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### Lok Sabha Elections-2024

# Since Article 370 revocation, over **35 former ministers, legislators,** senior leaders switch sides

### Coming LS polls likely to serve as litmus test for JK's altered political landscape

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 20

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir are anticipated to be both significant and intriguing for several reasons. Primarily, following the abrogation of Article 370, it will serve as a litmus test in the altered political landscape for the first time.

During the electioneering Kashmir. process, one can expect and ex-MLAs are antici- Jammu and Kashmir Apni Congress fold. DPAP is curpated to actively engage Party. In the inaugural Dis- rently exploring electoral



Party (DPAP).

As per news agency- in politics within this trict Development Coun-(KNO), over the past five A notable trend has been considerable transfor- of leaders, former minis- in various regions, chaldynamics of the region. allegiances in Jammu and

Following the revoca- leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to witness the emergence tion of Article 370, Kash- severed ties with the Con- followed by former MLAs of contenders affiliated mir experienced initial with non-traditional political upheaval. Sev- cratic Progressive Azad political entities chal- eral senior leaders dislenging the dominance of tanced themselves from established family-based the People's Democratic stirred significant commoparties. Notably, three Party (PDP). Notably, tion within the Congress, newly registered parties former minister Syed have surfaced in Jammu Altaf Bukhari, previously several former ministers from Poonch, formally and Kashmir, poised to aligned with PDP founder challenge their parent Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, However, some leaders ally, former MLA Mushparties. Numerous lead- parted ways with the PDP who initially joined Azad

prospects across various constituencies, including Jammu, Udhampur, and Anantnag-Rajouri. Additionally, the Apni Party is actively considering alliance possibilities in Kashmir. Advocate Ankush Sharma's Ekam Sanatan Dharma Dal, primarily active in the Jammu division, has also emerged as a noteworthy political entity.

NC faced a setback in Kashmir News Observer evolved political milieu. cil (DDC) elections, the the Jammu division when party demonstrated comits divisional president, years, there has been a the significant number mendable performance Devendra Singh Rana, along with his supportmation in the political ters, and MLAs switching lenging the dominance of ers, joined the BJP in its parent party, the PDP. 2022. Notably, former Subsequently, influential minister Surjit Singh Salathia accompanied him, gress to form the Demo-Kamal Arora and Premsagar Aziz defecting from the NC. Recently, after The emergence of DPAP the hills were granted Scheduled Tribe (ST) reservation status, Dr. leading to the defection of Shahnaz Ganai, an MLC and MLAs to Azad's camp. joined the BJP. Additiontaq Bukhari, Chaudhary

ers, former ministers, to establish a new entity, eventually returned to the Arshad, Dharamveer Singh Jamwal, Somnath CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

# Elections in J&K will happen before SC deadline of September 30: Amit Shah

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MAR 20

Elections in Jammu and Kashmir will be conducted before September 30, Union Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday.

Speaking at CNN-News18 Rising India Summit 2024 in New Delhi, Shah said, "Voting in Jammu and Kashmir will happen before the Supreme Court of India's deadline of September

On December 11, 2023, the Election Commission elections for the Legisla-

30, 2024.

the apex court directed shall be taken to conduct bench said. of India (ECI) to conduct tive Assembly of Jammu in J&K were held in 2014. also mentioned that



Kashmir by September ber 30, 2024, and statehood shall be restored

"We direct that steps as soon as possible," the The last Assembly polls elections in Jammu and and Kashmir by Septem- The People's Democratic

Party (PDP) formed a coalition government with the BJP. But in 2018, the BJP pulled out of the alliance and the government collapsed. Following that, the Assembly was dissolved and the Governor's Rule came into place.

On August 5, 2019, the Centre abrogated Article 370 and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into the Union Territories (UTs) of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

Slamming the opposition, the Union Home Minister, at the summit.

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# **Choudhary Lal Singh joins Congress party** at AICC headquarters in New Delhi

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Former Minister and President of Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Choudhary Lal Singh today joined Congress party at All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters in New Delhi and is all set to contest the Lok Sabha elections from Udhampur-Doda Parliamentary constituency.



He was welcomed in AICC General Secretary dent Vikar Rasool Wani, the party by AICC Chief and J&K Incharge Bhar- co-incharge J&K Manoj Spokesman Pawan Khera, atsin Soalnki, PCC Presi- Yadav, NSUI national

president Neeraj Kundan and others.

After joining Congress party, Choudhary Lal Singh asked the party leaders and workers to get united to win these elections. "Whenever I have contested any elections, my party has formed the government. I don't know how but I think it comes straight away from heavens," he said while addressing media after the joining, as per news

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particularly members of

In his message, the DGP

will bring happiness,

Udhampur constituency gave Govt constitutes committees for indian vouth new startup option implementation of NUDM

PM, J&K LG, DGP, others greet people on Nauroz

#### of lavender: Dr Jitendra Singh JI NEWS SERVICE the Government, Finance terms of reference of the

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

JAMMU, MAR 20

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Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency of Jammu and Kashmir has given the Indian youth a new StartUp option of Lavender and is fast emerging as an Agri StartUp hub, said Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh here today.

delegations during the well as Nagaland. campaign trail, Dr Jitendra Singh recalled the of this Agri StartUp hub Kartavya Path New Delhi turesque Bhaderwah town wah which is a testimony tivation of lavender has being nationally hailed as scale. the birthplace of "Purple

lated in other Himalayan has now picked up in ried out as part of States like Uttarakhand other parts of the constit-



Interacting with youth and Himachal Pradesh as uency as well including upper reaches of Billawar He said, the foundation

, Ramnagar areas. He recalled that PM Republic Day tableau at has been laid in the pic- Narendra Modi had in detail explained this sucon 26 January depicting of district Doda in Jammu cess story in farming from lavender farms of Bhader- and Kashmir, where cul- district Doda of J&K in his " Mann Ki Baat" broadof Bhaderwah and J&K been taken up on a large cast and told the listeners about the small town

Dr Jitendra Singh said, of Bhaderwah where this Revolution", now emu- same lavender farming experiment had been car-CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

### SRINAGAR, MAR 20

Jammu and Kashmir gov-Powered Steering Comtion Committee for implementation of the National Vice Chairman, JDA/SDA, (NUDM) in J&K.

of which lies with the Government, Housing news agency-Kashmir & Urban Development level implementation News Observer (KNO), Department, Director, committee will be Com-Chief Secretary J&K will be National Institute of Urban the Chairman of High Pow- Affairs (or their represen- Government, Information ered Steering Committee tative) and Informatics Technology Department, while Commissioner Sec- Officer, Jammu Municipal Commissioner, JMC/SMC, retary Housing and Urban Corporation, Nodal Offi-vice Chairman, JDA/SDA, Development Department cer (NUDM) J&K will be Director, Urban Local (HUDD) will be Chairper- member secretary of the Bodies, Jammu/Kashmir, son of implementing com- committee. mittee.

Principal Secretary to deemed necessary and

Department, Commis- committee will be to meet sioner/Secretary to the once every six months to Government, Housing provide overall guidance, ernment has constituted & Urban Development to provide decisions on the Union Territory High Department, Commis- inter-departmental coorsioner/Secretary to the dination issues, to promittee and Union Terri- Government, Information vide/review availability of tory Level Implementa- Technology Department, funds and to review the Commissioner, JMC/SMC, progress, provide feedback and guidance for Urban Digital Mission Director, Urban Local implementation of the Bodies, Jammu/Kashmir, National Urban Digital As per the order, a copy Special Secretary to the Mission. The members of UT

missioner/Secretary to the Special Secretary to the

The Committee Government, Housing The other members of can co-opt any other & Urban Development the committee include member(s), as may be Department, Director CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

#### JI NEWS SERVICE

Police R.R. Swain has extended greetings to the SRINAGAR, MAR 20 people of Jammu Kashmir,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Jammu and Shia community, fami-Kashmir's Lieutenant lies of Police Parivar and Governor Manoj Sinha, other security forces on Director General of Police the auspicious occasion (DGP) and political lead- of Nauroz. ers greeted people on the auspicious occasion of has hoped that Nauroz Nauroz.

"Navroz Mubarak! On prosperity and progress to this blessed day, I wish for the people of Jammu and everyone's joy and wellbe- Kashmir, families of maring. May the coming year tyrs and police personbe filled with success, nel. The DGP said that the growth and enhance the beginning of a new year bond of unity in our soci- brings with it a sense of ety," Narendra Modi wrote fresh possibilities. It gives on X.

all on the auspicious to peace. occasion of Navroz. May this festival bring joy, and prosperity for Jammu happiness and prosper- and Kashmir. ity to everyone. Navroz Mubarak!,"Office of J&K President Dr. Farooq LG.

us a chance to renew our "Warm greetings to resolution of commitment

He has prayed for peace National Conference

Abdullah and Vice CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

Director General of

# **Gun license to ineligible persons:** CBI file 2 chargesheets against 15 accused

#### JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 20

Srinagar in an ongoing of the then State Governrelated to issuance of and further notification of various sections of RPC, statement said. large number of FireArms DoPT, Govt of India, trans- PC Act & Arms Act against licenses in J&K to ineli- ferring to CBI investigation 10 accused including the the nexus of then

2012-16.

As per a statement tion Kashmir (VOK). The while another charge Central Bureau of Inves- issued to the news matter pertains to issutigation (CBI) on Wednes- agency-Kashmir News ance of large number of ilar sections against the day said to have filed two Observer (KNO), the arms license to ineligible then ADM, Kupwara and chargesheets against 15 spokesman said that the persons without due proaccused in the Court of case was registered by cess during the period house dealer and middle-Special Judge, CBI Cases, CBI in 2018 on the request 2012 to 2016, it said.

"One of the charge gible persons in violation of FIR No.18 of 2018 dated then District Magistrate,

of Rules during the period 17.05.2018 registered Kupwara, 4 gun house in Vigilance Organisa- dealers and middleman sheet was filed under sim-4 others including gun men for issuance of large number of such licenses investigation of a case ment of Jammu & Kashmir sheets was filed under to ineligible persons," the

Investigation disclosed CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

# JKBOSE Shocker...: 11th standard question paper distributed to 12th class students

Govt constitutes committe to probe the matter, JKBOSE postpone the exams

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

SRINAGAR, MAR 20

In a bizarre twist, the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education (JKBOSE) Wednesday 11th standard to 12th standard candidates. Hundreds of 12th stan-

dard candidates were left cern about the lackadaisi- 12th standard was set from to lurch who had sleepless cal approach of board. One of the students said she said. annual regular exams of that the examination pat-

physical education paper. tern of the physical educa- charge said that students The news agency-Kash- tion was entirely different in the center were crying mir News Observer (KNO) as was shown and notified

"Ironically, only two appearing in the annual marks were taken from regular exams of 12th stan- the 12th standard syllabus. exams and will issue dard who expressed con- Rest the question paper of

11th standard syllabus,'

One of the exam in-'even a couple of students fainted'.

Officials of JKBOSE said, "We have postponed the CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

nights to prepare for the

cation question papers of in-charges and candidates

distributed Physical Edu- spoke to some of exam by the board.

### **District SVEEP Cell organises** awareness programme for **Dalhori citizens**



**JI NEWS SERVICE** RAJOURI, MARCH 20

Dalhori, here today.

programme. Mohammad maximize voter turnout. Ayaz Raina, lecturer and member of the District phlets with slogans on SVEEP Cell, extensively vote were also distributed discussed the aims and among the attendees.

CEO Doda inspects schools,

to ensure AMF for voters

polling stations of Assar zone

objectives of the initiative, aimed at providing com-

prehensive awareness to Under the supervision of the public about their right District Election Officer, to vote and the impor-Om Parkash Bhagat, the tance of casting their votes District SVEEP Cell Rajouri in the forthcoming elecorganized an awareness tions. He emphasized the programme for the resi- significance of achieving dents of Dalhori at HSS a target voting percentage of 75% and urged upon Nearly, one hundred all participants to spread prominent citizens active- the message issued by the ly participated in the District Election Officer to

On the occasion, pam-

# Lok Sabha Elections -2024 **Training programme for Polling Personnel held in Udhampur**

#### JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR. MARCH 20

In a proactive move to ensure efficient conduct of the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024, District Election Officer, Udhampur, Saloni Rai, engaged with polling personnel at the Government Degree College for Women, tion training session held

here today. She emphasized the and Town Hall Ramnagar, importance of earnest par- witnessed a significant program to enable smooth 2150 employees. functioning at the polling stations.

tive, held across various and obligations of Pre- Trainings), and relevant venues including Govern- siding Officers and poll- Assistant Returning Offiment Degree College for ing officers, alongside cers (AROs).



