 paved the way for the implementation of the Citizenship

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DGP reviews security of newly commissioned railway line in Ramban

JINNEWS SERVICE
BANIHAL/JAMMU, MAR 19

Director General of Police R R Swain on Tuesday reviewed the security of newly commissioned railway line between Banihal and Sangaldan in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district, officials said.

The 48.1 km long



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Inter-State woman drug peddler with Heroin (Chitta) like substance weighing more than 230 grams nabbed



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Jammu Police continuing its drive under Operation Sanjeevani against drug peddlers, today on 19.03.2024 arrested one inter-state drug peddler

namely Kosur Sotra R/o New Flats, Jammu and recovered 231 grams of heroine (chitta) like substance. The team, headed by Inspector Sudhir Sadhotra SHO PS Gandhinagar with PSI Zulfiqar Ahmad under the supervision of

SDPO South Kartik Shrotriya-IPS and SP South Ajay Sharma-JKPS apprehended the drug peddler in Gandhinagar area and recovered heroine (Chitta) like substance from her.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 68/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Gandhinagar and investigation of the case taken up.

General public has highly applaud efforts of Jammu Police for taking stringent measures against drug peddlers and curbing the drug menace from the society.

Jammu Police enjoined upon all citizens of Jammu to be aware of drug menace and report any incident to Jammu Police. The identity of the person informing regarding this menace will not be disclosed to anyone.

Police Station Bus Stand Jammu arrested drug peddler; 7 gms heroin (Chitta) recovered

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Jammu Police continuing efforts to eradicate the drug menace from the society, Police Station Bus Stand has arrested drug peddler and recovered narcotic substance from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Bus Stand headed by SHO Bus Stand Inspector Vikas Dogra under the supervision of SP City North Jammu Sh. Shivam Sidharth-IPS and SDPO City North Sh. Devinder Singh Bhandral-JKPS apprehended one Auto driver bearing Auto registration No. JKO2CH 5914 and recovered approx 7.0 grams of heroine (Chitta) like Narcotic substance.

The said auto driver has been identified as Rahul Dogra S/o Lt. Rattan Lal R/o Rehari Jammu. On



this FIR under sections of NDPS has been registered in the P/S Bus Stand and investigation is underway. More arrests are likely to be made in the case.

People of bus stand area have highly appreciated the drive initiated by Jammu Police to eradicate the drug menace from the society.

DEO Anantnag holds election related meetings with Political Parties & Media Representatives

JI NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MARCH 19

The District Election Officer (DEO) Anantnag, SF. Hamid today convened meetings with representatives from various political parties and members of the media.

The meeting was attended by the Senior Superintendent of Police Anantnag, ADC Anantnag, Deputy DEO and DIO.

The primary objective of these meetings was to provide training and guidance to stakeholders on the principles outlined in the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

The DEO emphasized the paramount importance of strict adherence to the MCC by all individuals involved in the electoral process. Political parties were urged to demonstrate unwavering

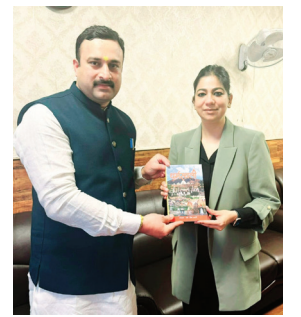
commitment to ethical campaigning practices, avoiding any actions that could potentially compromise the integrity of the electoral system.

Recognizing the pivotal role of the media in ensuring free and fair elections, SF. Hamid said that fair and unbiased reporting, free from partisan influence is essential to preventing the menace of fake news and also in ensuring accurate information reaches the electorate.

He also announced the establishment of the Media Centre and the Media Certification and Monitoring Committees in Anantnag.

Notably, the Anantnag parliamentary constituency seat shall go for polls on 07th May in the third phase of the upcoming General Elections.

Rohit Shastri meets with Yasha Mudgal



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Today president Shri kailash Jyotish Avim vedic Sansthan trust Mahant Rohit Shastri met with Yasha Mudgal (IAS), Commissioner Secretary to Government, Tourism Department at his office and submitted resolution. On this occasion Mahant Rohit Shastri said that Jammu is the city of temples and well known in the entire world, every year so many tourist and visitors visit the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi and there after they straightaway go to Kashmir for enjoyment of natural beauty of the Kashmir and left the union territory. He further said that the holy shrine of Vaishno Devi and various other tourist spots of Kashmir are shown on the map of tourism of the union territory, whereas other places of jammu have natural beauty and holy shrines are not shown on the tourist map of India, ancient temple's of jammu to be considered on the tourist map of the india government. He further stressed upon that if these places are shown on the tourist map of Jammu and Kashmir various pilgrims will also visit these important historical shrines and temples and there is probability of the development of tourism and it shall also create employment for the unemployed youth of the concerned areas. It shall also support the development of the shrines and temples and these places are already linked with the roads and have a good connectivity, the only requirement is to propagate and introduce these places to the pilgrims, by placing these spots on tourist map, it shall rejuvenate the old extinct history of these temples and it shall also re-establish the importance of these temples. These extinct temples.

IUST faculty undergoes Capacity Development Programme at NI-MSME Hyderabad



JI NEWS SERVICE
AWANTIPORA, MAR 19

Faculty members from different departments of Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) have been deputed to undergo training at National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Hyderabad. The programme is aimed at equipping educators with tools and techniques of fostering a culture of entrepreneurship, innovation among the students. National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad is an organisation of the Ministry of MSME, Government

of India.

The specially designed Faculty Development Programme on Entrepreneurship Development at the centre was inaugurated by Dr S Glory Swarupa, Director General, ni-msme and will run from March 19-23, 2024. Appreciating the initiatives taken by IUST in encouraging Entrepreneurship ecosystem in the union territory, the director said that Jammu and Kashmir has a huge potential to emerge as the role model in the domain of micro, small and medium (mse) enterprises. The team is led by Prof. Parvez A Mir, Director Centre for Entrepreneurship Development IUST.

Awareness programme under SVEEP held at Sumbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MARCH 19

The District Election office Bandipora on Tuesday organised an awareness programme under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) for specially abled persons at Government Girls High School Sumbal.

The programme was aimed to raise awareness about the importance of ensuring equal participation in the electoral process for individuals with special needs.

The programme was attended by Nodal Officer Man Power and Trainings (Chief Education Officer) Dr. G. M. Pujoo; Nodal Officer SVEEP (Principal NM Higher Secondary School) Ab. Rasheed Lone; Election Icon/ General Secretary Handicapped Association J&K, Nazir Ahmad Lone; Coordinator SVEEP Arsalan Habib and specially abled persons besides other concerned.

Nodal officer Man Power Management and Nodal officer SVEEP highlighted various facilities available at polling stations for specially abled persons to ensure their participation. The speakers said that electoral



authorities are committed to provide the necessary support to facilitate participation of specially abled persons and polling stations are equipped with ramps and wheel chairs besides trained persons shall be available to provide assistance to voters with special needs.

Coordinator SVEEP activities said that the programme was conducted to educate individuals with special abilities about their voting rights, the accessibility of polling stations, and available support services.

Speaking on the occasion, election Icon Nazir

Ahmad Lone urged public particularly individuals with special abilities to exercise their fundamental right to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

He said participation in the democratic process is vital for building an inclusive society that represents the diverse needs and perspectives of all its members.

Later, the SVEEP team District Bandipora also visited transit accommodation Odina Sumbal and interacted with migrant employees as part of awareness generation programme under SVEEP.

Notorious and wanted absconder nabbed by Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

A notorious absconder who had been absconding from his arrest for the past 6 years has been traced out from Samba by the Jammu Police after making strenuous efforts.

In order to trace out said absconder, a police team headed by Inspector Vijay Kumar did strenuous efforts and nabbed the absconder namely Roop

Lal S/o Deya Raam R/o Nadala Dera of District Samba.

The accused is wanted in case FIR No. 86/2012 U/S 188 RPC 3 PCA and was absconding since 2018 whereas a general warrant of arrest U/S 512 CrPC was issued against him by Sub Judge, Judicial Magistrate Jammu.

The accused has been produced in the court of law for further course of action.

District Administration Samba organizes specialized training workshop for Election Staff



JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MARCH 19

The District Administration Samba conducted a comprehensive training workshop aimed at equipping election staff with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively carry out their duties during the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.

The workshop focused on elucidating the roles and responsibilities of various teams tasked with monitoring the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

Led by District Election Officer, Abhishek Sharma, the training ses-

sion featured demonstrations by master trainers on the proper sealing, installation, and functioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). This hands-on approach aimed to familiarize participants with the intricate processes involved in conducting free and fair elections.

The DEO emphasized that multiple rounds of training will be conducted to ensure the proficient handling and installation of both EVMs and VVPAT machines.

Among others district-level master trainers and polling staff were present in the workshop.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024: Training for MCC teams held at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MARCH 19

In view of the forthcoming General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024, a daylong training programme for the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) Teams including Accounting Teams, Flying Squad Teams, Static Surveillance Teams, Video Surveillance Teams and Video Viewing Teams was today held at town Hall Bandipora.

The training was imparted by District Level Master Trainer Mohammad Iqbal Samoon and was attended by MCC team members.

ADDC Bandipora Mohammad Ashraf; Nodal Officer MCC/ADC, Umar Shafi Pandit; Nodal Officer Expenditure Monitoring/DTO, Sheikh Abid Manzor; Coordinator Manpower and Trainings Irfan Maqbool and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

The training programme



was held with focus to equip MCC team members with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure fair and ethical conduct during elections.

The training covered various aspects of the Model Code of Conduct, including its significance, key provisions, and practical implementation strategies.

During the training programme, the participants

were made aware about the principles of neutrality, impartiality, and professionalism and their role in upholding these principles throughout the electoral process.

The Participants also received a detailed overview of the Model Code of Conduct, its legal framework, and the significance of its provisions in maintaining the integrity of elections.

CUJ organizes a Workshop on "Interview Etiquettes"



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 19 MARCH 2024

The Department of Educational Studies in collaboration with Training and Placement Cell Central University of Jammu organized a workshop on the "Interview Etiquettes". The programme was introduced by Dr Mohan Galgotra, the coordinator of the event and explained how job seekers in this workshop can learn to present themselves for facing interviews in their

life.

Keeping in mind to groom the job seekers with the essential skills, the department emphasized how the patron of this university, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice-Chancellor of CU Jammu, is dedicated to provide valuable resources to job seekers in their career advancement journey.

Mr Suryansh Dubey, Assistant Training and Placement Officer, as a Resource person guided the students of B.A. B. Ed

and M. Ed about the relevance of interviews. In order to make a positive impact in the interview, he stated how to craft compelling responses to interview questions, showcasing their skills, experiences effectively and how the candidate's body language and vocal tone make a positive impression on interviewers. On this occasion, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' welfare, Students and research scholars were present.

Badminton tournament for girls organised by RR

JI NEWS SERVICE
SOPORE, MAR 19

As a step towards empowering young girls through sports Indian Army organised a Badminton Tournament at Sanctorum Public School, Sopore. The event was conducted at indoor badminton court, where young girls showcased the spirit of athleticism and camaraderie throughout the tournament.

A total of eight teams participated from Sopore, demonstrating their skills and passion for the sport. The tournament, which spanned over two days on March 18 and 19 2024, witnessed a high level of competition and exemplary sportsmanship.

The league matches were well contested, providing a platform for the participants to showcase



their talent and determination. The tournament was divided into two groups: singles and doubles, catering to a variety of playing styles and strategies.

In the singles format, the team of Valley Public School emerged victorious, displaying exceptional skill and resilience throughout the tournament. In the doubles format, the team of Amargad High School show-

cased outstanding teamwork and coordination, securing their triumph in the competition.

All the participants were felicitated with prizes, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to the sport. The tournament served as a platform for the girls to showcase their talent and passion for badminton, inspiring others to pursue their dreams fearlessly.

Indian Army and J&K Police Commence Joint Training at White Knight Corps Battle School, Bhalra



JI NEWS SERVICE
BHALLRA: 19 MAR 2024

In a significant stride towards enhancing security and fostering peace in the region of Jammu and Kashmir, Indian Army in collaboration with Jammu & Kashmir Police has undertaken joint training activities aimed at increasing synergy, interoperability and understanding the strengths along with the ethos and culture of each other.

At the White Knight

Corps Battle School located in Bhalra, a fresh batch comprising of 62 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSsP) & 1042 trainee Police Sub Inspectors (PSIs) probationers have commenced their training regimen under the watchful eyes of Army & Police instructors. This batch includes 19 lady DSsP & 109 lady PSIs.

On completion of the training the police personnel will gain immensely from the experience of Indian Army and it will help

them in understanding and undertaking tasks in prevalent security scenario in a better manner. The training will also further bolster the cooperation within the Security Forces.

This joint training initiative not only underscores the enduring partnership between Northern Command and White Knight Corps with the Jammu & Kashmir Police, but also reflects their shared long-term vision of a secure and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Notorious Bovine Smuggler booked under Public Safety Act by Jammu Police

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 19.03.2024

Jammu Police acting tough against bovine smugglers and to eradicate the menace of bovine smuggling from the Jammu, R.S.Pura Police booked the most wanted bovine smuggler under PSA and lodged him in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal, Jammu.

The most wanted bovine smuggler namely Shakeel Mohd S/O Maluka Hussain R/o kadyal Tehsil R.S.Pura District Jammu has been booked under PSA, after obtaining formal detention orders from the District Magistrate, Jammu. The booked bovine smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Jail.

Pertinent to mention that accused had also surfaced in FIR No.32/2024 u/s 295A IPC of Police station Janipur and during questioning he confessed that he has been involved in a number of bovine smuggling cases and is continuously indulged in this crime. Below mentioned cases were registered against the above mentioned bovine smuggler and was involved in promoting bovine smuggling trade to Kashmir valley continuously. Despite his involvement in many FIRs, he did not mend his activi-



ties and was again involved in bovine smuggling trade.

The above said notorious bovine smuggler/criminal has remained successful every time in securing the bails from the Hon'ble Court and in order to refrain the subject from indulging in above mentioned criminal activities/bovine smuggling activities, a dossier (PSA) was recommended against him, upon which, the District Magistrate, Jammu had issued a PSA warrant against him.

01. Case FIR No.21/2023 u/s 188,336 IPC,11/PCA of Police Station Janipur.02.

Case FIR No. 173/2023 U/S 452/323/506/147IPC, P/S R.S.Pura

03. Case FIR No. 51/2023 U/S 451/341/323/506/34/IPC, P/S R.S.Pura

04. Case FIR No. 415/2020 U/S 188 IPC of PS Nagrota

05.. Case FIR No. 36/2020 U/S 188IPC of PS Nagrota

06..Case FIR No. 298/2021 U/S 188IPC of PS Nagrota

07. Case FIR No. 09/2020 U/S 188 IPC 11 PCA of P/S Ghagwal

08.. Case FIR No. 240/2023 188 IPC 11 PCA PS Satwari.