Women Udhampur, Gov- practical demonstrations Udhampur during an elec- ernment Degree College on Electronic Voting (Boys) Udhampur, Gov- Machines (EVMs). ernment HSS Chenani,

The training sessions, conducted by designated DLMTs and ALMTs, operticipation in the training turnout of approximately ated under the supervision of District Election participants Officer, Deputy DEO, Dr received comprehensive Anirudh Rai, DSEO, Dar-The training initia- instruction on the duties shan Kumar (Nodal Officer

NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND"

MSS UNIT , GDC BUDHAL

SVEEP CELL RAJOURI

### GDC Budhal, DSC Rajouri organize awareness programme on the theme 'No Voter to be left behind '

The

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC), Budhal, in collaboration with District SVEEP Cell (DSC), Rajouri, today organized awareness programme on the theme 'No voter to be left behind'.

The event aimed to educate students on the importance of their participation in the democratic process.

The event saw an overwhelming participation from students and staff.

Dr. Adil Hussain Khandey, Lecturer Political Science delivered an informative lecture on 'the role of a ful lecture highlighted standing of the subject. the crucial role each future of the country.

Prof. Manzoor Ahmed efforts of NSS unit of Col- community.

# PM inaugurates Start-up Mahakumbh at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, MAR 20

The Prime Minister, Shri ed the Start-up Mahakumbh at Bharat Mandapam, New tion showcased on the occasion.

ing, the Prime Minister culture", said. highlighted the importance of Start-up Mahakumbh and ware sector in the last few Therefore, the Prime Minister said, the presence launch of the space shuttle. for Viksit Bharat. He menof people from the world

the importance of today's of investors, incubators, academicians, researchers,

industry members, and preneurs and said, "This visiting the sports and exhibition stalls where people Indian visiting the Start-up Mahakumbh will witness corns of the future", PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister

over a period of time under development of innova-Startup India, he said. He tive products and services commented on the devel- for the expansion of digital opment of an ecosystem services in the country. He Narendra Modi inaugurat through connecting ideas recalled the huge queues of with funding sources, and industry and world leaders incubators in academic at a booth that was set up in Delhi today. He also took a institutions which gave Bharat Mandapam during walkthrough of the exhibi- facilities to the youth of tier the G20 Summit explain-2 and tier 3 cities. "Startup ing the working of UPI and has become a social culture offering a trial run. This, Addressing the gather- and no one can stop a social the Prime Minister said,

that the startup revolution rural and urban divide, emphasized the country's is being led by small cities while also democratizing roadmap of working to and that too in a wide range technology. The Prime Minbecome a Viksit Bharat by of sectors including agri- ister expressed delight that 2047. The Prime Minister culture, textiles, medicine, more than 45 percent of highlighted India's making transport, space, yoga and a mark in the IT and soft- ayurveda. Elaborating on space startups, the Prime decades and underlined the Minister said that Indian emerging trends of innova- startups are working in emphasized the importance tion and start-up culture. more than 50 areas in the of the culture of innovaspace sector, including the tion for humanity, not just

The Prime Minister comof start-ups underlines mented on the changing provide a platform for the mindset about startups. occasion. Dwelling on the He said that startups have success of start-ups in the changed the psyche that a as the growth engine. He country, the Prime Min- lot of money is needed to also talked of India's upper ister drew attention to start a business. He comthe genius element that mended the youth of the ister underlined the numermakes them successful. He country for choosing the acknowledged the presence path of becoming a job creator rather than a job seeker.

present and future entre- est startup ecosystem with the National Quantum Mis-1.25 lakh startups involvis indeed a Mahakumbh in ing 12 lakh youth who are Semiconductor Mission. its truest form creating an directly linked with them", Shri Modi recalled discussunprecedented energy and he said. The Prime Minis- ing AI during his address at vibe." The Prime Minister ter asked the entrepreneurs the US Senate a while ago mentioned experiencing to be vigilant about filing and assured that India will the same vibe when he was their patents quickly. GeM continue to be a leader in showcased their innova- to businesses and startups. applications will become tions with great pride. "Any He praised the youth for a helping hand for many getting into new areas. The nations in the world", the Prime Minister stated that Prime Minister said. the unicorns and deca- the start-ups launched on the policy platforms are acknowledged the global

expressed satisfaction over provided by Digital India to etc. Solutions tested in the growth of the startup start-ups, the Prime Min- Indian conditions have tive ideas found a platform start-ups which lead the sector areas.

has strengthened financial The Prime Minister said inclusion and reduced the start-ups in the country are women-led, be it education, agriculture or health.

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The Prime Minister tioned India's initiative to global startup under Startup-20 which treats startups hand in AI. The Prime Minous opportunities being created for both young innovators and global investors with the advent of the AI "India is the third larg- industry and mentioned sion, India AI Mission and

portal has provided more this sector. "I believe that than 20,000 crore rupees Indian solutions for global The Prime Minister reaching new heights today. desire to learn from Indian Underlining the impetus youth through hackathons

ecosystem in the coun- ister said that it is a huge global acceptance, he said. try due to the right poli- inspiration and suggested He mentioned the National cies. He recalled the initial colleges take it up as a Research Foundation and 1 reluctance and indifference case study. He mentioned lakh crore fund for research towards the concept of UPI becoming a pillar of and planning for the needs startup in society. Innova- support for the fin-tech of the future in the sunrise

**JI NEWS SERVICE** DODA, MARCH 20

Chief Education Officer organisations are on the (CEO), Doda, Parkash Lal walls of premises of gov-Thapa today inspected ernment school buildings. schools and polling stations of Assar Zone to ducted a comprehensive ensure Assured Minimum inspection of examination Facilities (AMF) are at centers of 12th class at HSS



posters/writing or hoard-

ings of any kind of political parties or any other

The CEO Doda also con-

place for voters at poll- Khellani, HSS Assar and

**CUJ launches Short Term Multipurpose Associate** 

RAJOURI, MARCH 20

During the programme,

Dar, HOD Botany and lege and DSC, Rajouri for member of DSC Rajouri, organizing such an event shared his perspective to spread awareness vote in the development on topic, further enrich- about elections and their of a nation'. His insight- ing the audiences under- importance. He highlighted that such events are Principal of the College, need of the day to instil voter plays in shaping the Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Mazam- a sense of civic responsimal Hussain lauded the bility among the student

ing stations for Lok Sabha HSS Chill and LHS Jathi Elections 2024.

asked the officials that no the examination process.

today to maintain the On the occasion, he integrity and fairness of

# **Power shutdown**

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 20

Station, CRPF, Lakshmi- to 2 pm. puram, AYUSH Hospital, Bhalwal, Kangarmorh, IRP, Hospital Bhalwal, Kote, affected on March 22 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power pm supply to Birpur, Data Talab, Anasal and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 22 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Seora, Kunjwani, Apna Vihar, Bakshi Colony, and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 22 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Udhampur, Battal Ballian, pm. Airforce Station Udhampur and adjoining areas will supply to Gandhi Nagar remain affected on March 22 from 9 am to 3 pm.

supply to Nanak Nagar and Grid, Chenab Valley, Green adjoining areas will remain Belt, Div. Com Office, affected on March 23 from Apsara Road, Part of Tri-8 am to 2 pm.

adjoining areas will remain 10 am.

affected on March 23 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Likewise, the power Chief Engineer (Distribu- supply to Palli, Barwal, tion) JPDCL, Jammu has PHE, Industry and adjoininformed that the power ing areas will remain affectsupply to Bantalab, Radio ed on March 23 from 11 am

Similarly, the power Keran, Nardni Station, supply to Industries under 33/11KV Sub-Station, SICOP, Birpur Complex, Bari-Brah-Thather, Pooja Colony and mana, Palli, KothiMorh, adjoining areas will remain Sevada and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 24 from 1 pm to 5

> Likewise, the power supply to Bhaddu, Billawar, Mandli, Lahri-Bathri, Dewal, Chanera, PHE and adjoining areas will remain affected on March 24 from 9 am to 11 am.

Similarly, the power Dental College, Bandu Rakh supply to Gandhi Nagar, Aquaf Market, Bahu Plaza, Shastri Nagar, Div. Com. Office and adjoining areas Similarly, the power will remain affected on supply to Industrial Centre March 24 from 8 am to 2

Likewise, the power Hospital, Gandhi Nagar, Police Line, Jammu Uni-Likewise, the power versity, Bahu Plaza, Power kuta Nagar and adjoining

Similarly, the power areas will remain affected supply to Babliyana and on March 24 from 8 am to

# (Tourism) Upskilling Programme for Women

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MARCH 20

Central University of Jammu launches Short Term Multipurpose Associate (Tourism) Upskilling Programmes for Women Jammu, March 20: School of Business Studies, Cen-

launched Short Term Index as an outcome of the Upskilling Training Prowith Government Degree through policy initiatives College Vijaypur, Samba under the guidance and lifecycle including large mentorship of Prof. San- scale initiatives for girls' jeev Jain, Vice Chancel- education, skill developlor, Central University ment, entrepreneurship of Jammu and Mission facilitation and safety in

Director, Department of the workplace aimed at Skill Development, UT of their long-term socio-J&K. The programme was economic and developinaugurated in presence ment. Prof. Java Bhasin, of Prof. Vandana Gupta, Dean, School of Business Principal, GDC Vijaypur, Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Dr. Neelika Arora and Dr. Shahid vision of Viksit Bharat @

Mushtaq from School of 2027 there is a need to Business Studies, Cen- focus on gender equality tral University of Jammu along with gender equity and faculty members of for overall economic indecollege. Speaking on the pendence and participaoccasion Prof. Vandana

appreciated the efforts should make the women of Central University of logical, expressive, ratio-Jammu under the dynamic nal and the progress of a

#### Dr. Neelika Arora, Associate Professor while gramme for Women can- Government for ensuring speaking in the inaugural didates in collaboration women's empowerment function highlighted the maximum employment need for women to have more financial dependence along with a change in the mindset to become duced the trainer for the an entrepreneur. She

further spoke about the primary role of women towards parents, society and nation besides giving tips to participants to choose the courses careavailable opportunities. She stressed on knowlkey to become successful in life and also elaborated the concept of Kaushal Bharat - Kushal Bharat.

Earlier Dr. Shahid Mushtion of women in decision taq, Assistant Professor Sharma, Chief Guest of making. She stated that the in her welcome address upskilling initiative being launched by the University organizing an upskilling She pointed out that in the mir to learn employable India Jumps significantly ators rather than job seek- neurship for income and of this initiative.

employment generation. Speaking on the occasion he further said that the Tourism sector generates with minimum investment and is the backbone of J&K economy. He intro-Programme Mr. S. Gupta having diverse industry experience of working in reputed corporate houses.

Mr. S. Gupta, Trainer for the upskilling programme illuminated the path for fully depending on the aspiring Multipurpose Associates (Tourism), setting the tone for the edge, skills and attitude as enriching journey ahead. The inaugural ceremony held today, witnessed the presence of HoDs, and faculty members of the College. The entire program was coordinated by Dr. Neelika Arora, and Dr. the inaugural session women-led development briefed the participants Shahid Mushtaq under the about the Short-Term supervision of Prof. Jaya Bhasin, Project Director, DHE Project on Employand visionary leadership society is dependent on to empower the youth of ability Training and Dr. of its Vice Chancellor for the progress of women. UT of Jammu and Kash- Vandana Gupta, Principal, GDC Vijaypur. Mr. S. outreach Programme in fast-changing technologi- skills. He further pointed Gupta proposed a formal the College for the benefit cal world there is a need to out that the University vote of thanks expressing of female candidates. She learn, unlearn and relearn is hand-holding youth to gratitude to all the contalked about Nari Shakti as skills to become job cre- promote self-entrepre- tributors and supporters

### Bhutan on March 21-22, 2024

Visit of Prime Minister to

#### AGENCEIS

NEW DELHI, MAR 20

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will pay a State visit to Bhutan from 21-22 March 2024. The visit is in keep ing with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Bhutan and the Government's emphasis on its Neighbourhood First Policy.

During the visit, Prime Minister will receive audience with His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan and His Majesty Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan. Prime Minister will also hold talks with the Prime Minister of Bhutan H.E. Mr. Tshering Tobgay.

India and Bhutan share a unique and enduring partnership which is rooted in mutual trust, understanding and goodwill. Our shared spiritual heritage and warm people to people ties add depth and vibrancy to our exceptional relations. The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to exchange views on bilateral and regional matters of interest and deliberate on ways to expand and intensify our exemplary partnership for the benefit of our peoples.

#### Police organises awareness programme on New Criminal Laws in Handwara

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

HANDWARA, MAR 20

Police in Handwara organized a mass awareness programme on three New Criminal Laws at Boys Higher Secondary School Handwara, chaired by SDPO Handwara.

The programme aimed to educate and inform the students about the recent amendments and additions to the criminal laws, ensuring that they are well-aware and compliant with the legal framework.

During the session, SDPO Handwara along with SHO PS Handwara elucidated the nuances of the new laws, providing clarity on their implications and emphasizing the importance of adherence to legal statutes for the maintenance of law and order in society.

The initiative witnessed active participation from the students, who engaged in interactive sessions, seeking clarifications and expressing their queries regarding the legal provisions discussed.



tral University of Jammu on Gender Inequality ers.

decisive agenda set by the

spanned across women's

Studies in her address

said that for realizing the

### Election Training for Zonal, Sector Magistrates held at Bandipora

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** BANDIPORA, MARCH 20

In preparation for the upcoming Lok sabha elections, a training programme was today conducted for Zonal and Sector Magistrates of 15-Bandipora Assembly Constituency at Mini Secretariat, Bandipora.

The training programme was presided over by District Election Officer Shakeel ul Rehman and was attended by ARO/ ACR Shabir Ahmad Wani, GM DIC, Zonal and Sector Magistrates of 15-Bandipora assembly constituency and other concerned.

The training was aimed to equip zonal and sector magistrates with the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure the smooth conduct of electoral pro- tions cesses and uphold the integrity of elections.

ing impartiality in carrying besides directing the Zonal of ramp, drinking water, out duties for conducting and Sector Magistrates to peaceful and smooth elec- ensure assured minimum

The zonal/sectoral Mag- ing of zonal and sector istrates were briefed on Magistrates and asked Shabir Ahmad Wani on the their roles and responsi- ARO 15-Bandipora to take occasion highlighted the bilities, emphasizing the review from zonal and role and responsibilities importance of maintain- sector magistrates weekly of zonal and sector mag-

facility and all other nec-

On the occasion, DEO essary facilities at polling emphasized proper train- stations. ARO 15-Bandipora

ing provision signages etc.

He also deliberated on pre-poll and poll day responsibilities of Zonal and sector magistrates.

The ARO also empha-

### Khour Camp emerges victorious in Abhimanyu Memorial Cricket Tournament NS Bhau presents Trophies to Winners

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 20

In a much-anticipated conclusion to the Late Abhimanyu Memorial Cricket Tournament, Khour Camp took home the championship trophy after an intense final match against Samwan. The tournament, held in memory of the Late Abhimanyu, not only celebrated the spirit of cricket but also paid homage

Chief guest Narinder Singh Bhau presided over the closing ceremony, extending heartfelt congratulations to the victorious Khour Camp team. He also expressed deep gratitude towards the family of Late Abhimanyu for their enduring support and sacrifice. The presence of Ex-Sarpanch Geeta Bhau Abhimanyu Memorial



touch of grace and honor cased sporting excellence. to the event, underscoring the importance of community solidarity and remembrance.

Among the dignitaries present, Ex-BDC Chairand Anu Radha added a Cricket Tournament show- sportsman of the area.

As the sun set on the cricket field, echoing cheers and applause resonated in tribute to Late Abhimanyu and the spirit of sportsmanship that man Sham Sharma graced defined the tournament. the occasion as the guest Khour Camp's victory of honor, emphasizing the was not just a triumph on significance of sporting the field but a symbolic events in fostering cama- gesture of honor and raderie and unity within remembrance for Late esteemed guests such as the community. The Late Abhimanyu who himself was one of the renowned

#### 2-Day Orientation program on School Safety & Security concludes at B'la

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 20

In a significant step towards improving school safety and security, a two-day orientation program organized by the School Education Department, Baramulla concluded today.

During the pro-gramme, 40 teachers from different government schools across 18 zones in Baramulla District underwent training as master trainers. who will subsequently train about 1800 teachers as Safety Councilors and First Responders in their zones.

The programme was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, and was attended by the Chief Education Officer Baramulla, Balbir Singh Raina, along with teachers from various schools across the district.

The training featured a specialized team from State Disaster Response Fund, Health, and Red Cross, who demonstrated safety preparedness strategies during emergencies to the participating teachers.

The training also encompassed informative sessions led by experts on a range of topics concerning school safety and security. These included discussions on child safety measures, cybercrimes, insights into the POCSO Act and other key aspects to ensure school safety and security. Speaking during the program, the DC emphasized the need to raise awareness among students and all stakeholders about the importance of school safety and to create school-wide safety plans.

While distributing the certificates among

# Illegal extraction & transportation of minerals Police seizes 6 vehicles, arrests 5 drivers in Baramulla

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** BARAMULL, MAR 20

Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, police have seized 6 vehicles and arrested 5 drivers in Baramulla.

A police party under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla & SDPO Pattan assisted by SHO PS Baramulla & IČ PP Palhallan seized 6 vehicles (3 tippers, 3 tractors) and arrested 5 drivers, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Khanpora and Dargam Baramulla. The accused drivers have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Wani son of Sanaullah & Shabir Ahmad Bhat son of Gh Nabi both residents of Shilwat tipper managed to fled



Sumbal, Parvaiz Ahmad away from the spot and not to indulge in any kind Mir son of Gh Mohiud- efforts are on to nab him. of illegal mining activi-

istrates.

He said

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sized the importance of ethical conduct and adherence to code of conduct

# **DEO Srinagar conducts comprehensive** inspection of Election Strong rooms cum **Distribution/ Collection Centres**

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MARCH 20

The District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Wednesday conducted comprehensive inspection of proposed election Strong Rooms cum Collection/ Distribution Centres being established for all 08 Assembly constituencies of Srinagar District.

The inspection was undertaken to assess the preparedness for smooth conduct of the upcoming Lok Sabha Election-2024 in the District.

facilities at Strong Room smooth and efficient elec- tion of election materials. storage. cum Collection/ Distri- tion process. bution Centres for all 08



sures to ensure that all

While interacting with He asked them to make the AROs and other con- Commissioner (ARO/

During the visit, the required arrangements tribution Centres in order election material besides DEO/DC took onsite review are put in place well in to avoid any cluttering ensuring efficient and of the arrangements and advance to facilitate during distribution/collec- secure mechanisms for its

placed at Collection/Dis- handling/ management of

Additional Deputy

People are requested

# for electoral officials.

din resident of Hurchak,

Khaliq resident of Tapper tion Pattan and investiga- dealt as per law. Payeen. The driver of one tion have been taken up.

**DEO Pulwama chairs meeting with** 

representatives of Political Parties

Accordingly, cases ties from any Nallah as Mashooq Ahmad Mir son under relevant sections it is the violation of Govof Gh Mohd resident of of law have been regis- ernment rules. Persons Nillah Pattan & Mushtaq tered in Police Station found indulging in illegal Ahmad Wani son of Ab Baramulla & Police Sta- mining activities shall be

26-Central Shalteng.

the DEO stressed upon tres. the concerned Assistant

During the inspection, lection/Distribution Cen-

Returning Officers (AROs) sis on placing adequate the electoral process. to take up necessary mea- spaces for counters to be

He stressed on proper during the visit.

Assembly Constituencies proper arrangements for cerned staff, the DEO/DC ERO- Zadibal), Dr Khalid viz 19-Hazratbal, 20-Khan- polling staff, adequate underscored the impor- Hussain Malik, Additional yar, 21-Habbakadal, 22-Lal- parking and separate tance of ensuring that all Deputy Commissioner Chowk, 23-Chanapora, entry/exit of the vehicles Strong Rooms cum Collec- (ARO/ERO- Hazratbal), 24-Zadibal, 25-Eidgah and carrying election material tion/Distribution Centres Syed Ahmad Kataria, at Strong Rooms cum Col- adhere to prescribed stan- Deputy District Election dards of Election Commis- Officer, Mir Imtiyaz Ul sion of India to uphold the Aziz, Other AROs, and He also laid empha- integrity and fairness of other concerned officers accompanied the DEO

the teachers who completed the training, the DC underscored the important role they will play in ensuring a conducive learning environment for students by identifying and addressing any safety and security issues that may arise.



#### JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, MARCH 20

The District Election Offition Office premises, here. tions by State Level Master The meeting was aimed Trainer.

to foster dialogue and upcoming elections.

cratic principles.

During the meeting, key process. topics including Model

Code of Conduct, Role from the political parties of Political Parties in dif- expressed their appreciaferent stages of electoral tion for the opportunity process and adherence to to engage in constructive cer (DEO) Pulwama, Dr. Guidelines and Directives dialogue and pledged Basharat Qayoom chaired of ECI were discussed. their commitment for a meeting with represen- The political parties were ensuring smooth electatives of various political encouraged to actively toral process in Pulwama parties at the District Elec- engage through presenta- district. The DEO concluded the meeting by reaffirming

Dr. Basharat reiterated the Election Commission's adherence to MCC guide- the Election Commission's dedication to facilitating lines and cooperation commitment to conduct- a transparent and credamong political stakehold- ing free and fair elections ible electoral process. He ers in the lead-up to the and urged all political urged all political parties parties to abide by the to work collaboratively The DEO emphasized electoral code of con- towards achieving the the importance of ensur- duct. He emphasized the common goal of upholding a fair, transparent and need for mutual respect, ing the integrity of the inclusive electoral process cooperation and adher- democratic process. that upholds the demo- ence to democratic norms

The meeting was throughout the electoral attended by Nodal Officer MCC (ADC), AROs and Dy The representatives DEO.

**JI NEWS SERVICE** 

GANDERBAL, MARCH 20

at the District Treasury Officer's office, here today.

The meeting brought together a dedicated group of officials tasked with overseeing and monitoring election expenditure.

With the upcoming elections looming on the horizon, the discussions were centered on maintaining a level playenhancing the efficacy of ing field for all candiand fostering collabora- the teams to exercise dilition among the teams to uphold the integrity of the their duties. electoral process.



practices related to election expenditure.

Emphasizing the significance of their role in monitoring mechanisms dates, the Dy.DEO urged a renewed resolve to gence and impartiality in

Furthermore, strate- toral process, thereby During the meeting, the gies for leveraging techensuring a level playing Dy.DEO underscored the nology and data analytics field for all stakeholdparamount importance to streamline monitoring ers involved. The Meetof adhering to stringent efforts were deliberated ing was attended by guidelines and protocols upon, with a focus on Assistant Expenditure to curb any potential mal- leveraging innovative tools Observers for both the

to identify and address ACs of District Ganderbal, Teams, and Expenditure discrepancies promptly.

In adherence to the Election Commission's directives, the meeting concluded with uphold the democratic values and principles enshrined in the elecmembers of Accounting Monitoring Cell.