SVEEP Cell Rajouri organizes voter awareness, plantation drive



JI NEWS SERVICE
RAJOURI, MARCH 19

Department of Botany, Government Degree College Rajouri in collaboration with the SVEEP Cell, today organized voter awareness cum plantation drive under the patronage of Principal of the college, Dr. Shameem Azad and Head of the Botany Department, Dr. Tajinder Singh.

The event aimed to promote environmental consciousness among students while emphasizing

the importance of civic engagement, particularly casting votes.

Principal, Dr. Shameem Azad and Prof. Iqbal Raina, Nodal Officer SVEEP Cell led the initiative by planting a diverse array of significant medicinal plants. The event witnessed active participation including Dr. Khalid Rayaz, Dr. Ajaz Nazir, Dr. Nelofer Nabi, Dr. Saleem Jahangir, and Dr. Tahir Mehmood. Their enthusiastic involvement, along with the support of both teaching and non-teach-

ing staff and Students The Principal expressed heartfelt appreciation to all participants for their unwavering commitment and encouraged the continuation of such eco-friendly endeavors. The event not only facilitated the planting of medicinal plants but also served as a platform to raise awareness about the imperative role of voting in shaping our collective future. The event reached its culmination with a vote of thanks from Dr. Tajinder Singh.

Tulip Festival

Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 19

The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting to review the arrangements at Asia's largest Tulip Garden for visitors.

The meeting was attended by Director Floriculture, SSP Traffic Srinagar, Joint Commissioner SMC, officers of Tourism department and Srinagar Smart City Limited.

The meeting held threadbare discussion regarding opening of garden for visitors, traffic management, parking space, sanitation, cleanliness drive, fixing of potholes, online ticketing and other arrangements.

The Asia's Largest Tulip Garden at the foothills of Zabarwan Hills will bloom with 17 lakh flowers of different varieties this year and will be thrown open for visitors on March 23.

Addressing the officers, Div Com directed concerned officer of Floriculture to facilitate online ticketing and put QR Code scanning facilities at different locations for the convenience of tourists.



He also enjoyed the operation of colorful lights to enhance the visual vibrancy of the place.

Moreover, he directed SMC to conduct a sanitation and cleanliness drive at the garden besides ensuring availability of a separate mobile toilet facility for Ladies and Gents at

the venue.

Further, he directed the concerned for repairing potholes on the roads leading to the garden.

The meeting was informed that the department has added 4 Kanals of additional parking space at the garden for the convenience of visitors.

DEO Kupwara convenes meeting with representatives of political parties



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MARCH 19

The District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today chaired a meeting with representatives from various political parties at the Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting was attended by representatives from different political parties.

The objective of the meeting 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.

At the outset, the DEO called for strict implementation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and urged all political parties for strict adherence to the guidelines of Election Commission of India. She emphasized upon

the representatives of political parties to seek prior permission for election campaigning and rallies through the Suvidha Candidate app.

NLMT (National Level Master Trainer), Sameer Jan on the occasion elaborated on the various aspects of MCC.

The representatives of political parties were also apprised about the Apps like cVIGIL, which enables citizens to report violation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC), Suvidha Candidate App, and other Apps to ensure smooth and transparent election.

Election manuals and distributed material was also distributed among the representatives of the political parties.

The meeting was also attended by ADC Kupwara/Nodal officer MCC, Muhammad Rouf Rehman; Dy-DEO, Mir Hamidullah; ACR Kupwara, Irfan Bahadur; NLMT, Sameer Jan and other officers.

DEO Jammu meets bankers ahead of Lok Sabha Elections



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 19

District Election Officer, Sachin Kumar Vaishya held a meeting with various bankers in view of the Lok Sabha Elections.

The DEO discussed the electoral process and the bankers' important role in it. Bankers were instructed to monitor unusual transactions closely and report any suspicious activity. Sachin

Kumar emphasised the importance of adhering to banking norms and maintaining customer privacy. He also enlightened all about the cVIGIL app, which allows the public to report any violations of the Model Code of Conduct or irregularities in the electoral process.

The meeting was also attended by ADDC Sher Singh, ADC Shishir Gupta and LDM Romesh Chander.

Training session of Micro Observers for Lok Sabha Election 2024 held in Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MARCH 19

For the smooth conduct of Lok Sabha Election 2024, a training session for Micro Observers was conducted in Doda.

The session was organized by the Deputy District Election Authority (DEA) under the supervision of Deputy District Election Officer Doda, Om Prakash, to equip Micro Observers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively monitor polling stations and uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

The training session brought together key election officials, stakeholders and Micro Observers to discuss strategies and best practices for ensuring transparency and fairness during the upcoming elections. The Dy. DEO underscored the pivotal role of Micro Observers in safeguarding the democratic process and emphasized



the importance of their contribution in maintaining the credibility of elections.

During the training session, District Level Master Trainer (DLMT), Prof. Dr. Akhtar Hussain focused on enhancing coordination among different departments and agencies involved in the election process to streamline operations and ensure a smooth conduct of the elections in Doda.

The training session not only aimed to enhance the capacity of Micro Observers but also underscored the commitment of election authorities to conduct free and fair elections in Doda. With a strong emphasis on transparency and accountability, the session laid the groundwork for a well-prepared team of Micro Observers ready to fulfill their crucial role in the electoral process.

Aryans Cardiac Care Students shine in IKG-PTU Results

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Cardiac Care students of Aryans Institute of Management & Technology (AIMT), Rajpura, Near Chandigarh brought laurels by giving their excellent performance in the Final Examinations. Bilal Ahmed bagged 1st position by scoring 8.68 SGPA; Ishan Manhas bagged 2nd position by scoring 8.63 SGPA and Mohd Aijaz bagged 3rd position by scoring 8.58 SGPA, in B. Sc. in B. Sc. Cardiac Care in their 3rd semester exams conducted IKG-PTU, Jalandhar.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group congratulated the students and faculty for

their hard work done. Kataria further said that students are performing well in every field including academics, sports, cultural, innovations etc. Apart from regular academics, co-curricular activities like workshops, seminars, Industrial visits, clinical postings are being organized to enhance the skills and knowledge of the students.

It is to be mentioned that Aryans Institute of Management & Technology has various paramedical courses including Cardiac Care, Anaesthesia, Radiology & Imaging Technology, Operation Theatre, Medical Lab Science approved by Punjab Govt & affiliated to IKGPTU, Jalandhar.

MeitY Startup Hub: Empowering innovation, driving growth and forging success within the vast landscape of Startup Mahakhumbh

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAR 19

Startup Mahakhumbh 2024 marks the commencement of an unprecedented event uniting India's dynamic startup ecosystem under one roof Hosted at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from March 18-20, 2024. With the resounding theme of 'Bharat Innovates,' aims to catalyze innovation, facilitate networking, and foster growth opportunities for startups, accelerators and industry leaders across diverse sectors.

One of the flagship engagement of the event is MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) innovation showcase, MeitY Pavilion emerged as a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship today as over 40+ ground-breaking startups seized the opportunity to showcase their cutting-edge innovations and served as a dynamic platform for startups to engage with industry experts, investors and potential partners, fostering valuable connections and opportunities



for growth. Attendees had the chance to explore firsthand the creativity, ingenuity, and potential of these emerging startups, further enriching the collaborative spirit of the event.

Addressing critical challenges and opportunities within the startup space. Shri Jeev Vijay, CEO of MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), brought invaluable insights to one such panel discussion, focusing on "Funding DeepTech: Venture Capital's Perspective on Research-Backed Start-

ups." His expertise shed light on navigating the intricacies of venture capital funding, particularly for startups grounded in deep technology and research-driven innovations.

Additionally, To foster the growth and development of startups, MeitY Startup Hub hosted a Startup Masterclass as part of the event. This masterclass is tailored to provide startups with invaluable insights, practical knowledge, and networking opportunities aimed at

enhancing growth and success in the dynamic startup ecosystem.

MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) also hosted an exclusive Incubator Masterclass, covering a wide array of topics essential for the success of incubators and startups alike. The masterclass delved into crucial areas such as fundraising and investment trends, effective mentorship and support strategies, building strong startup ecosystems, and best practices in startup incubation.

Sainik Samaj Party reiterates demand for 24/7 Functional Jammu Doordarshan Channel

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JAMMU, MAR 19

Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party, JKUT reiterated its demand for a separate jammu doordarshan, HD 24/7 channel for promotion of art and culture of Jammu region at the earliest. Kashmir doordarshan has been functional for more than 4 decades, whereas Jammu Doordarshan, owing to discriminatory policies of Kashmir centric politics of state governments, duly supported by successive union governments, have denied justice to people of Jammu region. Crores of rupees have been spent for construction of infrastructure, quarters for



staff and state of art studio with latest cameras, but no functionality combined with poor maintenance and bare essential employees. There are reports that equipment worth lacs of rupees has been shifted from jammu doordarshan to Shimla doordarshan. For promoting our art

and culture and project our talent to other parts of the country as well as in international media platform, setting up of a Jammu door darshan is mandatory to promote not only dongri language but Pahari, Gujarati and Punjabi language also.

To effectively counter the Pakistan's propoganda in POK doordarshan jammu will play a vital role, as most of the people in POK and Gilgit/Baltistan do not understand kashmiri language but at much ease, when it comes to understanding of pahari and Punjabi languages. Pathania appreciated and com-

plimented various groups of art and Culture fraternity for hitting the roads and vigorously demanding the justice, denied to them for more than 77 years. He urged the people of Jammu to come out and support the just demand of seprate jammu doordarshan and maintain the momentum. Pathania also urged honourable Lt governor and union government to consider the demand of nationalist people of Jammu region and make Jammu door darshan functional at priority, as very little amount is required to make a HD 24/7 channel functional, as desired infrastructure is already in place.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, MARCH 19

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Sainik Colony, Deeli and its adjoining areas will remain affected on March 20 and 21 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Rabta, Mathwar, Sarote, Jourian, Burmal, Sohal and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 20 from 9 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Rajouri Town, Koteranka, Manjakote, Darhal and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 23 from 8 am to 12 noon.

National Conference leaders extend condolences on Passing of Dr. Tara Chand

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JAMMU, MAR 19

National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah expressed grief over the passing away of Dr Tara Chand Senior Leader JKNC and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. Senior leaders participated in the cremation ground today at Jogi Gate Jammu. In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with other members of the family.

In the condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal, Ajay Kumar Sachotra Additional General Secretaries, Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu Province, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Babu Rampaul former minister and Central Zone President, Ayub Malik, Pardeep Bali Provincial Secretaries, Bimla Luthra Ex-MLA, Deepinder Kour Ex-MLC, Satwant Kour Dogra Provincial President Women Jammu Province, Vijay Laxmi Datta Sr. leader, Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province, Vijay Lochan Chairman SC Cell, Abdul Gani Teli Chairman OBC Cell, Chander Mohan Sharma District President Jammu Urban, Raghvir Singh Manhas District President Jammu Rural "A" have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Morcha leaders to play vital role in upcoming LS polls: Kavinder



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 19

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org) and Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, today highlighted the crucial role that Morcha leaders will have to play in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Ashok Koul was on one-day Parvas in District South and chaired a meeting of separate meetings of Yuva, Kisan, Mahila, ST, SC, OBC and Minority Morcha held at the Party Headquarters in Jammu. Kavinder Gupta was also present during the aforesaid meetings. Prominent among those who were present in the meeting include Rekha Mahajan District President South, Sham Lal Chowdhary Ex Minister, Priya Sethi Ex Minister, Aseem Gupta, Anuradha Charak, Vinay Gupta, Vikram Randhawa, Ayodhya Gupta, Shailja Gupta, Rajiv Charak, Garu Ram Bhagat DDC, Vidya Motan DDC, Aakash Chopra and Pushpinder

Singh. Ashok Koul acknowledged the need to strengthen the party at the Booth level, urging Morcha leaders to actively engage with the public and raise awareness regarding the Party's key achievements in the last one decade at the grass-roots level. These efforts are expected to contribute significantly to the success of the Bhartiya Janata Party in the upcoming polls, he added.

Kavinder Gupta threw light on the detrimental impact of the previous Congress government's policies in the country. He highlighted the hollow policies pursued by the Congress party, which he noted had led to a downturn in the country's fortunes. He expressed his belief that it was time for the people of the country to support Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, in order to continue the spree of equitable development in the country.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Education should help...

He said, the University campus should be known for collaboration and inspiring creativity for change makers. In order to make it work efficiently for the benefit of society, we must focus on relevant subjects, research and innovation to contribute in transformation of villages and towns, he added.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor impressed upon the teaching community to reinvent classroom learning and mentor the students to unleash their true potential.

To make educational institutions relevant in the future, teachers should ignite the creativity within the students and make their consciousness pure, simple, easy and independent, the Lt Governor said.

"Education should help the students to develop the consciousness full of courage and it should be future-oriented. The education should inspire the students on adventurous exploration and passion for generating new ideas, new research and innovations," he added.

The Lt Governor further emphasized on implementing National Education Policy 2020 in letter and spirit and to connect the young generation with India's rich culture and ancient knowledge systems.

The Lt Governor visited the photo exhibition of College on Wheels and stalls put up by various educational institutions and departments.

He said the 'College on Wheels' initiative helps students to uncover their unique and unmatched personality and achieve the potential that they can be. He further observed that the initiative provides lifetime opportunity to students to learn through experience, focus on interdisciplinary collaboration and creativity.

Prof. Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman Higher Education Council J&K, while speaking on the occasion, emphasized that higher education institutions should make sure their activities and initiatives have a positive impact on society.

The Lt Governor also released a souvenir of the Fest and publications related to College on Wheels initiative and project report of the University of Jammu. A documentary about 'College on Wheels' was showcased on the occasion.

Earlier, the Lt Governor took salute at an impressive march past by the contingent of students and also paid tributes to General Zorawar Singh.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice Chancellor Cluster University of Jammu; Heads of various Universities and Educational Institutions, faculty members, senior officials and students in large number were present.

LG Chairs a review...

hospitals, besides streamlining of procurement of medicines and online appointments in the hospitals.

On the progress of Cancer Institute Jammu, the Chair was informed that the essential equipments have been procured and the facility will be made fully operational in the next few months.

Directions were issued for monitoring of the functioning of J&K Medical Supplies Corporation Limited and Drug de-addiction centres, and taking dedicated measures to control diseases like Tuberculosis (TB) and AIDS.