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INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH				
Tender Notice No. 15/2023-24 Dated : 19.03.202				
Sr. Divisional Material Manager, N. Rly. Store Branch DRM Office, Firozpur for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items :-				
	Tender No.	Description	Quantity	Due Date
1	94245258	SITC of Transformer	01 nos	16.04.2024
Note:- Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted. 883/24				
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## Meeting of Election Expenditure Monitoring Teams held at Ganderbal

In a concerted effort to ensure transparency and fairness in the electoral process, the Deputy District Election Officer (Dy. DEO) Ganderbal, Abid Iqbal Malik along with the Election Expenditure Monitoring Teams, convened a pivotal meeting



# 47th Meeting of National Committee of Archivists concludes in Srinagar

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JAMMU, MARCH 21, 2024 THURSDAY

#### JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAR 20

The two-days' 47th Meeting of the National Committee of Archivists (NCA) was concluded on 19 March 2024 at the Sher-e Kasmir Convention Centre (SKICC), Srinagar. Delegates from Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh participatmode

deliberated on various and sharing the rich docaspects that are required umentary heritage of the system in their respec- Web-Portal. tive State/ UTs, and

valuable infor-

ed in person, while those leveraging full potential National Archives of India from Haryana and West of the digital and AI tech- in formulating the guide-Bengal attended in virtual nologies for this purpose. lines and Standard Oper-They agreed on adopting ating Procedures (SOPs), During the two-days a focused and concerted meeting, the delegates approach for preserving of records.

archives administration their archival resources such as integration of results on any given topic, and records management easily accessible through Oral Archives and non- on which archival material

with regard to digitization

It was also agreed that the NCA should also for revitalizing the nation, and for making explore into new areas traditional archival sourc-The delegates also es into public archives in ferent repositories.

UTs. his Ιn address, Shri Arun Singal, Director General of Archives and Chairman and Convener of NCA emphasised on the need for democratization of the

NAI, State and

mation contained in public underscored the need for sought the guidance of the and private records held in various State and Union Territory archives across India by making it easily accessible to the users through the Internet. He added that collaboration amongst the archival institutions in India is vital to provide unified search might be available in dif-

# Under PM Modi, J&K will march to greater heights: Ashok Koul

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Prominent political and social personalities including many Sarpanches, Naib-Sarpanches, Panches having affiliations to various political parties and ex-servicemen from Reasi and Jammu, joined Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), J&K BJP welcomed the new entrants into the party fold.

Kuldeep Raj Dubey MLA Balwant Singh Mankotia, Arvind Gupta, District Reasi Prabhari, person, Abdul Rashid, from far-flung areas like Minority Morcha, Choud- witnessed the develop- ment for the upliftment of occasion.

hary Roshan Hussain, ment taking place in their weaker sections so that the on the occasion.

Ashok Koul, welcoming the new entrants, said the greater heights", said that anyone who believes Ashok Koul. in the ideology of BJP is welcome in the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the public welfare schemes launched for ties and having previous poor and needy by the affiliations to different Modi government testifies political parties are conoverall development of to join the ranks of BJP to its citizens on the lines of serve the nation. "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas,

Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas". "Hundreds of people senior leader BJP, former are joining BJP everyday, flung areas of Reasi, which trusting the policies of Modi Government. Today, facilities earlier, due to the also prominent political Sarf Singh Nag, DDC Chair- and social personalities by NC, Congress and PDP. DDC Member, Ranjodh Reasi, Mahore, Arnas the new entrants to work Singh Nalwa President BJP have joined BJP, having with full zeal and commit-

President ST Morcha and areas. They have a strong benefits of schemes can others were also present belief that under the lead- be reached to the people ership of PM Modi, Jammu standing last in the line. & Kashmir will march to Dr. Bhawana Kaushal (educationist) from Jammu

joined on the occasion. Balwant Singh Manko-Mohd. Shafi (Sartia said that the numerous panch), Shamsher Singh prominent persons repre-(Sarpanch), Antif Hussian senting various communi-(Sarpanch), Haji. Mohd. Mustaq (Sarpanch). Madam Shamema Akter (Sarpanch), Mohd. Latif its commitment for the tacting the party leaders (Sarpanch), Madam Lakhwinder Kour (Sarpanch), Tara Mani (Naib Kuldeep Raj Dubey Sarpanch), Seva Singh said that under the Modi (Panch), Mohd. Mansha government, the develop-(Panch), Rattan Singh ment has reached the far-(Naib Sarpanch), Chandav Ram (Panch), Kartar lacked even the basic Singh (Panch), Zail Singh

(Panch), Basharat Ali apathy of governments led (Panch), Captain Mohd. Arvind Gupta urged

Gurjit Singh (Former

by the participating teams.

spectators for making the

promotion of hockey and

#### Aslam (Ex Service), Captain Vikrant Singh and other Ex-Servicemen from Reasi joined BJP on the **JKBS** commends Vicky Kaith for promoting Dogri language through

songs JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 20:

The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha members who joined R.L.Kaith in Surya Vihar today, hailed Music Director Vicky Kaith's latest Dogri song 'Dillan De Pyare' sung by R.K.Manhas and Reya Katerwal prepared with an object to promote the regional language Dogri.

Vicky mentioned to them that 'Dillan De Pyare' is a song about the struggle to keep love alive during the hard seasons and also gently reminds the listener that things that are meant to be will be. This track is dosed with beautiful nature scenery with the sound of warm emotions and feelings. It's perfect to listen to on any fall afternoon or evening.

# Modi Govt gave new dimensions to sports: Kavinder

### Witnesses final **Open Hockey** Tournament

**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Kavinder Gupta, senior commended the governgovernment in revolution- field. He expressed his and creating a conducive levels. environment for athletes to flourish.

nament held at the presti- has yielded remarkable that have provided aspir- holders, including the ingthe audience with their Singh, Iqbal Singh (NIS

gious K K Hakku Stadium in Jammu.

Kavinder Gupta, who was the Chief Guest during the final match, asserted that the Modi government has brought a new dimension to sports infrastructure across the nation. He BJP leader and former ment's unwavering dedi-Deputy Chief Minister, cation towards uplifting highlighted the remark- sports and fostering a culable efforts of the Modi ture of excellence in the izing sports infrastructure admiration for the signifiduring its ten years of rule. cant investments made in He emphasized the gov- upgrading sports facilities, ernment's commitment in empowering athletes, and have won record number that these initiatives have enhancing sports facilities encouraging sports at all

The senior BJP leader endra Modi, the govern- lishment of world-class their sporting ambitions. was speaking at the finals ment's relentless focus stadiums, training cenof the Open Hockey Tour- on sports development ters, and sports academies encouraged all stake- work and skills, captivat- Balmeet Singh, Ranjeet individuals to excel.



results in the national and ing athletes with state-ofinternational level games the-art infrastructure and where in our athletes facilities. He mentioned of Gold, Silver and Bronze not only improved the medals, brining laurels to quality of training but "Under the leadership the country," Kavinder have also inspired count-

of Prime Minister Nar- said and lauded the estab- less youngsters to pursue

the sports infrastructure tous occasion included J&K Police), and Ishtyak. in the Union Territory. He Rajinder Singh (Former Their expertise ensured a reiterated the importance President Hockey India), fair and exciting competiof investing in sports, not G.S Bakshi, Rajinder tion. Kavinder Gupta also only for physical well- Koul (Sr. Vice President expressed his admiration being but also for fostering Hockey J&K), Daljeet Singh for the remarkable talent national pride, unity, and (Member Hockey J&K), and dedication displayed happiness. final match of the Open Hockey J&K), Manjeet organizers, players, and Hockey Tournament at KK Hakku Hockey Stadium, J&K), Supinder Deep Singh tournament a resounding

was between the MBS Hockey Club from Simbal and the BSB Hockey Club displayed exemplary per-

from Poonch. Both teams and players. formances, showcasing ated by a proficient tech- communities together and The senior BJP leader their exceptional stick nical panel, including create opportunities for

government, sports orga- enthusiasm and sports- Hockey Coach J&K Police), manship.

Among those who International Hockey graced the momen- player & Hockey coach Gurpreet Singh (Vice Pres-

Earlier, Kavinder Gupta ident Hockey J&K), Adv. He conveyed his heartfelt witnessed the nail-biting Ishan Sharma (Treasurer appreciation to all the Singh (Sr. Member Hockey Jammu. The intense clash Bakshi (General Secretary success. He encouraged Hockey J&K), RP Sarna, the continued growth and Ashok Sharma, as well as enthusiastic spectators other sports in the Union

Territory, underlining the The match was offici- potential of sports to bring

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Since Article 370 revocation...

surely become the Prime Minister of the country. When- to the youth or ensuring industry linkages for lavender tance of brotherhood and amity. They expressed hope

nizations, and communities, to continue working together to further elevate

Khajuria, among others, have joined the party.

ble figures have severed ties with the PDP, including you are the future," he added. former minister Imran Raza Ansari, Basharat Bukhari, Abdul Rahim Rather, former Deputy Chief Minister Muzaffar Baig, former minister Haseeb Drabu, Javed of Mehbooba Mufti have also disassociated themselves from the party. Consequently, NC, aligned with the INDIA alliance, has unequivocally stated its reluctance to engage in any seat-sharing agreement with the PDP. Furthermore, former MLA Sheikh Jabbar and former Deputy CM Parvez Qadri have also parted ways with the NC. KNO

#### **Elections in J&K will...**

those who have denied democracy and welfare to Kashmir for 75 years should be punished.

Talking about BIP's performance in the upcoming Lok Sabha 2024 elections, Shah said he believes the party will give its best performance to date in Uttar

The minister also stated that India will defeat the 'parivaar-waad' parties.

#### **Choudhary Lal Singh...**

"In 2002, our party formed the government in Jammu and Kashmir when I had won the Assembly elections. After that, when BJP had given the slogan of shining India in 2004, I won Lok Sabha elections and the Congress party formed the government at the centre. Everybody should keep this in mind and in advance we all should be united," Singh said, in his own style.

Lal Singh said that fighting elections in Jammu and Kashmir is a tough job and he knows it very well. "I have faced three deadly attacks but escaped unhurt. I know how tough it is to fight elections in J&K and you all should respect us," he added.

He expressed his displeasure on changing his canto Dr. Jitendra Singh of BJP). "You all were witness to that and even cried," he added.

Preferring Azad over Singh during 2014 elections became the reason for him to leave the grand-old party and he jumped the ship and joined BJP. He successfully contested the 2014 Assembly elections in J&K and became the minister in PDP-BJP coalition government.

people will die. "Rahul Gandhi is young and he will

ever I see these young people around (pointing towards In addition to Syed Altaf Bukhari, several other nota- Neeraj Kundan and Shanawaz Choudhary), I tell them

Welcoming him into the party fold, PCC President Vikar Rasool Wani said that Choudhary Lal Singh has always worked for the downtrodden and poor people Mustafa Mir, and Ashraf Mir. Moreover, some relatives and has emerged a strong leader. "His joining is a welcome step and we welcome him," he added.

The two-time Member Parliament (MP) from Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha seat, Singh's joining Congress party will give a huge boost to the grand-old party from this seat where Minister of State (MoS) in Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Dr. Jitendra Singh is contesting on BJP's ticket.

Choudhary Lal Singh's candidate will make this contest on Udhampur-Doda seat interesting as Singh has his own base in his home district Kathua and Congress party enjoys good reputation in Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts of this constituency. With his entry, there will be a direct contest between Choudhary Lal Singh and Jitendra Singh whereas Democratic Progress Azad Party's (DPAP) candidate and former MLA from Pradesh and will get more seats than in the 2014 polls. Inderwal Ghulam Muhammad Saroori will play a major role as being a native of Kishtwra district, he is expected to get votes from Chenab valley.

Jitendra Singh is also a two-time MP from this seat and is considered a close aide of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He will be facing a strong heat as the contest will be tough

This seat is all set to go for polls in first phase on April 19 and the counting of votes will be on June 4. KNO

#### Udhampur constituency...

Aroma Mission by Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt of India.

This endeavour provides India an alternate source to propel its economy, Dr Jitendra Singh stated.

Over 3000 flourishing lavender entrepreneurs from Bhaderwah have shown the youth of India a new and lucrative avenue of StartUp through agriculture which is didature during 2014 Lok Sabha elections when party an exclusive domain of this country and will contribute had given the mandate to Ghulam Nabi Azad (who lost value addition to India's future economic growth and realisation of PM Narendra Modi's vision of "Vikriti Bharat" by 2047, he said.

The Minister informed that more than three thousand youth of J&K are engaged in this mission which has emerged as an avenue of self-employment as these youngsters are earning in lakhs.

Dr Jitendra Singh underscored that this has been Thanking Congress party, Lal singh said that the achieved due to the personal efforts of Prime Minister, ings to people on the auspicious eve of Navroz e Aalam. Officer and other officer and submit its findings report future belongs to young people and the all the old Shri Narendra Modi, and the government's measures to provide all possible support, be it imparting training

products or provision of other necessary logistical aid, to spur this revolution. Lavender-made products are in J&K. sold in thousands in States like Maharashtra, fetching rich revenue for the producers, he informed.

The Minister recalled that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who gave a clarion call of Start up India, Stand Up India from the ramparts of historic Red Fort. Following the Prime Minister's call, people joined the movement. As a result, the number of start-ups has now gone past 1.25 lakh from a mere 350 existing at that time, thereby placing India at number three spot in this field in the world, Dr Jitendra Singh informed.

The Union Minister urged the youth to join the agri start-up ecosystem so that they can contribute to making value addition to the economy, and help in the defence personnel posted at far away places in the realising the national goal of making India a number one economy in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal.

which are either unexplored or under-explored hold the potential of making value addition to the economy, adding that the role of Jammu and Kashmir-pioneered purple revolution will be of critical importance to make India a developed nation by 2047.

#### Govt constitutes committees...

Finance, Housing & Urban Development Department, Representative of Finance Department (not below the rank of the Additional Secretary), Joint Director (Planning), Housing & Urban Development Department, Director, Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs (or their representative), additional secretary (law), housing and urban development department and Team leader/Technical Head, SPMU(KPMG) while Informatics Officer, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Nodal Officer (NUDM), J&K will be member secretary of the committee.

The Committee can co-opt any other member(s), as may be deemed and terms of reference will be to meet once every two months to review progress under National Urban Digital Mission, to align various stakeholders with the mission requirements, to review and recommend reforms, provide guidance on legal and other requirements and to assist in removing bottlenecks and finally approve the system development. KNO

#### PM, J&K LG, DGP, others...

President Omar Abdullah have extended warm greet-In their greetings message, Dr Farooq and Omar Abdullah highlighted the region's rich legacy and inheri

that the day will herald peace, prosperity and progress

Meanwhile, NC General Secretary Ali Mohammad Sagar, Additional General Secretary Dr Sheikh Mustafa Kamal, Treasurer Shammi Oberoi, PP Nasir Aslam Wani, Chief Spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq, party leader Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi have also extended warm greetings go people on Navroz e Aalam. KNO

#### Gun license to ineligible...

Licensing Authority/District Magistrate with middlemen and other gun house dealers. In furtherance of the criminal conspiracy, the gun house dealers lured country and got their arms license issued from district Kupwara in an illegal manner, despite those personnel Calling for action, Dr Jitendra Singh said the areas neither being resident of the State nor posted in the district, without police verification. Alleged illegal gratification per license were sought and collected by the gun house dealers and middlemen, the statement said.

Issuance of large number of arms licenses in a bordering district like Kupwara in illegal manner to ineligible persons is a matter of grave concern and poses serious threat to law & order and public safety, it said, adding that further investigation is going on. KNO

#### JKBOSE Shocker...: 11th..

the notification in while."

"We got the information of the issue and we have decided to reschedule the exams. New dates will be issued soon," the official said.

Meanwhile school education department has constituted a committee to enquire about the distribution of wrong question paper.

Administrative Secretary, School Education Department Piyush Singla accordingly accorded the constitution of committee, comprising of Directors of School Education of both Jammu and Kashmir regions.

Singla said that the shall enquire into the incident of wrong distribution of 11th class question paper to 12th class students appeared in the Board examination on March-20-2024 by the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education.

It also said that the committee shall look into circumstances of the cancellation of the examination and the responsibility shall be fixed on supervisory and administrative level for the negligence.

"The committee shall co-opt any Chief Education to the administrative within seven days," it reads. KNO

VAFs under SVEEP held in different

educational Zones of Kupwara

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

### Lok Sabha Elections -2024 **Expenditure Observer reviews election** preparedness in Udhampur



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** UDHAMPUR, MARCH 20

here today.

The meeting facilitat- ditures. ed extensive interaction

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

stituency.

In an effort to ensure Udhampur, Saloni Rai, for expenditure booking. smooth conduct of Parlia- presented a comprehenmentary Elections 2024, sive briefing to the Expen- towards duty, he under-Satyanarayana Raju Bhu- diture Observer regarding scored the necessity of pathi, the Expenditure the preparations made coordination among vari-Observer for 04-Udham- and the teams assembled ous teams for effective pur Parliamentary Constit- to monitor Model Code of uency, chaired a meeting Conduct (MCC) compli- He urged upon the nodal ance and candidate expen-

The Expenditure promptly inform the elecamong the Nodal Offi- Observer reviewed the tion observer. The Expendistricts of the 4-Udham- wise basis. He emphasized Udhampur district.

pur parliamentary con- the importance of maintaining proper records and

District Election Officer adhering to ECI guidelines Stressing sincerity expenditure oversight. officers to document any MCC violation and

cers tasked with oversee- preparations and the diture Observer expressed ing Election Expenditure status of teams on an satisfaction with the monitoring across all five assembly constituency- election preparations in

## DEO Budgam sensitises recognised political parties regarding Model **Code of Conduct Guidelines**

#### JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, MARCH 20

The District Election Officer (DEO) Budgam, Akshay Labroo today chaired a meeting with representatives of the recognised political parties.

At the outset, the representatives of political parties were sensitized regarding the strict adherence to Model Code of the upcoming Lok- Sabha 2024 elections in the district. The DEO emphasized that all guidelines of Election Commission of India (ECI), shall be implemented and followed in letter and spirit in the district.

He urged political par- and the Media Certificaties to ensure that ECI's guidelines on Model Code of Conduct for Political Parties are complied with. He also urged politi-

cal parties to give their cooperation to the district administration for conduct of free, fair and

Orientation

Session for

Mehram

female pilgrims/

'Lady without

Category' on

March, 26 at Haj

House, Bemina

**JI NEWS SERVICE** 

SRINAGAR, MARCH 20

The J&K Haj Commit-

tee is organising a

separate Orientation

/ Training Session

for selected female

pilgrims especially

females belonging

to 'Lady Without

Mehram Category'

on 26th March,

2024 at Haj House,

Bemina, Srinagar.

The Training pro-

gramme shall com-

mence at 11.00 am.



Conduct (MCC) during smooth elections in the briefed the political pardistrict. The DEO said ties regarding the MCC that the district admin- and urged them to follow istration is committed to all guidelines in letter and implementing the ECI's spirit.

guidelines in letter and Later, the DEO also chaired meeting of Bank spirit and to ensure strict implementation of MCC. Heads and instructed He also informed that a them to facilitate candidedicated Media Centre dates smooth opening of bank accounts and issuance of cheque books as tion and Monitoring Committee facility has also per the ECI guidelines been established at Dis-The bank heads were

trict Information Centre also sensitized about Budgam. the guidelines of ECI on Meanwhile, Additional reporting of suspicious District Development bank transactions and

Commissioner Budgam, reporting same to the con-Nodal Officer, MCC also cerned agencies.

general public and stu-

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** KUPWARA, MARCH 20

Zones of the district includ-In its endeavour to extend electoral literacy to adult ing Khumryal, Langate, populations, District Nodal Mawar, Vilgam, Bahadu-Officer SVEEP Kupwara rkote, Rajwar and Sogam. today organized awareness programs in different for generating discussions educational Zones across the district.

Community members, electoral process.

### Srinagar's 10 BN of SSB Pays Tribute to Reyaj Ahmad Gojar

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 20, 2024:

In a ceremony commemorating Martyrs Day, the Srinagar based 10 BN of SSB Batamaloo, paid tribute to the late Reyaj Ahmad Gojar Khatana, a jawan who laid down his life on March 20th 2019, during cross-border firing at Village Kundali Barjala Jabda, in Uri sector of Baramulla District.

martyr.

The event concluded nation's gratitude for the with a pledge ceremony to service rendered by the uphold the legacy of the nation's martyrs and to Addressing the gather- ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Training Session for Micro observers, Video viewing teams, Magistrates held in Doda



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** DODA, MARCH 20

A training session was and management. During organized in Doda for the training session, Prof. ed practical exercises Micro observers, Video Dr Akhtar Hussain, Dis- and simulations to help viewing teams, and Mag- trict Level Master Trainer participants familiar-

of election monitoring cess.

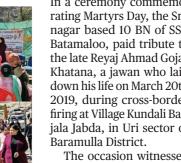
The training session mation and maintain the covered various aspects integrity of electoral pro-

The session includistrates for upcoming Lok (DLMT) briefed the par- ize themselves with the **SVEEP Campaign organised** at Padder Kishtwar



#### JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 20

A SVEEP Campaign was today organised at Gulabgarh, Padder, with special focus on women voters, youth voters, voters with turnout and electors facilidisability and senior tation was held order to citizen voters under the ensure free and fair elecsupervision of BDO HQ, tions. Chahat Bharti, deputed



gathering of officials of 10 nation's unwavering sup-BN, dignitaries, and the port and indebtedness to family members of the the SSB personnel who The event commenced country's borders and

with a wreath-laying cer- maintain internal security emony, as Jawans, senior with utmost dedication and officers, including Shri Rohitashwa, Commandant of the 10 BN SSB, along- honored and presented side Shri Reyaz's wife, Smt. with tokens of appreciation Rabiya Begum, and grieving as a gesture of gratitude for family members, paid their their immense sacrifice and respects to the deceased. unwavering support to the A minute of silence was nation. observed, reflecting the

The occasion witnessed tashwa reiterated the continue to safeguard the

dents participated in the

events held at different

Awareness Forums

(VAFs) are informal forums

and awareness around the

valor The Soldier's family was

#### with Key stakeholders women voters, AWWs, ASHA workers, BLOs, NRLM SHGs, etc. where-

in detailed sensitization regarding poll processes, gender disparity in voter

A massive rally was also

Sabha Election's 2024.

knowledge to effectively elections. carry out their duties during the election process.

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KISHTWAR, MARCH 20

Kishtwar, led by Dis-

trict Election Officer, Dr.

Devansh Yadav orchestrated a significant aware-

ness and sensitization

workshop today under

Systematic Voters' Educa-

tion and Electoral Partici-

pation (SVEEP) initiative

for Anganwari Workers,

Members.

Lok Sabha Election 2024:

ticipants about roles and tools and technologies was held with an aim to observers, Video viewing the elections. Addition-

The participants also the effectiveness of parreceived training on how ticipants in their respecto handle sensitive infor- tive roles.

**SVEEP** awareness programme held for

Women field functionaries in Kishtwar

The training session responsibilities of Micro they will be using during equip these key personnel teams as well as the legal ally, experts in the field with necessary skills and framework governing shared their insights and best practices to enhance

As such, all the interested female pilgrims especially 'Lady without Mehram Category' pilgrims shall attend the said Training programme as per schedule.

as Women Nodal officer organised through market in Padder Nagseni-AC. area to create awareness

During the campaign, among masses regarding an exhaustive interaction participation in upcoming session was conducted Lok Sabha elections.

## **SVEEP: Voters Awareness program** organised at Kaman Post, Uri

The Sub Division Adminis tration in Uri orchestrated a dynamic Voters Awareness program at Kaman Post Uri, as part of the ongoing Systematic Voter Education Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initia-

The event, aimed at

over by the Sub Divisional Magistrate Uri, Javid Ahmad Rather. The program saw the enthusiastic participation of Additional Nodal Officer SVEEP, Vice Principal GDC Uri, SDPO Uri, AEROs, Principals,

grounds.

soldier. ing, Commandant Rohi-

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** BARAMULLA, MARCH 20

debates, speeches, paint- voters, to exercise their ing competitions, and franchise responsibly and contribute to the demo-These engaging sessions cratic fabric of the nation. captivated the audience, The involvement of Booth fostering a spirit of civic Level Officers (BLOs) was instrumental in disseminating crucial informa-During his address, tion about the electoral SDM Uri underscored the process and empowering pivotal role of electoral litattendees with knowledge about their voting rights eracy in shaping informed citizenry and emphasized and responsibilities.

In recognition of the the significance of active participation in the elecparticipants' dedication toral process, particularly and enthusiasm, partici-The event featured a with the Lok Sabha 2024 pation certificates were diverse array of interactive elections on the hori- distributed by SDM Uri, activities, including skits, zon. He urged all eligible in presence of Additional

Lok Sabha Elections -2024 First phase of randomization of **EVM-VVPATs held** at Ramban <u>JI NEWS SERVICE</u> RAMBAN, MARCH 20

The first phase of randomization of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) for Lok Sabha polls, 2024 was conducted here today under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO), Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, in presence of representatives of political parties and senior officials.