The Lt Governor also reviewed the human resources in Hospitals, Para Medical & Nursing Colleges. He directed that the vacant posts in SKIMS should be referred to JKSSB and PSC.

The meeting discussed important matters related to healthcare projects including Cancer Institute SKIMS, Srinagar; Bone & Joint Hospital Jammu; extension of Labour Room at SMGS Hospital, Jammu; Construction of 200 Bedded additional block at LD Hospital, Srinagar; Operationalization of Integrated Ayush Hospital at Harwan, and the achievements registered

under National Health Mission and Ayushman Bhav campaign.

Sh Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sh Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Sh Santosh D Vaidya, Principal Secretary, Finance Department; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health; Administrative Secretaries; Principals of GMCs, HoDs and senior officials attended the meeting, in person and through virtual mode.

Crime Branch recovers...

the case to the Crime Branch in July 2023, the teams of EOW conducted raids at several premises in Indore and Delhi, and succeeded in recovering the entire remaining misappropriated amount to the tune of Rs 1,10,00,000.00 which is a major breakthrough, they said.

With this huge recovery made by the Crime Branch, the entire misappropriated amount of Jamkash Vehicleads has been recovered and further investigation is underway, the officials said. (AGENCIES)

'Shakti' remarks: opposition...

every statement made by them against it is well thought out," he said.

In Hinduism, Shakti means "Matru shakti, naari shakti," he said, referring to women power.

"INDI alliance which has the Congress and the DMK says they will destroy this."

Shakti refers to the divine and manifests in the form of various deities in the state like Mariamma, Madurai Meenakshiamman and Kanchi Kamakshiamma, he said.

National poet Subramania Bharathi worshipped mother India as 'Shakti,' he said.

"Tamil Nadu will punish those who talk of destroying Shakti. I am a shakti upasak (worshipper)," Modi said. (Agencies)

Light to moderate Rain...

previous day. Srinagar recorded a low of 2.2 °C against 3.2 °C recorded during the intervening nights of Monday and Tuesday. It was -2.2 °C below normal for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Qazigund on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway had a low of 2.2 °C, and the picnic spot of Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of 3.5 °C on Tuesday.

Pahalgam had a low of -0.9 °C against the -1.3 °C recorded a day ago. It was -1.0 °C below normal for the famous tourist hot spot of south Kashmir.

Gulmarg settled at -1.0 °C against -2.3 °C the previous night, and it was 1.3 °C above normal for the famous ski resort of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday.

Kupwara recorded a low of 1.5 °C against the 1.3 °C on the previous night. It was 1.6 °C below normal for the frontier Kashmir district on Tuesday, the MeT office said. (Agencies)

'400 Paar' is common...

Railways, Roads, Infrastructure and Electronics-Communication, and which has posted India's economy from 11th rank to 5th largest economy and is now on the verge of occupying 3rd rank, the Union Minister said.

"In 2014, when PM Modi took over, India stood as the world's tenth largest economy. In less than ten years, we jumped to 5th position. Hopefully this year it will emerge as the 4th largest economy and during PM Modi's 3rd term, India will be the world's 3rd largest economy, marching on to become the No.1 economy by 2047," he said.

MTBD, a part of USD 20.7 billion Mahindra Group, today unveiled Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 bus

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 18

Mahindra Truck and Bus Division (MTBD), a part of the USD 20.7 billion Mahindra Group, today unveiled Mahindra CRUZIO BS6 bus chassis, its brand-new range of bus chassis.

The vehicle was unveiled by MTB ZBH Jitendra Bahadur, MTB ABM Hitesh Jain and Dharender Sharma, Managing Director, Prestige Truck and Bus Pvt. Ltd.

Present on the occasion were Ajit Singh (Chairman, All J&K Transport Welfare Association), Kuldeep Singh (ARTO Passenger Segment), Vijay Singh Chib (President, All J&K Transport Welfare Association), Sanjeev Choudhary (Sanjeev Travels) and noted transporters of J&K.

7 bus chassis keys were handed over to many prominent transporters at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Dharender Sharma said, "The unveiling of the new CRUZIO bus chassis today, is a defining moment for our Truck and Bus business as we have taken our LCV bus plat-



form to a next level of customer experience. CRUZIO is all set to be a game changer, making it one of the safest, most ergonomic

and comfortable bus that will set new standards. I am confident that similar to the CRUZIO School Bus range, the bus chassis will

also set new benchmarks of performance, earnings and deliver better value to the customers."

"The Mahindra CRUZIO

bears the testimony to Mahindra's capability of bringing the best to the Indian customers, since it is based on meticulously gathered consumer insights. If you look at the bus operators in this segment, they are craving for a solution that can balance the end-user benefits and help them optimize costs as well. Comfort, Looks, Ergonomics, Operational Efficiencies through connected solution iMAXX and Safety are the key aspects which impacts the reputation of the new age transportation. CRUZIO will set new, higher benchmarks in these aspects and we are confident that it will become the preferred choice of passengers and the bus operators".

Talking about the key features of CRUZIO, Mr. Dharender highlighted that from the safety aspect, CRUZIO meets the Rollover Test norms as per AIS 031 and BUS Body code as per AIS 052. It is also compliant to the latest regulatory requirements of AIS 153, which has stringent noise and vibration standards. CRUZIO offers enhanced

visibility in both day & night and bigger brakes for efficient braking performance with short stopping distance. It has the highest ground clearance in the category to avoid bumper hit. CRUZIO Bus offers Best-in-class seat width which are contoured and ergonomically designed that provides full back support. Broad gangway and improved parabolic suspension leading to Best-in-class ride comfort. CRUZIO's Engine is equipped with the patented Mahindra FuelSmart Technology to optimize the fuel consumption. Highlight of this technology is the multimode switches to optimize the fuel consumption and engine power availability as per load and road conditions for Higher Savings in Fuel Expenses and More Profitability. CRUZIO is also equipped with inhouse developed world class telematic solution complied with AIS 140 norms, offers you utmost safety, tracking of bus, fuel theft, vehicle health monitoring and many other features enhancing efficiency for the fleet operator."

KU organises daylong workshop on first-aid and CPR



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 19

To equip participants with essential knowledge and techniques in administering first-aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports (DPES), Kashmir University (KU), Monday organised a daylong workshop here.

The workshop focused on knowledge exchange and collaboration while encouraging a culture of preparedness and safety within the university community. Members of the KU faculty, scholars and students participated in the workshop titled, 'Basic Life Support', an official release read.

Assistant Directors, Physical Education, Higher Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Enayat Hussain and Dr Irfan Ahmad, the resource persons for the workshop, shared their expertise on CPR techniques with hands-on demonstrations on life-saving skills, read the release.

On the occasion, Director, DPES, Dr Mandeep Singh, emphasised the importance of integrating life-saving skills into physical education and sports activities.

"Today's workshop is a significant step towards ensuring the well-being of our university community," he said. Senior Assistant Professor and Organis-

ing Secretary, Dr Surjeet Singh, shared valuable insights about basic life support enriching participants with practical knowledge essential for emergency situations.

Former Director, DPES, Dr Khurshid Ahmad Tarzan, highlighted the significance of the workshop in enhancing emergency preparedness within the university.

Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), KU, Prof Manzoor Ahmad Shah emphasised the crucial role of physical education and sports in promoting health and well-being among the students and staff alike.

During the valedictory ceremony, Director, Directorate of Information Technology and Support System (IT&SS), Dr Maroof Naieem Qadri, appreciated the initiative terming it a "significant stride towards encouraging a safer and more prepared university community", the official release further read.

Assistant Director, DPES, Dr Nadeem Ahmad Dar, faculty and Co-organising secretaries, Dr Naseer Ahmad Bhat, Dr Iftikhar Ahmad Wani and Dr Iqbal Kabir, were also present on the occasion.

The function concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participants.

Director, DPES, Dr Mandeep Singh, presented the formal vote of thanks, the release added.

Kashmiri Prof at Arni Univ bags Kaveri's 'Mahila Shakti Vandan Samman' for empowering students

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 19

Hailing from the Anantnag District of Kashmir, Ms. Mehr Un Nisa had never imagined that her routine teaching and work as an Assistant Professor at Arni University in Himachal Pradesh would one day bring her national honour. The joy of receiving an Award, given by a prominent Social Welfare Organisation Kaveri, reached its tipping point when she was accompanied to the ceremony by her student who has now become an entrepreneur. Ms. Mehr Un Nisa, Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology, Arni School of Allied Health Sciences, Arni University bagged Kaveri's 'Mahila Shakti Vandan Samman', and become a source of great inspiration to young women of not only her state Kashmir but the entire nation. Apart from the academic excellence she worked relentlessly



to help students and staff during the heavy flood in Himachal Pradesh that had affected the campus badly. She stood up as a wall against all odds.

The ceremony held in New Delhi witnessed a moment of pride as Ms. Mehr Un Nisa, accompanied by her entrepreneurial student, Ms. Areeba Fatima, received a stand-

ing ovation. Ms. Areeba, who once studied under Ms. Mehr Un Nisa's guidance at Arni School of Allied Health Sciences, Arni University, has since established her own Parlor and Boutique - Emaan Parlor and Emaan Collection, a testament to the mentorship and empowerment fostered within the institution.

Expressing her jubilation, Ms. Mehr Un Nisa remarked, "This award serves as a profound encouragement not only for me but for my students as well. I owe this honor to Arni University, which provides an enriching environment for academic and professional growth." She credited the Chancellor of Arni University, Mr.

Vivek Singh, for his visionary leadership, which integrates higher education with entrepreneurship development, thereby nurturing a culture of innovation and excellence.

"Ms. Areeba's journey exemplifies the potential that lies within our students. This recognition motivates me to continue nurturing and extracting the best from our aspiring talents," added the Assistant Professor of Radiology.

Arni University, renowned for its commitment to societal transformation, has initiated the J & K Scholarship Scheme, offering specialized admission provisions to students from defense backgrounds, particularly from Jammu and Kashmir. Through collaborations with NGOs and social organizations, the university endeavors to create a robust higher education landscape that fosters social change.

Congratulating Ms.

Mehr Un Nisa on her remarkable achievement, Mr. Vivek Singh, Chancellor of Arni University, said, "This Award is a moment of pride for Arni University. Ms. Nisha's contributions, reflected through the endeavors of Ms. Areeba and other students, resonate with our vision of 'Skill Comprehensive Higher Education.' Our holistic educational ecosystem aims not only to enhance employability but also to instill entrepreneurial spirit among our students, empowering them to make enduring contributions to society." Moreover the university has also introduced initiatives under which books and other study materials are given free to the needed students.

Mehr Un Nisa's recognition epitomizes the transformative impact of education in shaping empowered, entrepreneurial leaders, transcending boundaries, and inspiring generations to come.

Ladakh Transport Department organizes Half-day Workshop to Promote EV Freight Vehicles

JI NEWS SERVICE
LEH, MAR 19

In yet another first-of-its-kind initiative in Union Territory of Ladakh, UT Transport Department led by Secretary-cum-Transport Commissioner Amit Sharma, organised a Half-Day Workshop today to deliberate upon and brainstorm amongst all the stakeholders of Transport Sector towards promoting the usage of freight vehicles on EV (Zero Emission Vehicles) in the Union Territory of Ladakh with the objective to make it first carbon neutral state/UT of the nation.

Secretary Transport Amit Sharma, in his inaugural address, highlighted the successful completion of E-3 and E-4 Wheelers' trials conducted in the months of August and September last year. The trial exercise demonstrated that E-3 and E-4 wheel-



er operations are feasible in Ladakh UT and would result in substantial operating cost reductions for the owners/drivers.

Amit further shared that Ladakh is relentlessly working towards its carbon neutrality mission and its initiatives last year were chosen from India for presentation in the United Nation top

environment awareness initiative COP-28 held in Dubai last year. He further mentioned that a Memorandum of Understanding is going to be inked soon between NTPC and the Transport Department to dedicate five hydrogen-cell fuel buses to the public of Ladakh which is first such initiative in the nation. Apart from this, a

detailed presentation by the International Institute for Energy Conservation (IIEC) was made before the Secretary Transport Amit Sharma and all stakeholders to share the course of trails, merits and need of Zero Emission Vehicles in the UT of Ladakh. It was followed by detailed brainstorming sessions during this Workshop on establish EV Charging stations here alongwith actively involving Defence institutions which are present in a good number in the UT of Ladakh.

Secretary Transport also talked about the UT Administration's role in encouraging Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and the Corporates, especially financial institutions active in the UT to establish EV Charging Stations in UT Ladakh as part of their respective Corporate Social Responsibility. The organisers were

requested by Transport Secretary Amit Sharma to organise a EV/ZEV Himalayan Two-Wheel and Four-Wheel Rally here in Ladakh, which shall a novel initiative, in coming peak summer season this year alongwith Investors' Meet so as to highlight Ladakh initiatives and steps being taken towards achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In concluding remarks, Amit Sharma and his team complimented organisers for this Workshop while stating that these initiatives mark an important step towards sustainable and eco-friendly transportation solutions in Ladakh and a perfect trend-setter in the entire nation.

This Workshop was attended by ARTO Leh, members of the Transport Association, driving community and leading media persons of UT of Ladakh.

INDIA Bloc set to win all LS seats in J&K: NC

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JAMMU, MAR 19

Rattan Lal Gupta, National Conference Provincial President Jammu on Tuesday asserted that BJP is bound to face a big shock in Jammu Province as India Bloc is all set to decimate the Saffron Brigade in all Lok Sabha seats in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior leader of NC party said his party is already on saddle and leading the fight to restore all the fundamental and democratic rights of the people snatched away by the 'draconian' central dispensation in one way or the other.

Forecasting a major setback for the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, the senior NC leader said that his party is at central stage to ensure once again the restoration of democratic rights and the basic amenities to the people of the Jammu region as the party in power in the



centre has created dismal condition in its ten years misrule depriving one and all from living a life with dignity and pride. He said that the situation is so critical that people had to knock the doors of the Apex court for restoring democracy in J&K by holding free and fair elections for the Assembly. Mr Gupta accused the J&K Government of sabotaging the process of conducting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections simultaneously inspite of facts that almost all the political parties of the Jammu and Kashmir

categorically demanded the assembly election of J&K simultaneously with Lok Sabha elections when they met CEC at Srinagar on 12 March, 2024. He said that NC is committed to protect the land and jobs rights of J&K the people and in this pursuit the party will go to any extent as its ideology is against any kind of compromise when it comes to the rights of the people. He said contrary to BJP leadership's attempts to set wrong narratives alleging fissures in India Bloc constituents in J&K, the Lok Sabha contest shall be India Bloc versus BJP, and the crushing defeat for the Saffron party is its fate this time.