This exercise has been done for allocation of Ballot Units, Control Units and VVPATs to two assembly segments of the district. About 205 EVMs along with CU and BU and 218 VVPATs were allocated to AC-54 (Ramban) besides allocation of 236 EVMs along with BU and CU and 251 VVPATs to AC-55 (Banihal) for smooth conduct of the polling process.

Speaking on the occasion, the DEO said that the aim of randomization is to ensure free and fair elections with no human intervention as the process is being done by a dedicated software.

ICDS helpers, ASHAs, and Women Self Help Group under the diligent supervision of Women Nodal Officer for Kishtwar Assembly Constituency 49, Chandan other relevant stakehold-

Manhas. The primary objec- ers. tive of the program was rights.



In her opening remarks, of every eligible woman of to engage women field Nodal Officer, Chandan voting age in the Electoral functionaries and work- Manhas underscored the Roll/Register, leaving no ers in amplifying aware- pivotal role of women one behind. She articuness regarding equitable citizens in the democratic lated that the active parparticipation of women process, particularly in ticipation of women in the in the electoral process, the upcoming General Lok democratic fabric is indiswith a special emphasis on Sabha Elections of 2024. pensable for nurturing an Lok Sabha Election 2024, upholding ethical voting She emphasized the indis- inclusive society that gen- slated for 19th April 2024 pensable contribution of uinely reflects the diverse in the district.

The workshop wit- women frontline workers nessed the presence of in galvanizing awareness The event took place District Information Offi- among women voters cer, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, to exercise their voting CDPO Kishtwar, Ifat Ara rights, thereby fostering along with Master Trainer, maximum participation in Riyaz Ahmed Butt, among democratic exercise.

She reiterated the commitment towards inclusion needs and perspectives of all constituents.

During the workshop, participants were tasked with identifying women who are yet to be enrolled in the Voters List/Electoral Roll and urged to liaise with respective BLOs to facilitate the registration of eligible women voters and first-time voters alike. During the programme, Master Trainer, Riyaz Ahmed Butt provided comprehensive guidance

on ethical voting practices while elucidating various amenities available at polling stations to facilitate women voters' seamless participation.

Anganwari Workers, Helpers, ASHAs, and Women SHG members were urged to fervently motivate women voters to exercise their franchise and ensure maximum participation on the polling day of the General

# tive.

fostering electoral literacy and encouraging robust participation in the democratic process, witnessed a commendable turnout and active engagement from various stakehold-

Program was presided slogan writing contests. responsibility and democratic participation.

Zonal Education Officers, BDO Uri, Supervisors, BLOs, school principals and teachers, local residents, and students from diverse educational back-

cultural performances, voters, especially first-time Nodal Officer SVEEP.



# **EDITORIAL**

## **Navigating political** alliances in J&K

The political landscape of Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a complex interplay of alliances and strategic maneuvers as the upcoming Lok Sabha elections draw near. Among these developments, the dynamics within the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc, particularly involving the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the National Conference (NC), have garnered significant attention. Differences have emerged within the INDIA bloc, with the PDP awaiting the National Conference to unilaterally announce candidates for three Lok Sabha seats in the Kashmir Valley. This waiting game underscores a calculated strategy by the PDP to present a united front against the BJP while signaling that it's the National Conference responsible for any division of anti-BJP votes. The PDP's decision to delay its candidate announcements until after the National Conference's move is strategic. It allows the PDP to scrutinize the NC's decisions, especially regarding perceived alignments with the BJP, and challenges the narrative of anti-BJP votes being split due to the NC's actions. Meanwhile, the National Conference has declared its intent to independently contest all three seats in Kashmir, signaling a reluctance to engage in seat-sharing agreements within the INDIA alliance. This stance has prompted informal discussions between the PDP and Congress to address the disagreement, particularly regarding the Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat. Omar Abdullah's recent statements reiterate the NC's position, emphasizing the party's unwillingness to concede seats to the PDP based on electoral strengths and past election results. This underscores the complexities of seat-sharing negotiations within the alliance. The emergence of a potential 'grand alliance' in Kashmir, involving key players like the NC, Congress, and PDP, has raised concerns within traditional parties. The proposal for alliances by parties like the J&K Apni Party and the Democratic Progressive Azad Party reflects a broader desire for political change in the region. The potential formation of a 'Third Front' in Kashmir, fueled by growing disillusionment with existing political options post-Article 370 abrogation, signifies a shift in the region's political dynamics. Parties like the J&K People's Conference are actively considering alliances, indicating a readiness for alternative political avenues. As these alliances and strategies evolve, they will shape the narrative and outcomes of the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The intricate dance of alliances, negotiations, and strategic positioning underscores the complexities of regional politics and the quest for political relevance and influence in the region. In navigating this evolving political terrain, stakeholders must prioritize dialogue, consensus-building, and inclusive representation. The 'Third Front' represents not just a political entity but a symbol of Kashmir's evolving democratic ethos, where diverse voices converge to chart a path towards inclusive and responsive governance. As Kashmiri society engages with these transformative dynamics, it is essential for political actors and citizens alike to uphold the principles of democratic values, pluralism, and inclusive representation. The forthcoming elections will serve as a litmus test for the resilience and adaptability of Kashmir's political landscape, as it navigates through a phase of profound transformation and redefinition.

# A democracy demolition job, carried out silently

NITIN SETHI

n unsigned note ment files, made effete rooms. With hundreds of found its way into attempts to seed doubts. a government file. They gave up easy and No one can tell who had soon enough. Everywritten it. Or who had one began to dress the put it in the file within note up with hundreds the secure confines of of pages of approvals. Union Finance Minis- Elegies for democracy try. That anonymous were being penned. With letter set off a series of everyone pretending it events to hollow elector- was sonnets extolling the al democracy. The note virtues of malevolence. proposed an Electoral Businesses and the Bonds Scheme. Within rich would, under cover

months, India would of darkness, now shovel have one. A legalised money into Indian goverroute for political par- nance. Invest in parties this count to begin with. ties to secretly funnel and politicians without Crony capitalism, large unaccounted money fear. Particularly those from India and abroad in power. And reap their into their coffers. Mostly, returns in due time. All as we now know, to the legitimate. All legal. All party that held com- so beautiful. mand, the BJP.

An already rickety edi- anyone who fed the unabashedly. What was you would have heard fice of electoral funding beast felt remorse. Files illegal earlier was the law in India would be further rarely disclose emotions. hollowed out. This time It can be said with ceraround, without even tainty that they knew the pretension of shame. what the beast would devour in time.

Almost with joy. Sardar Patel had once called them the 'steel done. No loud bang. No would goad everyone frame' of India - the large metal clangs. No to pay obeisance to one ones who are meant to hold the structure of small print. democracy in place when others attempted

The checks and balto drill a hole in it. The ances the founding mismanaged GST. A very officials, our public ser- fathers of the Constitu- well-planned formalisavants. They melted. Like tion had put in place tion of corruption would were Dozens of them signed Nobody would hear of it toral funding. It prom-

mous note. Very few, it within the confines of window clearances. was evident in govern- closed, sound-proof quick signatures on files. Each working like a nick to the body. Bleeding a weak democracy. And when the body

polity had been wellmutilated, it was presented to the people as fait accompli. Darkness was celebrated as a clean bright new day in Indian democracy. Not that Indian democ-

racy had been doing wonderfully well on swaths of unaccounted for cash and regulatory capture of governance had been the norm. But, now, what was done with It cannot be said if shame would be done

now. If there were a thousand local and regional corrupt deities that Indian politics had cre-This was how it was ated, the new religion gongs. Silent ball pens lord wanting to be above and correspondence in all others. An unplanned formalisation of economy had been set off by a

They went to the judipleaded for urgency. For the checks and balances of the Indian Constitution to kick in. They hoped.

Meanwhile, thousands into the coffers of political parties.

exaggerated, does it? If under the public sernews channels and read the newspapers over Gods are not to be held these years, I would accountable. Neither a think so, too. Delusion- hundred local deities, al and conspiratorial. certainly not an omnipo-If it had so happened, tent single one. of it, read of it. You along. Rs 16,000-odd begin with. One, that would have watched it crores of bonds were almost no one comes out

colours. Were you to believe fifth largest economy of Some just a little dirtier one retired adamant the world. In volume, self-driven man in his it was growing but yet seventies? A commodore not there. In effect, it he was called. Or a band had put the knife in the heart of Indian electoral of a few others who constantly crib while sitting democracy. in the capital? Or were you to instead believe large would continue can make democracy the pin-drop silence of to be oiled with mostly the media by and large? unaccounted cash. After all, life had not MLAs and MPs bought dismantled. now be the norm in elec- been great to start with. with currency, or qui-Democracy had sput- etened with raids and on to serve the anony- being done. It was done ised efficiency. Single tered some growth, suspensions. Elections

the powers-that-be had celebrated with a little A few were prescient. doled out more benefits. more distribution of Given doles and taken cash and kind. This ciary. Where else would the sand, the rock, the money could be used to they go. There the peti- forest, the water from buy Facebook advertisetion sat for over five under and sold it to ments, YouTube spots. years. There was silence friends as capital to build Payments that had to be again. The petitioners an empire on. We had made through banks, say been trained to imagine to charter airplanes. this was the most one should expect.

It's halted now. The anonymous note, the Small pockets of the intent of its promoters relatively privileged and their actions held may have imagined and unconstitutional. Held to of crores began pouring written about it, but be an attempt to murder large swathes of citizens democracy. But, no had not got to dream of one punished. No one It all sounds rather freedom from slavery expected they would be. We have been trained by I watched the television vant. The Constitution experience to expect so says it cannot be so. But little of democracy and

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its institutions. The powers that be express indignation. Not remorse. After all, the episode has taught The economy chugged us all what we knew to with shrill sounds and not too big in quantum clean from the business to get noticed in the end of Indian politics. than others. Some just a little more brazen than others.

> Two, it does not necessarily need a big loud shotgun. A ruthless cut Electoral funding at from a noiseless knife bleed just as much.

> > (The writer is the founding editor of The **Reporters' Collective** (www.reporterscollective.in))

## The transformative power of education in fostering global unity

#### VIVIAN WANG

plastic to fire.

n today's intricate academic excellence. global tapestry, education emerges as a pivotal force, transcending cultural boundaries and fostering mutual underachievement, this study dents

Within the contempomilieu, institutions offer- ingly interconnected

intercultural exchange, fostering innovation and

Indian students are renowned for their academic prowess, particularly in STEM disciplines. Beyond their intellectual standing among diverse contributions, they enrich populations. Delving into their academic environthe realm of academic ments by sharing their cultural heritage through explores the profound various events and celimpact of education, par- ebrations. This exchange ticularly focusing on the cultivates mutual respect experiences of Indian stu- and understanding among peers, broadening perspectives and equipping rary global educational students for an increas-

Placement Guarantee Proenhancing interview skills, gaining practical experience through internships, and facilitating on-campus employment opportunities. For Indian students aspiring to pursue careers abroad, such initiatives offer a pathway to success amid the challenges of securing work visas, tion's commitment to their holistic development. On-campus job oppor-

ing rigorous research-ori- global workforce. Initia- tunities serve as stepping only nurture future lead- a rich tapestry of diversity als but also the collective ented programmes attract tives promoting cross- stones for students to ers but also pave the way that enriches the learning well-being of humanity. apply theoretical knowl- for a future where cultural irrespective of their nation- a strength rather than a ality. Indian students benefit from roles in data processing and IT help desks, gaining invaluable realworld insights and honing essential soft skills such as problem-solving and time

programmes like the Job worldwide are laying the gramme guide students in interconnected and empa- among countries is not societies. career planning from the thetic global community merely a matter of acaapproach that integrates rigorous academic pro- more united and harmonifor cultural exchange, and practical professional development. The trans- exchanges lay the founda-Indian students abroad epitomizes this ethos, readiness for a globalised workforce.

In conclusion, the stereotypes and miscongroundwork for a more exchange of students ceptions that often divide

Furthermore, the skills outset, offering support in through a multifaceted demic enrichment; it is a and attitudes cultivated cornerstone for fostering a through international education-such as adaptgrammes, opportunities ous world. By facilitating ability, tolerance, and cross-cultural understand- intercultural communiing and empathy, student cation-are essential for addressing the complex formative educational tion for mutual respect challenges of our interjourney experienced by and cooperation on a connected world, from global scale. When stu- climate change to global dents from diverse back- health crises. By investing emphasizing the impor- grounds come together in in student exchanges and underscoring the institu- tance of diversity and educational settings, they promoting educational bring with them unique opportunities across borperspectives, traditions, ders, we not only invest These institutions not and experiences, creating in the future of individu-Ultimately, the exchange these of students among counexchanges cultivate life- tries serves as a powerful catalyst for building a better, more united world based on shared values of respect, cooperation, and mutual understanding. (The writer is Vice provost for global engagement at the University of Tulsa, USA.; views are personal)

a kaleidoscope of students cultural exchanges and from various backgrounds. collaboration underscore edge in practical settings, diversity is celebrated as This commitment is exem- the mutual benefits of culplified by programs spantural integration in fosterning disciplines such as ing educational and ecopetroleum engineering nomic growth.

Transitioning from acaand the energy sector. Such institutions serve as demia to the professional melting pots for students realm marks a pivotal from around the globe, stage for students. Certain facilitating a dynamic institutions distinguish international community. themselves by seamlessly This dynamic illustrates integrating career preparahow educational settings tion into the educational cultural understanding. ences in the pursuit of understanding and colcan serve as conduits for journey. For instance, Educational institutions collective achievement.

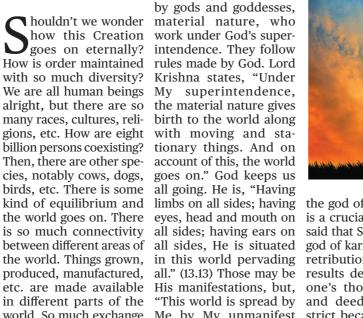
management. Education catalyses excellence and crossenvironment for all.

Moreover, barrier. By fostering envilong friendships and proronments where students fessional networks that from diverse backgrounds transcend borders, fostercan share experiences, ing a sense of global citilearn from one another, zenship and interconnectand prepare for the chaledness. As students return lenges of a globalised econ- to their home countries omy, education emerges with newfound knowledge and cultural insights, they as a unifying force, transcending cultural differbecome ambassadors for

#### AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI God mainly. He is assisted

We are all human beings billion persons coexisting? Then, there are other spein different parts of the world. So much exchange Me by My unmanifest of goods and services is form." (9.4) God is omnithere. How does order pre- present, omnipotent and vail in such a big world? omniscient. As stated ear-

The answer is the Divine lier, gods and goddesses Justice System. It is what assist God in this mamkeeps us all going year moth task. Of all, Shani after year for billions of devata requires special years. What is this System? mention in the subject mind, words and bodies ety is not shouldering its udiced notion towards



The divine justice system

is a crucial position. It is said that Shanideva is the god of karma, justice and retribution. He delivers results depending upon one's thoughts, speech and deeds. He is very strict because he has to ensure that only deserving persons get rewarded Principle' is.

Who implements it? It is connection, because he is are duly recorded for responsibility of looking anyone." (9.29) Justice

the god of justice, which future rewards and punishments. This is where the divine system differs from the human legal system. In the latter system, we look for instant justice; we have no patience. In our hurry, we ignore so many relevant factors. For example, a poor child steals some

after its weaker section of must prevail in all cases. children.

laboration, breaking down

legal system. That is the Creation to exist? reason criminals are not example, a person applying for a prime job but not food. In our legal system, one deserving. For God, and shirkers of duties get he is guilty of theft and "I am similarly inclined foolproof divine justice punished. This is exactly fit for punishment. But towards all beings, no one what is the 'Karmaphala in the divine system, the is hateful for Me; and no stick to dharma at all child may be forgiven, one is dear, that is I have times; we will be well All our acts done by especially because soci- no preconceived and prej-

Otherwise, how would But no guilt goes unpun- confidence be there in ished, which is not true the divine justice system, in the case of the human which is crucial for the

God does favour His as afraid as they should devotees but not at the be because they hope to cost of others. This is also escape punishment. It important, otherwise, why takes time in the case of would anyone approach the divine justice system God? For example, I turn because the totality of the to God for peace of mind. crime has to be consid- God has no difficulty in ered. A crime affects many. obliging me, if I become Consequences have to be deserving in His estimataken into consideration. tion. Rather God bails out But, ultimately justice is His devotees, who have delivered. Then, there is developed God's conno reward to anyone at the sciousness every time all expense of another. For time. (18.58) God finds a way not to go against 'dharma'. There is nothso deserving will not be ing God cannot do; He is favoured depriving some- unlimited. So what did we learn? That there is a system, and we should served.

> (The writer is a spiritual teacher, views are personal)

### Lok Sabha Elections -2024 First Phase randomization of EVMs held in Kathua

#### JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 20

The first phase of randomization of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections 2024 was conducted under the Officer for Udhampur Par-Kathua).

from various political par- 66-Jasrota, 67-Kathua (SC) software designed for this ties.

The randomization process focused on allo- the occasion highlighted ization took place, the



supervision of Returning cating a total of 1123 Ballot that the primary objeccials and representatives 64-Billawar, 65-Basohli, ried out using dedicated

> and 68-Hiranagar. Dr. Rakesh Minhas, on

Units, 997 Control Units, tive of the randomizaliamentary Constituency, and 1029 Voter Verifiable tion process is to ensure Dr. Rakesh Minhas (DC Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) transparent, free and fair units for all six assembly elections, devoid of any The event took place in segments of the Kathua human intervention. The the presence of senior offi- district like 63-Bani, randomization was car-

> purpose. Before the random-

Returning Officer briefed political representatives about the process, reassuring them of comprehensive arrangements in place to guarantee fair polls.

Subsequent randomization phases will determine the specific allocation of EVMs to polling stations in the upcoming phases.

The list of all EVM's post randomization were handed over to all political parties present in the randomization.

Among others, Nodal Officer EVM Nagesh Singh and DIO NIC Sideshwar Bhagat were also present.

### Lok Sabha Elections-2024 First phase of EVM randomisation kick starts at Kishtwar

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** KISHTWAR, MARCH 20

The inaugural phase of randomisation for Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) for the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024 took place here today under the chairmanship and close supervision of District Election Officer (DEO) Kishtwar,

Dr. Devansh Yadav. ADC Kishtwar/ARO wal, Idrees Lone; SDM Paddar/ ARO Paddar-Nagseni, Amit Kumar as well as other officials from the

Hands-on training workshop for media

students by Department of Journalism, JU

political parties were also securely transferred to representatives received present on the occasion. dedicated strong rooms a detailed briefing on the This initial randomi- in respective constituen- procedure by resource sation phase focused on cies, ensuring rigorous person, Vikrant Thakur, the allocation of ballot security protocols. Subunits, control units, and sequent randomisation VVPATs for three assem- phases will be conducted the process and affirming bly segments within the to allocate EVMs to polldistrict.

During the event, DEO Kishtwar emphasized the objective of ensuring impartial and trans-Yadav elaborated that spot.

District Elections office following randomisaand representatives from tion, the EVMs will be sation process, political ing stations.

with AROs and senior the polls. officers and representatives of political parties officer for EVM Manage-Kishtwar, Pawan Kotwal; parent elections devoid conducted personal ment Nirbhay Sharma; ACR Kishtwar/ARO Inder- of human intervention, visit to the strong rooms DIO NIC Pankaj Kashap; facilitated by dedicated established for EVM and Election NT, Angrez software for randomisa- took personal appraisal Singh Jasrotia, and other tion. DEO, Dr. Devansh of the arrangements on officers were also pres-

Prior to the randomiensuring their confidence in the integrity of that all requisite measures have been enacted DEO Kishtwar along to uphold the sanctity of

> Among others, Nodal ent.

# NIT Srinagar to host 2 day National **Conference on RASE-2024 in June**

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, MAR 20

The National Conference on Role of Academic-driven Startups in Developing Economy of J&K ((RASE-2024) will be hosted by NIT Srinagar from 29-30th June this year.

of Holistic Education, Vidya Bharti, Punjab.

Director NIT Srinagar, & VBITR, eminent educationists Vijay Nadda and NIT Srinagar added. Deshraj Sharma, Dr. Saad Vijay Kumar, Dr. H S Pali, Incubation Foundation, NIT Srinagar.

In his keynote address, different aspects of inno-Prof. A. Ravinder Nath said this innovative conferindustry.

"The will serve as a dynamic experts from academia and be bringing together key platform for students, the corporate sector. researchers, and entrepre-



ence is to nurture a cul- sions, and workshops to The conference will be ture of innovation and enhance practical learnheld in association with entrepreneurship among ing and skills. Budding prestigious institutions the institute's community, entrepreneurs will have including the Department including students, faculty, the chance to pitch their and local educational instistartup ideas to a panel of judges comprising industutions. try experts and investors.

"It will also act as a bridge They will receive construc-Prof. A Ravinder Nath between academia and released a brochure of the industries, with eminent tive feedback and guidance (RASE-2024). It was attend- innovators from across to refine their ideas and ed by Dr. Thakur SKR, Sci/ the country sharing their strategies. Engr-SF and Director, DHE experiences to inspire and guide attendees," Director

Dr. Saad Parvez, Orga-Parvez, Head, IIEDC, Dr. nizing Secretary of RASE-2024 and Head of IIEDC, Dr. Ranjeet Kumar Rout expressed that this conferand Shahid Abbas Mir, ence aims to bring togeth-CEO- iTBI Greenovator, er expertise from various institutions to offer a thorough workshop covering

Director NIT Srinagar, vation and startup devel- is a Scientist/Engineer at opment.

He mentioned that the Director of DHE & VBITR, ence is expected to bridge summit will feature local said that this event will between academia and innovators and entrepreneurs alongside renowned conference speakers and industry

"We will conduct talks and shape the future of aca-

**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU MARCH 20 Department of Journalism

and Mass Communication at Jammu University organized a one-day workshop on fact-checking, in collaboration with the Google News Initiative (GNI) India Training Network, here today. The flags" to spot misinfor- tion. workshop aimed to support budding journalists and media educators to counter the spread of misinformation.

Dr. Aditya Kumar Gupta, Assistant Profes-Shukla, GNI India Train- sor, Department of Jouring Network Training nalism and Mass Com-Assistance and Professor of Media Studies at Amity University, Madhya Pradesh, was the resource person of the workshop. Dr. Vinit Utpal, Assistant informed regarding differ-Professor, IIMC Jammu was the guest of honour during the workshop. The event highlighted the importance of fact-checking in today's digital age, where misinformation can significantly impact public opinion and decision-making.

Dr Garima Gupta, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, emphasized the resource person cau- scholars from Department need of such a workshop tioned the participants to of English participated in to better equip the media step back from obvious the workshop. students to deal with the messaging and posts that



mation and combat deep fakes with the use of apt

tools and techniques to verify misinformation. Earlier, Dr. Ravia munication presented the welcome address on

behalf the department. During the workshop, participants were ent types of misinformation and various strategies as well as tools to identify and counter online misinformation, particularly in the context of electoral processes. They were also given hands-on training to verify the authenticity of photos, videos, and content by using tools such

as Google Lens, Yandex, TinEye, and InVid. The

Further, the attendees engaged in discussion on how to effectively handle memes that can often be used to spread propaganda or misinformation. They also learned about monitoring Telegram profiles and groups using third-party tools like Google CSEs, TGStat, and Telegram DB search Bot

(@tdb\_bot). Participants were urged to "think of intent" of the posts or messages circulated through social media and especially WhatsApp and beware of forwarded messages. They were encouraged to search for the original source, check the language and verify

statistics and data. Faculty members, students of Journalism and Mass Communication and

Students from the first

### Lok Sabha Elections-2024: Training imparted to Sector **Officers at Kupwara**



**JI NEWS SERVICE** KUPWARA, MARCH 20

The District Election acquainted with essential Office Kupwara organized skills and knowledge to a training session for the ensure the smooth con-Sectoral Officers in the duct of the electoral proconference Hall of DC cess. Participants actively Office Complex, here.