Gupta however, asked the NC cadre to act proactively at the grassroots level because it is the crucial phase ahead of LS Polls and their hard work on ground will help the India Bloc to achieve gigantic margins in the victory showing the opponents their right place.

EDITORIAL

Take concrete actions to resolve refugees' issues

Recently, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha disclosed that at least 350 youth belonging to Kashmiri Pandit and other displaced families and those from Pakistan-occupied-Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and erstwhile West Pakistan refugees (WPRs) have been provided financial assistance by the Jammu and Kashmir government to start their own businesses. He also reiterated his administration's resolve to provide support for skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities to empower the future of youth from these communities. The Lieutenant Governor's statement reflected the efforts of the administration under his control to alleviate the sufferings and pain being endured by these communities. However, the recent outcry from several organizations representing Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons sheds light on a troubling issue of neglect and indifference by the successive governments. These organizations have now criticized the UT administration, led by the Lieutenant Governor, for trivializing the immense suffering endured by around 17 lakh displaced persons from PoJK. The core of their discontent stems from the perceived misallocation of resources, particularly the planned construction of a Bhawan for PoJK displaced persons in Suketar, on the outskirts of Jammu city. The leaders of these organizations have questioned the relevance and necessity of such a project, especially considering the dire living conditions faced by the displaced persons across various parts of the country. The joint statement issued by leaders of PoJK displaced persons community highlights the systematic disregard for the genuine concerns of the displaced community. They have rightly pointed out the disparity between extravagant ceremonies and the pressing needs of the displaced persons, emphasizing that the proposed Bhawan neither addresses nor was requested by the refugees themselves. Moreover, the leaders have raised pertinent questions about the unfulfilled promises and commitments made by previous governments, including the comprehensive package approved in October 2014. The lack of progress in implementing these measures has only exacerbated the suffering of the displaced persons, who continue to wait for financial assistance and rehabilitation. The criticism extends to constitutional matters, with accusations of the Lieutenant Governor undermining the rights and status of PoJK residents. The recent ruling by the High Court, ordering an end to discrimination against PoJK refugees settled outside Jammu and Kashmir, adds weight to the demands for justice and accountability. It is evident that the construction of the Bhawan is viewed as part of a political game-plan rather than a genuine effort to address the needs of the displaced persons. The grievances raised by these organizations demand urgent attention and action from the authorities. The plight of PoJK displaced persons cannot be overlooked or trivialized, and it is imperative that their legitimate concerns are addressed without delay. Failure to do so not only perpetuates injustice but also undermines the principles of equity and compassion that should guide governance. The government should seriously look into all the issues confronting the PoJK refugees and all tangible measures be put in place to settle their issues once for all.

Space is becoming a global geopolitical theatre

GUNJAN SINGH

On March 5, Yuri Borisov, the head of Roscosmos, the Russian Space agency, made an interesting announcement that China and Russia are eager to build a nuclear power station on the Moon by 2033-2035. This it urges will help future settlements on the Moon.

Some news reports also suggested rising tension between the United States and Russia after it was reported that the Kremlin was developing an anti-satellite nuclear weapon. Russia denied such claims. Such rumours have, however, heightened fears about US' military preparedness in the event of such an attack.

The developments in Space technology are moving ahead at breathtaking speed and Space is fast emerging as a new arena where geopolitical rivalries and co-operations are being reflected.

The China-Russia co-operation is another facet which makes the study of Space interesting. Soviet Union/Russia was the first country to launch an artificial satellite in 1957, the Sputnik 1. This resulted in Space becoming a crucial frontier of the Cold War with both the US and the Soviet Union vying for



supremacy. However, the US emerged as the undisputed leader.

Today, China can boast of a much developed and ambitious Space programme. Chinese have undertaken feats like the spacewalk, ASAT test, a successful space station, and successfully conducted three unmanned lunar missions. The Chinese also want to undertake a manned lunar mission by 2030.

The Long March is one of the most successful launch vehicles and the Chinese aim to undertake 100 Space launches in 2024. China is also set to work on the Moon samples and rocks which it brought back in 2020. The BeiDou

navigation system is also up and running, and has been made available to countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). China's Space budget stands at \$-13 billion and has achieved remarkable success. This is also because Space success has been perceived as necessary in making China great power, and has the full support of the government.

No surprises here then that Russia is keen to co-operate with China. In 2023, after 47 years, Moscow launched its Moon mission. The Luna-25 spacecraft, however, crashed underscoring the steady decline of Russia in Space. In an interview,

Mikhail Marov, a leading Soviet physicist and astronomer, said, "This was perhaps the last hope for me to see a revival of our lunar program". Once a Space leader, Moscow is now ready to play second fiddle to Beijing, and is looking for opportunities to bandwagon to regain lost glory in Space.

China-Russia Space co-operation is an indicator of the existing power dynamics between the countries. Today, China is the pioneer and leader in Space technology with multiple success, and has established itself as the sole challenger to the US. Moscow, after facing consistent failures and limited budget and sanctions,

is aware of the need for a vibrant Space programme, and understands that the only alternative it has to stay relevant is aligning with Beijing.

China and the US cannot collaborate due to the Wolf Amendment of 2011. This has resulted in growing closeness between India and the US. The US is also keen to reinvent its Space programme, and has been facing a few glitches to its Moon missions. It has plans to undertake a manned lunar mission by 2025.

New Delhi also has strong Space ambitions, and is keen to make a footprint. To achieve this, New Delhi has increased its Space spending to

\$3 billion and has been encouraging the private sector too. New Delhi has also announced that it will undertake 30 Space launches in 2024-2025. India has joined the Artemis Accord and hopes to co-operate with the US in Space exploration and visit to the International Space Station (ISS). With successful unmanned lunar missions and becoming the only country to land on the south pole of the Moon, New Delhi is a good collaborator for the US.

Space is the next prominent sphere of great power projections and geopolitical rivalries. Chinese success in Space is making it a global leader and challenger. What makes Space so coveted is that it is not only crucial for military advancement but also for civilian aspects. No one can undermine the centrality of Space in helping in reconnaissance, but they are equally essential for day-to-day movement of the people, disaster management, and even entertainment. In addition, Space economy is projected to be a \$600 billion economy by 2025, and every country wants a share of it.

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From awareness to action: India's fight against thalassemia

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Thalassemia, characterised by an inherited blood irregularity resulting in insufficient haemoglobin production, impacts the functionality of red blood cells. Once unrecognised and daunting in India, thalassemia now faces resilience and has been acknowledged as a benchmark disability under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act of 2016. With advancements in medical research, increased awareness campaigns, and collaborative efforts between government bodies, healthcare professionals, and philanthropic organisations, India stands at the forefront of combating thalassemia.

Government Initiatives

The Government of India has actively addressed this issue through various initiatives. One key programme is the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY), launched in

2017 and recently extended into its third phase in May 2023. This Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative provides financial assistance to thalassemia patients eligible for bone marrow transplant treatment. Recognising the critical need for safe blood management, the National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) has established guidelines ensuring free blood access for thalassemia patients across all states and territories. Furthermore, the government prioritises preventing Transfusion-Transmitted Infections (TTIs) by promoting voluntary blood donation and implementing world-class blood screening methods like Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT).

India, known as the thalassemia capital of the world, harbours over 1.5 lakh people living with thalassemia major (i.e., blood transfusion-dependent) and diagnoses approximately 10,000 new cases annually, despite

its preventable nature. Living with thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder, is a constant struggle, especially when ensuring a sufficient and readily available blood supply is a continuous challenge. However, the Government of India has been working to address this issue and continues to do so. In 2020, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated a Thalassemia Screening and Counseling Center at the Indian Red Cross Society's National Headquarters (IRCS NHQ) Blood Bank to educate the public on the prevention of this disease. Additionally, there are currently 10 transplant centres in India. In 2023, Vinod K. Paul from NITI Aayog announced that the model used to screen people in tribal belts for sickle-cell disease would be applied to thalassemia screening as well, urging the Union Government for a national mission to tackle thalassemia.

The National Commis-

sion for Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) decision to provide blood transfusion therapy to thalassemia patients free of charge is a welcome move that will significantly ease the patients' lives. On the research front, the ICMR National Institute of Immunohematology (NIIH) and the National Institute of Research in Tribal Health (NIRTH) are researching haemoglobin disorders such as thalassemia, engaging in field investigations, and enhancing diagnostic techniques.

Furthermore, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, launched the third phase of the Thalassemia Bal Sewa Yojana (TBSY) to commemorate World Thalassemia Day. The minister emphasised the importance of increasing awareness, screening, and treatment facilities for blood disorders like thalassemia and sickle-cell anaemia. The launch also included the unveiling of the Thalassemia Bal

Sewa Yojana Portal and the release of Standard Treatment Guidelines for Sickle Cell Disease. Thalassemia can be prevented through early detection and intervention. Recognising this potential, the government has prioritised raising awareness and implementing screening programmes to reduce the national burden of the disease.

Lack of Public Awareness

A significant barrier to bridging the blood supply gap in India is the lack of public awareness about voluntary blood donation.

Additionally, a lack of clear understanding about the donation process and accessible locations creates further barriers to participation. This, coupled with the continued practice of replacement donation in many hospitals and blood banks, despite government regulations, hinders the creation of a sufficient and diverse blood bank inventory, especially for emergencies.

Way Forward

Effective thalassemia management requires stricter enforcement of standardised blood screening guidelines. Collaboration between patient advocacy groups and healthcare providers can address concerns about blood safety, transmission risks, and social stigma through accurate information dissemination. Implementing advanced screening methods is crucial, but robust implementation is also key. Upgrading healthcare infrastructure, training healthcare workers, and investing in new technologies are essential for significant progress. Collaboration between patient advocacy groups like the Thalassemia Patients Advocacy Group (TPAG) and healthcare providers can address concerns about blood safety, transmission risks, and social stigma.

(The writer is a member of Parliament, views are personal)

The Indispensable Role of Mentors

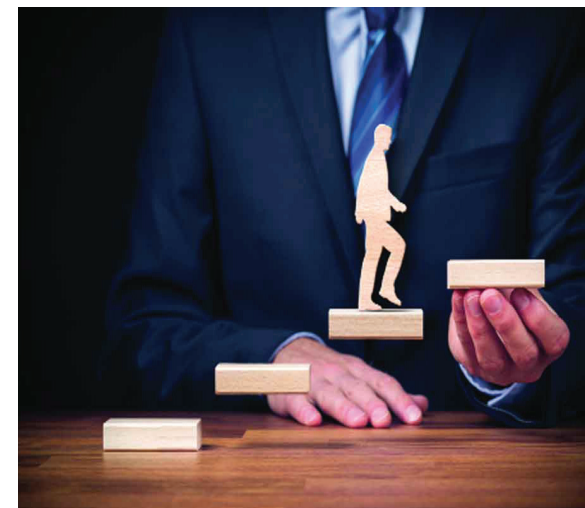
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In today's dynamic and fast-paced world, the need for mentors is more critical than ever. Hardly anyone can think of a time when they have been influenced in a significant way apart from mentoring. With rapid advancements in technology and changing job requirements, continuous skill development is essential for staying relevant in the workforce. As the professional landscape is becoming more sophisticated, prospective specialists need mentorship and guidance to stay focused and motivated.

Mentoring is a dynamic relationship between a more experienced individual i.e. the mentor and a less experienced individual i.e. the mentee, wherein the former provides guidance, support and expertise to help the latter develop person-

ally, professionally or academically. In a short sense, it is fundamental to professional growth and success and is nowadays a common finding with highly successful people. It comes in a variety of different forms and areas of life and includes several aspects such as training, accompaniment, boost and direction from people who have both - done it before and are generally independent of the mentee's current.

Change is highly inevitable, whether it's in the form of industry disruptions, organizational restructuring or personal life transitions. In an era marked by high levels of stress, anxiety and burn-out, mentors play a crucial role in supporting their mental health and well-being. They offer a listening ear, provide coping mechanisms and encourage self-care practices to promote resilience and



balance. Along with professional guidance, they also support personal development by helping mentees in a variety of tasks such as setting goals, prioritising tasks, managing time effectively and even maintaining a healthy work-life balance. Mentoring is not only required in organisations but is also essential in schools and organisations

as it fosters skill development, career guidance, personal growth, leadership development, diversity and inclusion, enhanced performance and well-being. It contributes to the overall success and health of educational institutions. Some of them and even seniors serving as mentors can pass on their knowledge, expertise and leadership skills

and provide feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement and helping them progress in their careers thereby ensuring continuity and succession within the organisation.

Research has shown that employees who have access to mentorship programmes are more likely to feel engaged and satisfied with their jobs as they help them feel valued and supported thereby, increasing their loyalty to the organization and reducing turnover. Not only this, but they also even play a crucial role in promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace by supporting underrepresented employees, advocating for their advancement and fostering a culture of inclusivity. Overall, mentors serve as trusted advisors, guides and role models who contribute to mentees' success and fulfilment in both their personal as well as profes-

sional lives. A good mentor can a new job applicant up to speed quicker and help with answers to questions that may arise. Mentoring can be that hand that reaches down and pulls an individual out of the pit. It can change lives forever and create permanent relationships. It can even help a child get on the right track if they do not have someone else to help them.

Mentors are indispensable for guiding and supporting individuals through complexity, fostering skill development, facilitating networking, nurturing leadership and fostering personal growth. Their guidance and support are and will be highly invaluable in helping mentees navigate the challenges and opportunities of the modern world.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

BJP cadres reach out to voters with "Booth Vijay Sankalp Abhiyaan" in J&K: Ashok Koul

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 19 MARCH

Eye on Lok Sabha polls 2024, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sangathan General Secretary J&K Ashok Koul chaired the series of meetings simultaneously, during one-day pravas in District Jammu South here at party headquarters, Jammu. The meetings are organized and coordinated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan.

It was pioneered with the lighting of the lamp by Senior topmost political leaders namely former organisational general secretary J&K Ashok Koul, former Deputy CM Kavinder Gupta, former Minister and State Vice President Sham Choudhary, former minister and Bahu Constituency Incharge Priya Sethi, Vice Presidents Anuradha Charak



and Aseem Gupta, former District Presidents Vinay Gupta and HS Pummi, former MLC Vikram Randhawa, DDC and Incharge RSPura Jammu South Constituency Prof Garu Ram Bhagat, DDC Vidhya Mottan, senior leader Rajeev Charak including District General Secretaries Pushpinder Charak and Akash Chopra Sanjojak Pt. Ashok Khajuria and Sanjojak Vivek Patyal.

The meeting saw the presence of former Municipal Councillors including District Jammu South office bearers, District Prabhari, Vidhansabha Convenor and Prabharies besides Mandal President, Mandal Prabharies, Morcha Presidents, District Convenor of all cells and Department attended the meeting.

This interactive session, termed 'Mission 400 plus' (Abki Baar 400

Paar), shows Ashok Koul imparting strategies with key workers to ensure the party's victory at each booth in Jammu South.

While addressing the karyekartas, Ashok Koul held threadbare discussions with the local leadership including the party breadwinners holding the important responsibilities reviewed the progress of such programmes and suggested more measures to further polish the grass root level activists to reach the people and mobilize their support for the BJP by educating them about numerous mega projects of development and welfare schemes of Modi government in the last ten years of good governance. Giving tips to the activists, Ashok Koul told the workers that the election bugle has been sounded and that BJP cadres should be prepared for the upcoming

polls. He asserted that BJP cadres reach out to voters with "booth vijay sankalp Abhiyaan" in the union territory of J&K.

Ashok Koul in the presence of Rekha Mahajan including senior leadership also noted that all Mandals and Morchas Presidents presented their reports on organizational and political activities in their respective Mandals and Morchas to enhance the party activities for upcoming parliamentary polls.

Kavinder Gupta expressed confidence in the BJP's track record and its ability to secure a landslide victory in the upcoming polls, she asked the party activists to make sure that the policies and plans of the party are on the tips of the common masses as the same is a pre-requisite for winning Lok Sabha polls.

If J&K couldn't host Simultaneous Polls now, how could entire country host them in future, questions Omar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 19

National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah on Tuesday once again voiced his discontent regarding the postponement of assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, juxtaposing it with the proposal of One Nation One Election.

As per the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) Abdullah expressed his skepticism over the government's push for simultaneous elections across the country, highlighting the contradiction of not holding assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir due to security concerns. He questioned the feasibility of ensuring adequate security arrangements when elections are synchronized nationwide.

"The government advocates for one nation, one election, but fails to hold



assembly elections in our state citing security reasons. How can they guarantee security when elections are conducted simultaneously throughout the country?" Abdullah asked. "At present assembly elections are not being held in big states like UP and Bihar, and the Election Commission cannot conduct simultaneous elections in Jammu and Kashmir, so when you have one nation, one election, then where will the security forces come from? Will they be brought?," Omar said.

"The Election Commis-

sion had the opportunity to conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir, yet the Union Territory administration chose to defer, possibly to cling onto power," Abdullah accused.

He also referenced the Supreme Court's directive to conduct assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30, emphasizing the urgency to address democratic processes in the region.

Regarding the NC's strategy for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, Abdullah indicated that the party was in no rush to announce candidates, noting the absence of announcements from other political parties as well. "Only three candidates have been announced as of now, Congress and other parties have not announced (their candidates)... We are in no hurry," Omar said.

PM Modi showed path of devp: Devender Singh Rana

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

The Public Relations Society of India, Jammu Chapter, organized a discussion on the book 'Modi Consensus: The Rediscovery of Bharat'. The discussion, held at the Press Club, attended by the author of the book, Dr. Swadesh Singh, and well known political leader of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Devender Singh Rana, as esteemed guests. More than 50 educators, researchers, journalists, and social workers from Jammu participated in this discussion. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp and was inaugurated with a welcome speech by the Vice Chairman of PRSI, Jammu chapter Opinder Sharma.

Addressing the programme, Dr. Swadesh Kumar stated that this book is important for understanding current politics. He highlighted the



work done by Prime Minister Modi on issues like politics and policy-making in the last 5-10 years and the changes seen in international politics as a result. Speaking about the current political situation, he emphasized that any political party aiming to stay mainstream must focus on social issues, which is evident under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. He illustrated that when he speaks, it reflects the history of five thousand years. In today's political scenario, politicians have

started bringing their personal spaces in the public domain, which is also the demand of the day. Merely slogans like 'eradicate poverty' won't work anymore; rather, actions for the poor and needy are necessary.

Reflecting on the book discussion, Devender Singh Rana said that Prime Minister Modi has indeed shown the path of development to the country. Patriotism has always existed among the people of India, but today, people not only talk about patri-

otism but also take pride in it. After becoming Prime Minister in 2014, Narendra Modi worked on the concept of 'My India is great', and today, every citizen of the country feels proud of 'My Bharat, Our Bharat, Proud Bharat'. He emphasized that he is a Hindu, and he takes pride in being a Hindu, and everyone should take pride in their respective religions.

From the same platform, the Secretary of the Public Relations Society of India, Jammu Chapter, initiated a campaign to raise awareness among voters for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024. The slogan of this campaign is, 'Value your vote, Vote for Values.'

In the book discussion, students from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Jammu region, Kashish Saxena, Shubhra, and Harshita, presented a book review. A vote of thanks was given by senior journalist and Secretary of

Jammu Press Club, Dinesh Manhotra. The program was anchored by Ms. Komal Shangloo and Ms. Yashi Navya.

The discussion was attended by Regional Director, IIMC Jammu Prof. (Dr.) Anil Saumitra, Associate Professor, Center for Media Studies, JNU Dr. Archana Kumari, senior journalist Tejendra Singh Sodhi, senior journalist Sant Kumar Sharma, former director, Doordarshan Sanjeet Khajuria, retired Sq. Ldr. Anil Sehgal, Senior Journalist OP Sharma, Senior Journalist Pradeep Dutta, Senior Journalist Jorawar Singh, Associate Professor, Jammu Central University, Dr. Umesh Kumar, Assistant Professor Dr. Bachcha Babu, Assistant Professor Manish Prakash, Assistant Professor Dr. Ajay Singh, PRSI members Kamal Sharma, Dr. Gopal Parthasarthi, among other participants participated in the book discussion.

J&K UT Gorkha Community thanks PM, HM, LG for granting OBC status

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Gorkha Community of J&K U.T special thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lt. Govt. Sh. Manoj Sinha for granting OBC status to the Gorkha Community of J&K U.T. Gorkha Community celebrated the announcement of the OBC status and every member of Gorkha Community thanks P.M, H.M & Lt. Governor of J&K U.T. And to this effect govt. notification no.176 of 2024 dt.15/3/24 so has been issued and circulated to all newspapers and concerned authorities for its implementation above in the letter and spirit. It is also worth mentioning for the last 7 decades this community



has been approaching the state govt. and other authorities for granting of due OBC status has been done in other states of this country in favor of Gorkha Community residing there in a respected place but in the case of J&K Gorkha Community name has not been done except only this time. When the BJP govt. came up for the redressal

of general grievances of long demand of OBC to our Gorkha Community. We shall ever remain grateful to P.M Sh. Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Lt. Governor of J&K U.T Manoj Sinha for granting OBC status to Gorkha Community. In the meeting all dignitaries of Gorkha Community were present in this event.

Former Councilor Amit Gupta meets Chief Secretary



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 19

Today Former councilor of Ward No. 19 of Jammu, Amit Gupta, along with Vinayak Bazaar Association President Rajeev Gupta, meet Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Atul Dhallu on Tuesday. During this he discussed various issues of the people living in Jammu East. He said that the water crisis in Jammu city is increasing day by day, which is going to increase further in the summer season as the demand for water supply is not being met as per the needs of the general public. He said that please issue necessary guidelines to the concerned agency to execute the work of tube well construction as soon as possible so that the water crisis in the said areas can be resolved. He has recommended notification

of the Commercial Policy of Jammu Municipal Corporation by the General House of the Corporation so as to regularize the process of allotment of commercial properties in favor of eligible persons. The recruitment rules of the Corporation, which were last notified in the year 1970, should be finalized. He said that the posts of enforcement inspectors should be filled through direct recruitment so that qualified youth can get employment and adhocism in the work of enforcement inspectors can be ended. Filling up the posts of Revenue Inspectors as at present JMC is devoid of any revenue. Commercial complex should be constructed on the available land of JMC at Parade, Jammu. The building bye-laws already recommended by the General House of the Corporation may be simplified.

IIM Jammu Fostering a Safe, Inclusive Environment by hosting POSH Workshop

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu marked a significant stride in its dedication to creating a safe and inclusive environment by hosting the Prevention Of Sexual Harassment (POSH) workshop. The workshop, tailored for the faculty members, staff, officers, and students of the institute, was inaugurated on 18th March, 2024. The second half of this essential session is scheduled to continue on the following day, the 19th of March 2024, further reinforcing the institute's commitment to fostering a culture of respect and awareness.

The workshop sessions were expertly conducted by Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal, a Holistic Wellness Professional with over 30+ years of experience dedicated to the mental health and wellness of children, adolescents, and adults. The initial session was held in the morning and was attended by the esteemed faculty members, officers, and staff of IIM Jammu. Following its success, the workshop reconvened in the afternoon, where it was actively participated in by the vibrant student body of the institute.

The morning session of the workshop began with a warm welcome

address by Dr. Yashoda Devi, Chairperson of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) at IIM Jammu. She extended a gracious welcome to the esteemed faculty members, staff, and officers gathered for this vital event. She also extended a special welcome to Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal, acknowledging her expertise and the importance of her presence. On the occasion, she said, "Today, we take a crucial step towards fostering a culture of respect and safety within our institute. I invite you all to engage in open, enlightening discussions, because it is through understanding and awareness that we can create a truly inclusive community."

During her session, Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal shed light on the critical need for organizations and higher education institutions to have robust Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) guidelines in place. She emphasized that such measures are essential to prevent any form of harassment from occurring within the workplace or academic environment. Ms. Rajagopal also underlined the importance of creating a supportive atmosphere where both male and female members feel empowered to speak up and report incidents of harassment. On this issue,

she spoke, "Even when no one speaks up, sexual harassment could still be happening quietly. It's up to us to be the voices in our circles, standing up against it and supporting those who need us." Her insights resonated strongly with the audience, reinforcing the significance of proactive measures in ensuring the safety and well-being of all individuals within the institute.



The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation and engaging discussions among the faculty members, staff, and officers, alongside Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal. The success of the initial session paved the way for an equally impactful second leg, which unfolded within the newly inaugurated Auditorium of IIM Jammu, Mandapam.

The second session of the workshop began with a student at the institute warmly welcoming Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal onto the stage. The Auditorium of IIM Jammu, Mandapam was filled with the students from MBA Batch 07, Batch 08, and PhD scholars, who greeted her with resounding applause. This enthusiastic reception set a positive tone for an insightful and impactful continuation of the workshop, highlighting the institute's commitment to fostering a culture of respect and awareness among its student community.

Taking to the stage, Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal said, "I extend my sincere appreciation to the esteemed Director sir and the administration of IIM Jammu for organizing this crucial session. It holds

immense importance for each of us, especially all the students present here, as each of you are going to be stepping into the corporate world in the near future."

She highlighted that POSH compliance is mandatory for organizations with 10 or more employees as per the Government of India mandate, with penalties and license cancellation for non-compliance. The discussion differentiated POSH implementation in organizations and higher education institutions, emphasizing the various possible relationships between complainants and respondents. The session also covered key terms such as body language, boundaries, unequal opportunities, gender-based harassment, and creating hostile envi-

ronments. Additionally, it outlined the supportive measures necessary, including the role and composition of the Internal Committee, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all. During the workshop, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, took the opportunity to express his sincere gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal for her invaluable insights and guidance. He highlighted the significance of her visit to the institute and the impact of the seminar on fostering a culture of awareness and respect. Prof. Sahay further emphasized the importance of creating an environment where students feel empowered to freely ask questions, express their thoughts, and contribute ideas on how to effectively address and prevent sexual harassment. In his words, "We are grateful to Ms. Mahalakshmi Rajagopal for her enlightening session today. It is vital that our students feel empowered to voice their questions, thoughts, and ideas, as we collectively work towards curbing sexual harassment and fostering a safe and inclusive environment and I feel immensely happy to see that the students are taking part in this discussion without any inhibitions."

Raina addresses party workers in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
BATIL, BALIAN (UDHAMPUR)

In the last 10 years, the Modi government has completed all works, that were kept in the manifesto in the last elections, stated BJP President Ravinder Raina.

Ravinder Raina, President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir addressed a party workers' meeting at the party office, Batal Balian in Udhampur District.

J&K BJP Vice President Pawan Khajuria, District President Arun Gupta, former Ministers Ajay Nanda, Pawan Gupta, former MLAs Balwant Singh Mankotia, RS Pathania, Baldev Sharma, Lal Chand, Sheel Magotra, Dr Yogeshwar Gupta, Manik Gupta, Presidents of Mandals, General Secretaries, Presidents of various Morchas, General Secretaries, Department Incharges, Cell Convenors and senior leaders were present in



the meeting.

Ravindra Raina said, "The bugle for 2024 Lok Sabha elections has been sounded. Elections are to be held in the first phase in Udhampur Doda parliamentary constituency on April 19. BJP has once again fielded Dr. Jitendra Singh from this parliamentary constituency. We all have to work from mandals to booths and send Dr Jitendra Singh to Parliament with more votes than last time".

Ravindra Raina said that in the last 10 years, the Bharatiya Janata Party

government under the leadership of Modi ji has completed all the works that were kept in the manifesto in the last elections. Bharatiya Janata Party fulfilled its promises by removing Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir, building a grand Shri Ram Temple, making a law on Triple Talaq, and implementing CCA.

Raina said that elections are on 19th April but till now no name of the opposition has come forward. This clearly shows that the opposition is proving incapable of fielding a

candidate against BJP and on the field, only Bharatiya Janata Party is visible everywhere.

Pawan Khajuria said that today the whole of India is moving forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is transforming from 'Vikasheel Bharat' to 'Viksit Bharat'. He said that the permanent Peace, Progress, and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir is the need of the hour and it is Narendra Modi's vision by which the development of Jammu and Kashmir can be achieved. He also asked the party workers to work to ensure the win of Dr Jitendra with a big margin to strengthen the hands of PM Modi.

Arun Gupta shared the organizational preparations for the Lok Sabha elections and assured the senior leadership that the party workers will dedicate themselves to achieve the best results.

CCI president Arun Gupta condemns eviction move against ailing industrial units in J&K UT

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Arun Gupta, President CCI expressed serious concern and strong resentment over the move of the J&K UT Government (Industries and Commerce Department) to initiate the eviction process against the permanently registered Industrial Units for the leased out premises by SIDCO and SICOP who are operating since last about five decades but were forced to suspend their production and close their units due to various reasons including withdrawal of market support as well as purchase preference and timely disbursement of already declared incentives mainly turnover incentive and also due to Covid, when all the activities were disturbed.

Arun Gupta said that the existing Industry is really under stress because of



market dynamics and also change in new product range. The existing Industry under substantial expansion by way of change in line of activity or additional line of activity is barred from all the incentives as it does not fall under the central incentive package or the J&K UT package. He said that instead of providing healing touch to the existing ailing Industry the government is bent upon to snatch the land from the sick / closed units who mostly fall under Micro and Small Sector. Arun Gupta also said that the government should come forward for the rescue of existing ailing industry by restoring

the incentives of market support, purchase preference and also provide in time the already declared incentives mainly turnover incentives, the problem of Industry becoming sick shall be solved.

Arun Gupta further said that before initiating the eviction process the government should have taken all the stakeholders into confidence to resolve the issue. Sh. Arun Gupta demanded the immediate withdrawal of the said notice/order and also pleaded that the government must constitute a high powered committee to formulate the revival / rehabilitation policy for such units.

BJP holds meeting in Gulabgarh, many join BJP



JI NEWS SERVICE
GULABGARH (REASI), MAR 19

Bharatiya Janata Party District Reasi held an organizational meeting of Shakti Kendra Pramukh, Booth President, and office bearers of the Mandal in Thuru Mandal of Gulabgarh Assembly constituency in Reasi.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mandal Incharge Joginder Singh Syal accompanied by Parliament Vistarak of Jammu Reasi Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency Inderjeet Sharma, Convenor of Vistarak Yojana of Jammu Reasi

Lok Sabha parliamentary constituency and in-charge of District Jammu Border, Rajinder Singh Chib, Vistarak Shakeel Deng General Secretary Subhita Singh and Abdul Hameed Dar, Vice President Mr. Mukesh Singh and Jasbir Singh, all the Mandal office bearers, presidents of all mandal Morchas, all eight Shakti Kendra heads and booth presidents were present.

Many political personalities from Congress and National Conference joined BJP.

Zarina Akhtar, Shahnaz Akhtar, Salima Mano, Arshad, Tanveer, Jamila

Akhtar, Nadina Begum, Shahnaz Begum, Shavanam Akhtar, Kaushalya Devi, Anju Devi, Krishna Devi, Prakash Devi, Ghulam Fatima, Safia Korsh, Shakeela Tabasum, Mehnaz Akhtar, Monica Devi, Tripata Devi, Phula Begum, Lali Begum, Ravi Kumar were among the prominent to join BJP on the occasion.

Senior BJP leaders, welcoming them into the party fold said that the gates of BJP are open for all those who want to serve the people and strive hard to strengthen the nationalist forces and the country.

ECCE Leadership Workshop for Educational Administrators held

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU MARCH 19

A capacity-building workshop on Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) Leadership for the Cluster Heads/HOIs of the Government Schools of Jammu and Samba was held here today at the Tawi Conference Hall, Udheywala, Jammu. The workshop was organized by the National Development Foundation Jammu in collaboration with the Directorate of Samagra Shiksha J&K, Directorate of School Education Jammu and in partnership with UNICEF India. Around 60 Educational Administrators participated in the workshop. Prof. Dr. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT Divisional Office Jammu, inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Mr. Rajiv Khajuria, President National Development Foundation (NDF) and Mrs. Arti Sharma, CEO NDF. While the afternoon session was presided over by Sh. Jagdeep Padha, Chief Education Officer Jammu. Ms. Jaswinder Kour, Coordinator Pre-Primary, Dr. Sarita Sharma, Assistant Coordinator Pre-Primary, and Mr. Sunny Kumar, Programme Manager NDF, were Resource



Persons, while the stage was conducted by Ms. Nisha Pandita from NDF.

Mr. Ajeet Sharma, Coordinator Quality Samagra Shiksha J&K, was the key Resource Person and highlighted the government's achievements with regard to ECCE. He sensitized the HOIs to their role and responsibilities in delivering the ECCE component effectively in J&K.

Mr. Rajiv Kumar Khajuria, President NDF, in his address, said that the Cluster Heads/HOIs are the

Education Leaders, and their understanding and leadership will determine the quality of ECCE component delivered through the Pre-Primary classes of the kindergartens established in the government schools after coming up of National Education Policy 2020.

Sh. Jagdeep Padha, Chief Education Officer Jammu, in his address, said that the National Education Policy 2020 has laid importance on the universalization of Early Child-

hood Care & Education by the year 2030 target to ensure that all students entering Grade 1 are school-ready. He complimented the National Development Foundation for providing hand-holding support to the schools with regard to ECCE and FLN delivery in the Jammu district.

Prof. Sindhu Kapoor, Joint Director SCERT, in her address, called upon the Educational Leaders to work

on the domains of holistic development of children and work towards developing social behaviour, good habits and basic life skills among children. She emphasized that early years of education are crucial and lays the foundation for lifelong learning in children. She complimented the role of the National Development Foundation for collaborating with the School Education Department for the effective delivery of ECCE and FLN.

Kashyap Rajput Sabha condemns 8% reservation to OBC

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An Emergent meeting of Jammu and Kashmir Kashyap Rajput Sabha (Regd) HQ Moti Bazaar, Jammu was held its HQ under the Chairmanship of Shri Murari Lal Balgotra President of Kashyap Rajput Sabha alongwith executive members of Sabha was strongly condemned the decision taken by the J&K Administration who enhance only 4% to 8% reservation to OBC community instead of 27% reservation as recommended by the Mandal Commission Report. A cruel joke playing with the aggrieved OBC Community of JK UT as the J&K State OBC's have been denied their constitutional rights for the last 70 years.

All the members present in the meeting show their resentment against this order of the Govt. which is totally against the OBC's community of JK UT



and BJP is now playing only election tactics advantages and they issued order last day before announcing of code of conduct. BJP govt has diluting the main concept of reservation by including 15 more castes, which change the object of the constitution of India, reservation. KRP Sabha strongly condemns and out rightly rejects this Govt order to OBCs unless Mandal Commission Report is implemented in its true letter and spirit.

All the executive members of KRS further resented that all future hopes

ended in smoke as BJP led Govt is on the same path of the previous NC,PDP and Congress Govt.

Those who attend the meeting that Sh Ashok Dogra (Ex Corporator), Jeet Raj Mehra, Puran Chand Mehra, Krishan Lal Vice President, Gopal Sanotra, Gen. Secty., Gurpreet Dogra, President, Yuva KRP Sabha, Tirath Ram, Dharam Pal, Shub Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Vijay Mehra Secretary, Ravi Prashad, Office Secty, Sh Bodh Raj Dogra Advisor.

Six-Days Online Faculty Development Programme starts at SMVDU

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A Six Day online Faculty Development Programme on "Research Methodology with a Focus on Experience of Econometric Modelling" commenced at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Katra, scheduled from 18th March 2024 to 23rd March 2024, organized by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC). Under the patronage of Professor Pragati Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, the FDP was inaugurated by Professor Supran Kumar Sharma, Director MMTTC; Dr. Pabitra Kumar Jena, Coordinator of the FDP; Dr. Arif Billah Dar and Dr. R. Gopinathan Co-Coordinator of the FDP. The primary objective of this workshop is to cover essential econometric models and methods for research application, particularly within the realm of empirical research. This meticulously crafted workshop serves as an initiative to familiar-



ize participants with the analytical framework of econometrics, a branch of economics concerned with estimating and evaluating theoretical knowledge through econometric models. The workshop boasts diverse participation from various faculties, including teachers from different Colleges, Universities, and Institutions. There were four sessions, with each session of 90 minutes. Dr. Bandi Kamaiah, Chief Guest, Emeritus Professor from the School of Economics, University of Hyderabad and Past TIES President, was the speaker for the first session. He highlighted the importance and art of modelling in the realm of Econometrics. Additionally, esteemed

Special Guest, Dr. Bright Akwasi Gyamfi, Associate Professor, Sir Padampat Singhania University (SPSU), shared his invaluable experience and congratulated the university for organizing this kind of workshop, which will be helpful for the faculties and research scholars. In the afternoon session, Dr Supran Kumar Sharma delivered a lecture on the basics of Econometrics and Assumptions of the Ordinary Least Squares and Linear Stochastic regression model. In the last session of the day, Dr. Pabitra. Kumar Jena elaborated a lecture on empirical estimations of time series modelling and briefly summarized the anonymity of classical econometric modelling.

No issue of seat sharing in J&K: Farooq Abdullah

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A day after the National Conference kicked off the party's election campaign, the party President Farooq Abdullah said that there is no issue over seat sharing with the INDIA alliance partner and reiterated that they will contest on all three Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir.

On Monday NC held a rally in south Kashmir's Kulgam district sending a message to the People's Democratic Party (PDP) that it was not willing to make any compromise on the south Kashmir seat.

"The three seats National Conference won earlier are the seats of the INDIA alliance and we will contest elections on these seats in the coming elections", Abdullah said at Hazratbal on Tuesday.

"What is the question of seat sharing? We are all INDIA alliance partners. The three seats we have won earlier are the seats of the alliance and in future, we will also take

Reasi Police arrests notorious drug peddler, recovers ganja

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In continued drive against Drug Abuse launched by District Police Reasi under operation Jeevandan, surprise Naka & Checking is being conducted to check the offenders & Criminals.

Police team of Police Station Katra laid a surprise naka at Balini area, while conducting surprise checking, apprehended one person namely Amit Kumar S/O Sheru Caste Christian R/O Village Searli, Katra and upon frisking of said person, 53 grams (approx.) of Ganja like substance was recovered from his possession.

On this FIR No. 83/2024 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act is registered at Police Station Katra and investigation is going on to unearth the backward and forward linkage.

SSP Reasi Ms Mohita Sharma-IPS while sharing the details conveyed that Reasi Police is working on multipronged strategy to deal with the problem of drug abuse, on one hand awareness programs are being organized in every nook and corner of the district and on the other hand drug peddlers are being booked under PITNDPS Act on regular basis, whereas Reasi Police also started Anti Drug Helpline Number 9070907017 for general public where identity of caller will be kept secret.

SSP Reasi while giving tough message for drug peddlers added that there is no space for Drug Peddlers in Reasi. Drug peddlers should shun the path of spoiling our generation and must return to mainstream otherwise they will be dealt with Iron hand.



those three seats," Abdullah said.

When asked if NC went ahead, it would not leave any space for the PDP in the INDIA block, Abdullah said "the alliance aims to defeat those forces who are bent on destroying our identity."

NC president said the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) has not finished "Why should PAGD finish? Our enemies wish that there should be an announcement about the finishing of PAGD? It will not finish", he asserted.

He said the PAGD meeting will take place in the coming days.

DPS Jammu sports stars shine bright with prestigious awards, scholarships

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In a momentous ceremony held at the Mini Stadium Parade on March 13, 2024, the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir witnessed a celebration of athletic excellence as Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Kumar Sinha honored 368 outstanding sportspersons from 17 diverse disciplines. Among the distinguished recipients were 10 exceptional students, including alumni, who were bestowed with prestigious accolades for their remarkable achievements during the sessions 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The DPS Jammu fraternity stood proud as their sports stars were recognized for their exceptional contributions to various sporting arenas. Notable among them were Soham



Kamotra, who showcased brilliance in Chess, receiving a cash award of Rs 8,00,000/-. Mihika, excelling in Pencak Silat, was awarded Rs 1,00,000/-, while Parth Singh Slathia, Hiteswar Singh, and Dhruv Gupta, demonstrating prowess in Roller Skating (Inline Hockey), received Rs 10,000/- each. Ananya Sharma and

Manav Gupta, shining in Fencing and Gymnastics respectively, were also honored with cash awards for their outstanding performances. Furthermore, the commendable achievements of DPS Jammu's table tennis players did not go unnoticed, as 12 budding talents were granted scholarships from SAI, along with full

kits from the Khelo India Centre. Mishthi Aggarwal, Aarya Giri, Rakshan Arora, Samarth Nischal, Ayaan Gupta, Satyam Nischal, Ragini Gupta, Aahaan Anand, Alena Arora, Eeshan Gupta, Ridhimi Gupta, and Rudraksh Sharma showcased immense promise and were duly rewarded for their dedication and skill.

Expressing their heartfelt congratulations, the Honorable President RCT, Sh M.K. Ajatshatru Singh Ji, Honorable PVC, Kunwari Ritu Singh Ji, and the Honorable Director, Shri S.S. Sodhi Ji, lauded the winners and their families for their unwavering support. Ms. Ruchi Chhabra, the Principal of DPS Jammu, along with the staff, extended warm wishes to all the awardees, encouraging them to continue their pursuit of excellence in both academics and sports. The grand ceremony not only honored the achievements of these talented individuals but also served as a testament to the spirit of sportsmanship and dedication prevalent within the DPS Jammu community, inspiring generations to come to strive for greatness on and off the field.

Reasi Police arrests drug peddlers, recovers 450 Tablets of Alprazolam IP 0.5mg

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Reg. No. JK02CV-6494. During Checking 25 strips of Alprazolam tablets IP 0.5 mg from the possession of person namely Bittu Ram and 20 strips of Alprazolam tablets IP 0.5 mg from the possession of person namely Mulkh Raj. On this FIR No. 84/2024 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act is registered at Police Station Katra and investigation is going on to unearth the backward and forward linkage.

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GCPF-JK strongly condemns modified reservation provisions in J&K

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JAMMU, MAR 19

General Category People's Front (GCPF-JK) in its core committee meeting held under the chairmanship of Raj Kumar Banathia, the chairman of the Front strongly condemned recently issued reservations provisions by Jammu and Kashmir Administration under political pressure of divisive vote bank politics of government of India.

Addressing the meeting, Prof. Yash Paul Sanson, president of the Front alleged that Jammu and Kashmir government ignored general category people and violated constitutional provisions by modifying and misusing to play divisive vote bank politics and to secure votes dividing society on the basis of caste, class, religion and region. Since long General Category people have been the worst sufferers of discriminatory acts of the governments. The modified reservation rules humiliated and humbled General Category as they continued

to be robbed of their due share in every sphere. He demanded that provision of reservation be made for Brahmins, Mahajans, Rajput and Jats also. Using its discretion to provide or increase or include new sections / groups in reservation category, govt. of J&K violated and ignored deliberately the conditions for expressing the discretion exist. The impelling reasons such as backwardness, inadequate representation in services, exclusion of creamy layer; efficiency of administration required by Article 335 and breached 50 percent limit and period of reservation as reservation should not be extended indefinitely. Mr. Som Nath Sharma, General Secretary decried government for ignoring General Category people's demands to evanesce caste discrimination and stringent Sc's / STs Atrocities Act. He demanded setting up of Reservation Review Commission (RCC) constituted of Eminent Jurists to review the existing provisions of reservations which promoted casteism, communalism

and administrative Efficiency and kept the nation away from what it should be. Sharma demanded implementation of all verdicts of Hon'ble Apex Court of India, delivered on the issue of reservation and abrogation of all amendments made in the constitution which reversed the verdicts of Apex Court. Mr. Jagdish Dogra Ex-President, Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha-Jammu province reiterated the demand for the formation of Hindu Temples and Shrines Prabandhak Board (HTSPB) with representative character to oversee the administrative affairs of Hindu Temples and Shrines. He advocated for the elected bodies to take control of the administrative affairs using an end to government control and interference, similar to approach taken in case of other regions. The prominent members who attended the meeting were Bhushan Pargal, V.K. Sharma, Deepak Khajuria, Surinder Kumar, Kewal Sharma, Gopal Dass Verma and Dr. Bansilal. Ram Pal Sethi was special guest.

Indian Army trains freshly inducted police officers in Bhandarwah

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The Indian Army has started training over 1000 freshly inducted J&K police officers at Corps Battle School (CBS) Bhandarwah in Jammu region, officials said on Tuesday. The initiative is aligned to the long term vision of Indian Army for operation and intelligence synergy between J&K Police and Army in the conflict hit region. Army said 1042 Police Sub Inspectors and 62 Deputy Superintendents of Police (Probationers) are being trained at Army's White Knight Corps Battle School in Bhandarwah.

"Towards bolstering synergy & interoperability with @JmuKmrPolice, #IndianArmy commenced training of freshly inducted 1042 Police Sub

Inspectors and 62 Deputy Superintendents of Police (Probationers) at #WhiteKnightCorps Battle School in #Bhandarwah under the aegis of #DhruvaCommand. This initiative is aligned to long term vision of #IndianArmy for Op & Int Synergy between #JKPolice and #IndianArmy," Nagrota-based Army's White Knight Corps, also called 16 Corps said in a post on X.

Officials said police officers will go six weeks initial training at the Battle School and trainees have been directed to maintain high standard of discipline and seriousness during the training period.

Officials said Jammu and Kashmir police has stationed officers of Commando Training Centre Lethpora Pulwama, at CBS Bhandarwah during the entire period of the training.

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President Nat Manch , Social , Sports and Political activist Dr. Tarun Sharma demanding the launch of a fully dedicated Duggar channel in Jammu.

"Jammu Doordarshan Kendra", the only platform to enhance

Dogra culture, has been completely paralyzed. Another glaring example of blatant discrimination against Jammu division, the attempt has made to shove Jammu Doordarshan into Kashmir division's Kashmir channel," he said.

Today the situation is such that all the artists including Dogri, Pahari,

Gojri etc. associated with Jammu division, are being forced to suffer and stumble,"

Dr. Tarun Sharma appealed for support and cooperation to all the artists and organizations who love Dogra culture to save their identity and culture so that there is a huge and successful mass movement.

Army's portable multi target detonation device granted patent

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Indian Army on Tuesday said that its "Portable Multi Target Detonation Device (WEDC)" developed by Major Rajprasad RS of the Corps of Engineer has been granted a patent.

As per the news agency CNS, the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of Indian Army in a post on X said, "Indian Army achieved yet another milestone with Patent granted for the Innovation "Portable Multi Target Detonation Device (WEDC)", developed by Maj Rajprasad RS of the Corps of Engineers."

The innovation, which enables troops to undertake demolition at long range with increased safety and several advanced features, has been inducted in the Indian Army, added ADGPI - Indian Army in the post on X.

Doda Police recover Rs 3 lakh stolen through cyber fraud

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JAMMU, MAR 19

Police in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district recovered over Rs three lakh stolen through cyber frauds. Police said there were two complainants of cyber fraud which were solved by the investigators.

Giving details Police said that on February 13, a complaint was received by the Cyber Crime Investigation Unit (CCIU) of the District Police Doda, from Ajay Singh a resident of Tondwah Doda that he was duped of Rs, 85,000 through online fraud.

Similarly, another complaint through offline mode was received on March 4, from Sehdev Singh of Doda saying he was duped of Rs, 2,15,220 through online fraud.

During the investigation, the cyber investigation team led by Sub Inspector Ankush Nagra, in charge of CCIU Doda after hectic efforts successfully recovered the stolen Rs, 3,00,220, police said.

After the recovery of the money, Senior Superintendent of Police Doda Javaid Iqbal appealed to the general public to be extra cautious remain vigilant not respond to unknown callers, fraudsters and report promptly to the Police to take all necessary measures well in time to track down the online cheaters and fraudsters.

Earlier too in two separate complaints, CCIU Doda had recovered Rs, 1,09,500 that were stolen through online fraud.

BJP Govt playing politics of obstinacy in J&K: Rajesh Gupta

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JAMMU, MAR 19

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) claimed that people of J&K are not happy with BJP anti-people actions and policies in J&K. Rajesh Gupta General Secretary and Media head J&K UT claimed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were fed up with the "blush and failures" of the BJP Govt and are suffering on all counts. He alleged that the BJP had gained power after "betrayal of the mandate" and its experiments cost too much to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who lost their identity as a state besides all safeguards to their land and jobs. "The people will not spare BJP for its total failure and arbitrary and undemocratic decisions besides imposing heavy taxes, price hike and economic crisis.



allow murder of democracy by the BJP which was desperate to register victory, be it by hook or crook. BSP leader claimed that all sections of society were suffering under BJP rule as promises made to them have turned out to be hollow. Launching attack on BJP Government, Rajesh Gupta alleged that the BJP government has left no stone unturned to destroy democratic institutions. . BJP has become mute spectator on the issue of discrimination with Jammu. Gupta said that the only achievement of BJP is to create division and hatred in society. "The honour of Jammu

people has been compromised and downgraded by the leaders of BJP," he maintained adding that BJP has befooled PoJK refugees and sanctioned only a meager amount of Rs. 5.5 lakh per family against Rs. 30 lakh per family recommended by the then State Government.

He said that the general publics including traders, businessmen, farmers, unemployed, families of the martyrs, border residents besides daily wagers, casual workers, contractual lecturers, etc. were bearing the brunt of discrimination in all spheres. He alleged that the present BJP government is directionless due to absence of any common point in their respective agenda. BJP government has given rise to a situation of uncertainty, chaos and confusion Gupta alleged. He said the J&K was passing through the "worst ever misrule. There is total policy paralysis due to divergent vested political interests in J&K", he claimed.

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RAJOURI, MAR 19

A distinguished delegation led by Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, Higher Education Department, Director, Planning ,Ms Sukhleen Kour, and Nodal Principal Dr. S. P. Saraswat visited Govt P G College, Rajouri . The delegation was received by the worthy Principal , Prof.(Dr.) Shamim A Azad and the Faculty members of the College .

NCC Unit(SD/SW) presented the Guard of Honour as a mark of respect to the Director Colleges, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai. The exemplary display of discipline and steadiness by the NCC Cadets created an aura of great admiration for the entire College. While addressing a colossal gathering of NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers, the worthy Director stressed the role of the disciplined students in making the society a better place to live in. She also focused on the need of co-curricular activities in personality development of the students. She also urged the students to refrain from the various evils prevalent in the society. The Director Colleges along with the delegation



interacted with the NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers and appreciated their perseverance in becoming better citizens.

The Delegation also visited the Department of Botany and exploring a diverse assortment of local cereals, nuts, and indigenous seeds meticulously collected by the students.

This served as a testament to the Department's unwavering dedication to the preservation of biodiversity. The delegation visited the botanical garden of the College where they actively engaged in planting a variety of significant medicinal plants. Noteworthy among these were the revered Aswaganda

(Withania somnifera), Haraysingary (Nycctanthes arbor-tristis), and Celtis tala. This initiative underscored the college's commitment to the propagation of traditional medicinal practices. The collective involvement of both teaching and non-teaching staff including a sizeable number of students reflected the shared commitment of the college community towards nurturing botanical knowledge and preserving ecological balance.

The Director Colleges, also inaugurated the Department of Information Technology which has been granted affiliation by the University of Jammu from the current year. Dr. Yasmeen Ashai congratulated the entire Department for this milestone. The Delegation also paid visit to the newly constructed Girls' Hostel.

The Delegation also inspected the various developmental works undergoing in the College.

Five-day 41st Steering Committee Meeting of International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy begins in New Delhi

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NEW DELHI, MAR 19

The 41st Steering Committee Meeting of the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) is being convened in New Delhi, India during March 18 - 22, 2024.

The first day of the five-day meeting has been organised as IPHE Academic Outreach at IIT Delhi, on March 18, 2024, where the conference delegates provided valuable insights into the future of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.

Addressing the inaugural session, Principal Scientific Advisor, Govt. of India, Prof. Ajay Sood pointed out that while hydrogen is not a very new technology, there is a need to work together to make it more economical and cleaner. He emphasized on the importance of skill development and R&D in the sector and mentioned that besides the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, various other Ministries of the Government of India are also taking efforts for adoption of Green Hydrogen. The Principal Scientific Advisor highlighted that the major areas of work in the hydrogen value chain include five components, namely, Production, Storage, Transportation, Distribution & Consumption.

Additional Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Shri Sudeep Jain highlighted the importance and challenging nature of climate change.



He emphasized the work, collaboration and partnership that would be required from academia and research institutes for facilitating energy transition and development of the hydrogen sector. He mentioned about the importance of moving away from grey hydrogen and bringing about a larger share of green hydrogen.

Vice-Chairperson, IPHE, Mr. Noe Van Hulst mentioned India as an economic powerhouse, an engine of global economy and a decisive actor in shaping the clean energy future. He put emphasis on the requirement of skills, educational outreach and Research & Innovation in shaping the future of Clean Hydrogen and the role of academia in this regard.

Dean (R & D), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, Prof. Naresh Bhatnagar highlighted the involvement of IIT Delhi in R&D of vehicles run on hydrogen, for the past two decades. He informed about courses offered by the institute at undergraduate, masters and PhD

levels on various subjects in energy systems and also about the R&D being conducted at IIT Delhi on high-pressure storage at 750 bar Hydrogen cylinder.

Chief Executive Officer, Avaada Group, Shri Kishor Nair talked about India's and other countries' initiatives towards Energy Transition and their Net Zero commitments. He also requested Academia, Research & Innovation fellows to come forward with technology ideas to make hydrogen production, storage, transportation and applications more efficient and cost-effective.

In his welcome remarks, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Shri Ajay Yadav mentioned the importance of Green Hydrogen as an alternative fuel of the future and highlighted the steps being taken by the Government of India for promoting green hydrogen under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

The event also featured engaging activities including poster presentations and a quiz competition, culminating in the announcement and prize distribution to three winners in each competition.

Rahul's "Shakti" remark insult to Hindu faith, shows his misogynistic mindset: Ritika

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 19

Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha J&K Ritika Trehan has criticized Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's "we are fighting against a Shakti" remark, saying not only was it an "insult to the Hindu faith" but it also showed the latter's "misogynistic mindset". In a handout issued here, Ritika said a series of INDI Alliance members have said that Hindu dharma is a 'dhokha' (fraud), Ramcharitmanas is potassium cyanide. Congress party has a long history of Hindu hatred, from denying the existence of Lord Ram to making the statement about Shakti," she said. She also alleged Rahul Gandhi made the statement in a manner that "he's trying to denigrate the Gods and Goddesses of Hindu faith".

Ritika further said that statement from Rahul Gandhi is not just an insult to the Hindu faith but shows the misogynistic mindset of Rahul Gandhi, who is against Nari Shakti and its manifestations. She said there should be some limit to which a person hates the other. "Rahul Gandhi's intense hatred for PM Modi Ji, and arrogant display of his family status has crossed all human limits," she said. Someone needs to remind him, Shakti resonates with women. The word Shakti drives from the inner strength of Ma Durga and Kaali. The inner strength every woman possesses, including Sonia Gandhi. Shakti is not about Hinduism, it's about courage to fight the odds and the evils," she said.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 DIC Doda holds Media interaction



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DODA, MARCH 19

In view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, an interactive meeting of Media Persons was held at District Information Centre (DIC), to discuss the roles and responsibilities of Print and Electronic Media before and during Elections for its smooth conduct. During the meet-

ing, the media persons were enlightened about the aims and objectives of print and electronic media during election process. On the occasion, District Information Officer (DIO) Doda said that media is an essential part of our democracy, adding that it acts as a crucial watchdog in democratic elections and maintains its transparency. During the meet-

ing, Media persons raised various issues related to coverage of election. The DIO assured them that the matter will be taken up with the concerned authorities so that they don't face any inconvenience during coverage.

Correspondents and reporters of print and electronic media working in Doda attended the meeting.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: DEO chairs meeting with Heads of Political parties in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, MARCH 19

District Election Officer Udhampur, Saloni Rai, convened a meeting with district heads and representatives from various political parties at the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex, Udhampur.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Deputy District Election Officer Dr. Anirudh Rai, along with

other officers, district heads of political parties, and representatives.

The meeting delved into various aspects, with a comprehensive Power-Point presentation covering the Model Code of Conduct, Election Expenditure Monitoring System, Media Certification & Monitoring Committee, Transport Management, Maintenance of High Standards in Election Campaigns, cVIGIL application, and

Regulation of Road Shows during elections.

The DEO emphasized the pivotal role of political parties in upholding the democratic ethos of the nation, urging cooperation and strict adherence to the guidelines set forth by the ECI. The DEO urged all parties to demonstrate utmost integrity and responsibility, setting a positive precedent for a free, fair, and peaceful electoral process.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024 Integrated Election Control Room and MCMC Centre established in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19

In order to ensure better coordination among line Departments for smooth conduct of upcoming Lok Sabha election related activities and to monitor violations of model code of conduct (MCC), if any, an Integrated Election Control Room and Media Certification and Monitoring Committee(MCMC) Centre has been established here at DC/DEO Office Srinagar.

The DC Srinagar/District Election Officer Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Uddin Bhat today inspected the Integrated Election Control Room and MCMC Centre equipped with latest technologies for smooth, fair and transparent conduct of the Lok Sabha elections-2024 in the District.

The DC/DEO took stock of the facilities and equipment's installed at both the facilities and also interacted with the designated Nodal Officers and deployed staff.

On the occasion, the



DC/DEO said that as per the directions of the Election Commission of India, the Integrated Election Control Room has been set up as a tool to effectively coordinate the functioning of various agencies engaged in the election process.

He said that the Integrated Election Control Room will have Call receiving facility on 1950, Model Code of Conduct (MCC) scrutiny of media channels, Social Media analysis, C-vigil teams and General grievances related to

the election through ECI portal.

Similarly, the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) Centre at the District Level will work as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India to keep close vigil on paid news during the Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

The MCMC will provide certification after scrutinizing Political Advertisements to be telecast / broadcast over TV / Radio Channels / Audio - Video displays/cinema halls /

Internet based media / Websites including Social Media, e-papers & Cable Network during General Elections.

Nodal Officer MCMC, Ahsan ul Haq Chisti, Nodal Officer, Integrated Election Control Room, Mirza Shahid Ali and other concerned accompanied the DC/DEO during the visit.

Emphasis was laid on to have proactive approach and sensitise the staff down the line to ensure free, fair, transparent and seamless conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections.

Manifesto will be party's 'Nyay Patra', says Cong

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NEW DELHI, MAR 19

The Indian National Congress said on Tuesday that it is fully prepared for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and will soon come with the manifesto, which will not just be a manifesto but the party's 'Nyay Patra' that will fulfill the five guarantees promised to the country.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here on Tuesday, party general secretary KC Venugopal, accompanied by party general secretary Jairam Ramesh, said, "The Congress Working Committee had a detailed discussion on the manifesto for the upcoming 2024 general elections. The CWC has authorized Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to grant final approval for the manifesto. A date for its final release would be made soon."

He said that during the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, Rahul Gandhi met and spoke to several people from different sections of society. During the course of the yatra, Rahul Gandhi spoke of the gaurantees and commitments under the five pillars of the yatra:



Kisan Nyay, Yuva Nyay, Naari Nyay, Shramik Nyay, and Hissedari Nyay. These five pillars will have five gaurantees.

Venugopal said, "During the Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra, Rahul ji has done the maximum as far as the five guarantees are concerned. But in the coming days, we must spell out what our priorities and policies are going to be for the next five years."

Meanwhile, Jairam Ramesh said, "The CWC meeting held today is not just for the manifesto but for our Nyay Patra."

Ramesh further added that the Congress party is ready to liberate the country from the injustice

of the last 10 years of BJP rule.

"Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi ji have announced 25 guarantees with regards to the five justices in the last few days. Along with these guarantees, economic, foreign policy, constitutional protection, the environment, and many other justice agendas related to national interest were also discussed in the meeting," Ramesh said.

Earlier in the day, the CWC extensively discussed the party manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections that was chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. The meeting

was attended by Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, former party president Rahul Gandhi, and members of the CWC. In his inaugural speech, Kharge said, "The country has been fervently demanding a change. The guarantees currently being touted by the present government would have the same fate as that of the 'India Shining' slogan of 2004".

He urged the party leaders to ensure that the manifesto gets the widest publicity in different states and that the party's commitment is taken to every household across the country and to the people at large.

Founder KoshurRAAG calls on Lt Governor



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JAMMU, MARCH 19

Arvind Mattoo, Founder, KoshurRAAG - a US-based NGO, called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, today at Raj Bhawan.

Mattoo briefed the Lt Governor about the

ongoing endeavours of his organization to promote the rich cultural heritage of Jammu Kashmir through music and related arts.

Padma Shri Dr SP Varma and Sh Vijay Thusu, Director KoshurRAAG were also present.

Police attaches illegal property worth lacs of notorious drug peddler in Kulgam

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KULGAM, MAR 19

Continuing its action against drug peddlers, Police in Kulgam attached property (Single story residential house) worth approx. 1,014,894, measuring 976.76 Sq. ft belonging to notorious drug peddler namely Ghulam Mohammad Mir @Gull Kasai Son of Mohd Abdullah Mir resident of Bugam.

The action was taken under sections 68-E read with 68-F (1) of NDPS Act of 1985 & is linked with case FIR No. 166/2015 U/S 8/15 of NDPS act & 77/2022 U/S 8/15 of NDPS Act of PS Kulgam.

The property was identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Kulgam Police. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances by the said drug peddler.

This operation reaffirms the commitment of J&K Police to combat the drug menace. Local people of the area hailed the initiative of J&K Police.

DC Ganderbal chairs NCORD meeting

Discusses efforts in combating drug abuse in district

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GANDERBAL, MARCH 19

The district-level NARCO Coordination Committee (NCORD) meeting was held today at the meeting hall of Dak Bungalow Ganderbal under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Shyambir.

The meeting held a detailed discussion on the efforts of enforcement agencies in combating drug abuse and narcotic trafficking in the district. A detailed discussion on previous directives to address the drug problem was also held.

Concerned departments and agencies shared the steps they have taken to make Ganderbal drug-free, including addressing drug addiction and identifying hotspots of drug use.

The DC directed the Education Department



as the season of poppy cultivation season is approaching and Tehsildar were directed to assist them by involving Lumberdars and Chowkidars and violation should be brought into the notice of Police so that appropriate action

to frame a calendar of activities for Nasha Mukta once ongoing examinations conclude and ensure compliance with COTPA guidelines, particularly regarding the prohibition of tobacco items near schools.

He emphasized the sustainability of Nasha Mukta status in announcing Panchayats and underscored the involvement of Civil Society members in ongoing activities. Additionally, all stakeholder departments were tasked

with monitoring new drug addiction cases in Nasha Mukta Panchayats and submitting action reports.

The meeting also reviewed the status of CCTV camera installation and it was informed that over 98 percent medical shops have installed cameras and computerized billing in retail medical shops is also ensured.

While reviewing the status of illicit crop destruction, Excise department was directed to identify the illicit crop

could be taken. The meeting also reviewed the work progress on Half Way Home and DC asked the ADC to inspect the progress of works along with DSWO and officials of Municipal Council, PDD and Jal Shakhti so that the facility could be utilized at an earliest.

Among others the meeting was attended by ADC Ganderbal, ASP Ganderbal, SDM Kangan, CMO, Tehsildars, and other officials.

Jammu Police organises awareness programme on new criminal laws



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An awareness program regarding the new criminal laws i.e BNS, BNSS & Evidence Act was organised by Jammu Police on 19.03.2024 in B.N college Jammu.

The camp was

chaired by SDPO City East Jammu SheeAn Bhat accompanied by Incharge Police Post Bhatindi SI Shakeel Ahmed. The prime objective of the camp was awareness of Public regarding amended three new criminal laws i.e BNS, BNSS AND BSA

instead of IPC, CR.PC and Evidence Act .

The camp was attended by large number of students and management of the college.

The chairing officer addressed the public accordingly about the amended three new criminal laws.

Indian Army Sponsored Young Aspirants Shine in Sainik Schools Entrance Examination at Rajouri

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Sainik Schools are known for their rigorous selection process aimed at identifying potential candidates to become a leader and a military officer. Sainik School written exam requires thorough preparation. To give wings to highly motivated youths to clear prestigious Sainik School entrance exam, Indian Army conducted coaching classes to prepare the talented, potential students belonging to poor and rural background. The Indian Army sponsored coaching classes bore excellent results with 14 students including 5 girls of the Area of responsibility of Counter Insurgency Force (Romeo), clearing the written examination.

Skill Development: Fish farming potential game-changer in employment generation: KU VC

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 19

To add a new chapter in sustainable aquaculture practices by exploring cost-effective feed ingredients, the Department of Zoology, University of Kashmir, Tuesday inaugurated a week-long training programme here.

Titled, "Fish Farming and Utilization of Less Expensive Ingredients in Fish Feed" under KU's skill development programme, the training will focus on encouraging entrepreneurship and supporting initiatives aimed at self-reliance, an official statement issued here read.

On the occasion, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan, underscored the varsity's commitment towards developing an ecosystem of start-ups, skill development



and entrepreneurship, aimed at self-reliance.

"The present training will definitely help the participants gain access to knowledge and information on the formulation of cost-effective fish feed and monitoring of fish health, both in natural and culture systems," Prof Khan said, adding that the workshop will also be useful for the trainees presently associated with fish farming in the Valley.

"Our university is committed for such activities of personality development and discourse on

capacity building, skill development and entrepreneurship," Prof Nilofer Khan reiterated.

KU Registrar, Prof Naseer Iqbal, emphasised the crucial role of start-ups in the contemporary landscape, emphasising their significance as the "need of the hour".

"Kashmir University aims to provide holistic education that not only focuses on academic excellence but also emphasises practical skills vital for professional growth," Prof Naseer said, while assuring support

for programmes aimed at imparting skills training to unemployed youth.

Outlining the objectives of the training programme, Head Department of Zoology, Prof Abdul Ahad Buhroo, highlighted the role and significance of such events and assured his commitment to conduct such programmes in future as well.

"The varsity's collaborative efforts with industry partners and government agencies ensure that the students are well-prepared to meet the demands of the job-

market," Prof Ahad said.

Associate Professor and Event Organiser, Dr Imtiaz Ahmad Khan, highlighted the importance of sustainable practices in fish farming and the exploration of cost-effective feed ingredients.

"This will add a new chapter in sustainable aquaculture practices," he added.

Faculty members, officers, scholars and students attended the inaugural session.

Special Secretary to KU VC, Dr Ashfaq Ahmed Zarri, was also present on the occasion. Research Fellow, National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS), Dr Kousar Jan, conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session while as, Senior Assistant Professor and Co-Organiser, Dr Yahya Bakhtiyar, presented the formal vote of thanks.

Two drug peddlers with 15 grms Heroin (Chitta)like substance nabbed

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JAMMU, 19.03.2024

Continuing its drive against drug peddlers Under operation Sanjeevani Jammu Police on 18.03.2024 arrested two drug peddlers namely Balraj Singh S/O Massa Singh R/O Sehora Tehsil, Amritsar with 9 grams of heroine (Chitta) like substance and Pawan Kumar S/O Bhagat Singh R/O Garh samano, Udhampur with 6 grams of heroine like substance from them. A total of 15 grams heroin like substance was recovered from them along with Grand IIO Car bearing Registration no. JK02BS 7038.

The team headed by SHO Police Station Bahu fort Sh. Amit assisted by Incharge Police Post Narwal PSI Sanjeev under the supervision of SDPO East Sh. Sheezan Bhat JKPS and SP South Sh. Ajay Sharma-JKPS apprehend-



ed the drug peddler in Narwal area and recovered heroine like substance from them.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 65/2024 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS ACT has been registered at Police Station Bahu Fort and investigation of the

case taken up. Jammu Police enjoined upon all citizens of Jammu to be aware of drug menace and report any incident to jammu Police. The identity of person informing regarding this menace will not be disclosed to anyone.

Chunav Ka Parv Desh Ka Garv

DEO Kishtwar convenes meeting with representatives of political parties

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KISHTWAR, MARCH 19

District Election Officer Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting with representatives from various political parties to underscore the paramount importance of upholding the highest ethical standards as delineated in the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and other pertinent guidelines set forth by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in anticipation of the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections, 2024.

The primary objective of the gathering was to sensitize political parties on the imperative nature of maintaining integrity, fairness, and transparency throughout the electoral process. Deliberations during the session encompassed crucial issues such as adherence to MCC provisions, acquisition of permissions for media advertisements and campaign vehicles, initiation of candidate bank accounts in accordance with stipulated timelines, and other pertinent aspects vital to



ensuring a just and equitable electoral environment.

The discussions reaffirmed the collective commitment of all political stakeholders towards fostering an environment characterized by ethical conduct, accountability, and reverence for democratic principles.

Dr. Devansh Yadav reiterated the pivotal role of political parties in upholding the democratic ethos of the nation and stressed

the indispensability of cooperation and adherence to the guidelines delineated in the Model Code of Conduct by the ECI.

He urged all parties to demonstrate utmost integrity and responsibility, thereby setting a positive precedent for a free, fair, and peaceful electoral process.

Expressing confidence in the cooperation and adherence of all political parties to the outlined

guidelines, the DEO anticipated a conducive environment for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha Elections.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Kishtwar Ghulam Rasool, ADC Kishtwar Pawan Kotwal, ARO/SDM Paddar, Amit Kumar, Nodal Officer MCMC/DIO Kishtwar, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, Election Naib Tehsildar Anrez Singh Jasrotia, Master Trainer Riyaz Ahmed Butt and Election Officials.

Zonal Head HFN Jammu felicitates Team of Indian Yoga Association

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Heartfulness Institute Kanha Shanti Vanam has organized 4 days World Spiritual Mahotsva at Hyderabad with theme to establish inner peace to world peace.

The festival at Kanha Hyderabad was inaugurated by Draupdi Murmur, Hon'ble President of India & Veldictory Address by Indian Vice President.

The world Mahotsva was attended by 300 Spiritual, Religious & Holistic wellness organisations from India & abroad. Vide which about 75000 delegates participated.

Different State HQs of Heartfulness celebrated the event to highlight the Indian Tradition of Universal Brotherhood and need to promote divine equalities- Love, Understanding mutual trust, Acceptance, Purity Humility and contentment to attain inner peace.

Dr Shreyansh Kumar Jain, State Yoga Commissioner & State Chairman Indian Yoga Association, along with the team, attended the festival at Jammu HQ of HFN at Gole



Gujral, Seora The team included S K Gupta (Retd Chief Engineer), President Consumar Forum, Ashok Gupta, State Vice President Bharat Vikas Parishad & Global Vice President Vichar Kranti Manch International, Abhinandan Jain Founder Chairman Bhagwan Mahaveer Physiotherapy & Yoga Center, CM Sharma, State Coordinator Annamalai University, Yash Pal Sharma Life and Yoga coach & Mrs Anju Bansal, 'Swar Kokila', Educationist, Social Activist & Coordinator Pb VKMI.

Dr Jain, while addressing the participants, explained in detail about meditation. Why, What, How, Where, when & its Aim. Yam, Niyam, Asante, and Pranayam are external parts, Partyahara is a link between Dharna,

Dhyan & Smadhi are the internal parts, as per Patanjali's Eight fold Yoga. Meditation is internal journey & journey within. Depth of yoga can not be touched without this journey. We can not see the self & have self-realization. For a journey for self realization. Meditation is necessary & essential.

What is Meditation: Meditation is abstract matter like beauty, goodness, or Almighty. These can be experienced but difficult to arrest them in words. Meditation is not a process but its ultimate stage - self-realization. Meditation is possible when we have complete peace of mind - pure State of Chitt. Meditation is a combination of three unconscious, Sub conscious, and unconscious

minds. How to practice meditation.. There are many methods : Concentration on incoming & outgoing breath, on sensation of body, on thoughts, between the eyebrows, on the tip of nose, TRATAK on an object or chakras etc. Where to practice. To practice in a calm & open place, ground should not be uneven, no discomfort, Blanket /Mat to be used for Asante. Better if greenery, trees & plants all round. When to meditate: The best time is Brahmavela, two hours before sunrise - when nature is at peace, quite & pleasant. Mind is also peaceful after night sleep. If unable in the morning, evening time can also be utilized. Aim of Meditation. To have mental & Physical benefits of meditation, the mind of Mediator becomes peaceful & stable. Pleasure & Pain of the world do not disturb him, neither affected by joy nor get disturbed in sorrow. Watches all worldly events as a detached spectator. Thoughts & conduct become balanced and equable.