The training was sions and practical demimparted by Nodal Officer onstrations to enhance Elections/ National Level their understanding and Master Trainer (NLMT), proficiency in handling Sameer Jan. NLMT briefed the ing session was attended Sector Officers thoroughly by the Deputy District about the responsibilities Election Officer (Dy. DEO), during the forthcoming Hamidullah Mir, NT Elecelection and urged them tion, Sector Officers (Electo put forth every effort to tion).

make Lok Sabha elections smooth and successful.

The Sector Officers were engaged in interactive ses-

neurs, facilitating discus- and interactive sessions demic-driven startups and within the startup ecosys- Dr. Saad said. tem," he said.

mary goal of this confer- on activities, group discus- shetra.

sions on various aspects of covering topics like gen- economic development in from ideation to execu- markets, creating business added. tion. It will offer valuable models, exploring funding and opportunities present legal aspects, and more,"

startup culture, spanning erating ideas, researching Jammu and Kashmir," he It is pertinent to meninsights into the challenges options, understanding tion here that NIT Srinagar

is going to host the 3rd conference of RASE Con-He said participants will ferences Series after NIT Prof. Nath said the pri- actively engage in hands- Jalandhar and NIT Kuruk-

Prior to the ran-

Following

Dr. Saad said that this

conference will offer plenty

of networking opportuni-

ties, allowing participants

to connect with peers,

mentors, and industry

professionals. This envi-

ronment will foster col-

laboration and open doors

for potential partnerships,

Dr. Thakur SKR, who

SF and also serves as the

offer valuable insights and

stakeholders to discuss

"This conference will

learning opportunities.

he said.

present crisis of misinfor- trigger extreme emotions. and final semester of Jourmation, disinformation in Also, they were told to be nalism Department, Vish-

the age of fake news. She careful of the social media ali Devi and Komal Devi appreciated the resource handles that do not always conducted the program person for sharing "red provide credible informa- successfully.

### **DoP IGGDC Jammu organizes IEC** Campaign - 'Say No to Bleeding Gums'

## Lok Sabha Elections -2024: First Phase **EVM randomization conducted in Doda**



#### JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MARCH 20

seen by District Election

The process was over- encies in the district

cal party representatives. transparent and impartial in the region.

The randomization EVMs will be transferred aims to allocate Ballot to secure strong rooms Units, Control Units, and within their respective The inaugural phase of VVPATs for AC-51, AC-52, constituencies, where randomization for Elec- and AC-53, comprising a they will be under rigortronic Voting Machines total of 529 polling cen- ous security and surveil-(EVM) for the upcoming ters. The total 739 number lance. Subsequent phases Lok Sabha Elections 2024 of EVMs were allotted for will entail further randomtook place in Doda today. three assembly constitu- ization for the allocation of EVMs to individual polling

DEO, Harvinder Singh, stations. This meticulous Officer (DEO), Harvin- on the occasion, empha- approach underscores the der Singh in presence of sized that the objective of commitment to conductsenior officials and politi- randomization is to ensure ing free and fair elections

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

In the pursuit towards good Oral hygiene, Indian Society of Periodontology has initiated a drive weaving theme "say no to bleeding gums- A pink health initiative 45 days drive" from 1st feb- 20th march, 2024 in the capital city of Jammu. This workshop and programme involves different stakeholders and ropes them in through Information, Education and Communication mode (IEC) to create awareness about the preventive oral health hygiene. Since the 20th march,

2024 will be celebrated as world oral health day at IGGDC, Jammu, in this regard, many awareness camps at Schools, Vridh Ashrams, Bal Niketans and SMGS Hospital (specifically gynaecology ward) are being conducted to create more awareness, education and motivation among people to maintain the oral hygiene.

This is an initiative pate in the events. to make youth underbetween oral health and on March 08th, 2024 to competition.



cipal, IGGDC Jammu, Dr Rakesh K Gupta.

doctors Dr Vineet Kotwal,

Dr Abhima Kumar, Dr Registrars, Dr Jyoti Gupta & Dr Kousain Sehar. Post graduate students, house surgeons, dental hygien-

ists and the enthusiastic interns currently enrolled in the college also partici-

As a part of this pro- various students for poststand and create aware- gram, International Wom- er-slogan writing, Nukad ness about correlation en's day was celebrated natak, reels and rangoli

systemic diseases and this recognise the significance camp is an endeavour of women in our society & towards the same. This to inspire them for greater event was initiated by the further advancements. guidance of worthy prin- The emphasis was laid on the relevance as the Women have an increased

The organising team sensitivity to the oral from IGGDC Jammu health problems due to included Dr Manik hormonal changes and Sharma, Professor and it was deemed necessary HOD besides the senior to make women aware about the symptoms and disorders of Oral health Shipra Sepolia and the malfunctioning as the

women are more prone to high risk of dental and gum.

The event was concluded in the auditorium, Iggdc and prize distribution for different events were distributed among diverse scenarios. Train-

### NSS Winter Camp inaugurated at GDC Dharmari

### JI NEWS SERVICE

#### DHARMARI, MAR 20

Principal of Government the volunteers aware about Degree College, Dharmari, the role of new voters in the Dr. Preetpal Kour inau- greatest festival of Indian gurated seven days NSS democracy i.e. Elections. Winter Camp 2023-24 in the After the Awareness Propresence of staff members, gram, the NSS Volunteers students and the NSS volun- visited the adjoining water teers and urged the students bodies and cleaned their to value the importance of premises to spread awaretheir vote during elections ness about the importance as they are the makers of of natural water resources Indian Democracy. The in our life and the need for Camp will be organized from their conservation. Various 20th March to 30th March, other activities like Planta-2024 except holidays. On tion, Cleanliness Drives, day first of the Camp, the Medical Camp, Awareness volunteers participated and Cultural Programs will in an Awareness Program be organized in the coming organized by the NSS Unit of days of the Camp. The Camp the College in collaboration is being organized under the with district administration guidelines of the Ministry of where the volunteers and Youth Affairs and Sports, students were informed Government of India and the about the extended time- Department of Higher Edulines for registering their cation, Jammu and Kashmir names in the Electoral Rolls with the guidance of Colthrough their respective lege Principal, Dr. Preetpal Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Kour and the supervision of Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed, BLO of NSS Program Officer, Prof. Polling station 127-HSS Dhar- Ajay Kumar. Others present mari briefed the students during the function includes about the importance of Prof. Balbir Kumar, Prof. vote and detailed procedure Mohinder Singh, Prof. Vinod

Electoral Roll. The NSS Program Officer of the college, Prof. Ajay Kumar also made for getting registered in the Kumar and Prof. Balwinder.



# **Ravinder Raina addresses party workers in Siot**

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** NOWSHERA, MAR 20

BJP will sweep Jammu and Udhampur Parliamentary seats in upcoming Parliamentary elections, stated Ravinder Raina, President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, while he was addressing party workers in Nowshera.

Former Minister Abdul Ghani Kohli, District President Neena Sharma, Thakur Randhir Singh, Capt. Ramesh Chander, DDC Sanjita Sharma, DDC Rajinder Sharma, and will of taking bold 1 spot in the world. BDC Balkrishan, Sukh- decisions by the Modi occasion.



ers, said that Bharat is corner to tell the people the erstwhile J&K state, strengthening with every of all the achievements of but now the BJP under Ravinder Raina. passing day and is getting the Modi government and the strong leadership of its identity in the inter- that the Modi government Prime Minister Narendra Congress and PDP have seek their vote in Parlianational arena because is absolutely necessary to Modi and with our dedi- sensed their big defeats of the strong leadership take the Bharat to number cated force of party cadre and the public has seen

"After the abrogation dev Choudhary, Pritam government. He said that of Article 370, Jammu every deprived individual Sharma, and Rakesh India has become the 5th and Kashmir is moving and section. Due to this Raina, also accompanied largest economy in the towards its long-sought unprecedented public-ori-Ravinder Raina on the world by leaving behind goal of progress and pros-Germany and Britain. He perity. No other political level, BJP will sweep both Ravinder Raina, while asked the party workers party has ever cared to the seats of Jammu as well addressing the party work- to reach every nook and empower the people in as Udhampur Parliamen-

has ensured the welfare of every neglected and ented work at the ground tary Constituencies", said

"The parties like NC,

their struggle to find even the suitable candidates. The BJP will defeat the opposition with a never before margin in the upcoming parliamentary elections", said Raina and asked the party workers to work to make this victory margin even greater with their sheer hard work. Abdul Ghani Kohli attacked the opposition parties and said that these parties are fighting for their political survival by misleading the people. He said that people have understood nefarious design of these parties, who tried to misguide the innocent public in the name of religion and

region. Neena Sharma said that the BJP workers are going to every nook and corner to approach people, tell them of the development and progress by the Modi government in J&K, and ment election.

# NYK Rajouri organised sports & voter awareness programme



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** SUNDERBANI, MAR 20

Nehru Yuva Kendera Rajouri Organised Block were Played by youth Like Level Sports Events and Social welfare Teh Officer also Said that if anyone Occasion. Present as a Special gust who did Not have Their

in the programme. About voter ID made if as soon 200 Youth were Partici- as possible and gave Their pated in this programme 100% vote as a citizen of Many Sports Games Our Country

Amarjeet Sharma Pres-Volleyball, Tug of war, ident of NGO. Akshay Intensive Voter Awarness Badminton, and Kabad- Sharma. NYC Samriti Registration Drive Com- di. The wineer of These Sharma NYC Of Block paign at New Model High games ware President by Sunderbani Kamal Kishor School Marchola At Block Trophees Mohd. Alyas Sharma MD NM High Siot. Capt. Ranjeet Singh BLO and Dedar Singh School Marchola, Social as a Chief Guest and Kris- BLO gave the awareness activist Devi Raj Sharma han Lal Sharma Reted about Voting right. They were also President in the

### Sandhya Gupta honours Rohit Shastri, Pawan Verma

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Sandhya Gupta along with Sohail Kazmi, Pardeep Dutta, Parvinder Singh , Narinder Bahu ,Vikram Handa and Sunny singh honoured Sanskrit scholar, social reformer and president of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Mahant Rohit Shastri and Pawan



Verma theater artist for Rohit Shastri publishes for specific contribution their achievements in the and edits 'Kaliakh Sandesh in the field of Sanskrit and field of Sanskrit language Panchang Calendar' every never get distracted in & theatre. On this occa- year and distributes it their work in Vedic worsion, women club meri free of cost. Mahant Rohit ship, rituals etc. Sandhya pachaan along with other Shastri has played his spe- gupta said if we talk about dignitaries presented a cial role in the upliftment the contribution of youth momento to inspire both of the society by doing the in the efforts being made state awardees to continue important work of taking for Devvani Sanskrit in their activities in the field Sanskrit language and Jammu and Kashmir, then of Sanskrit and theatre Indian culture to people. one name comes in front activities. Sohail kazmi, He has been honored by of us in the most power-Pardeep dutta & Parvin- his Excellency Lt Gover- ful form. And that name der singh said Mahant nor, Hon'ble Lok Sabha, is young Sanskritist of in such odd conditions Rohit Shastri is promot- Rajya Sabha members Jammu, dedicated to the and unfavorable environing Devvani Sanskrit in and eminent public repre- promotion of Devvani the state, he has written sentatives for his unprec- Sanskrit, Jyotishacharya for the preservation of culmany books and many edented contribution in Mahant Rohit Shastri. ture, Mahant Rohit Shastri of his articles have been various social and cultural The discussion of Sanskrit played pivotal role . published in magazines. works. Shastri ji is known or culture is incomplete

without mentioning Rohit Shastri, who was devoted to Sanskrit language and Indian culture in the twenty-first century. J&k, the only state in the whole world where Devvani Sanskrit has been used for the longest time in the past, not only as a language of reading but also as a contact language. The land of Iammu and Kashmir has been the eternal center of Shaivism. Acharya Abhinavagupta, Mahakavi Kalhana, Mahakavi Bilhan etc. All the Acharyas who have paved the way for uniting not only India, but the whole world with the tenacity of their deeds. But from the second half of the twentieth century, the conditions for Sanskrit in this Jammu and Kashmir

ment for the Sanskrit and

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 20 The valedictory session and closing ceremony of the Five-Day Skill Development Programme on Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning concluded sucbecame worse. However,

Vaishno Devi University, presence of Chief Guest,

Intelligence and Machine Learning concluded at SMVDU

5-Day Skill Development Programme on Applications of Artificial



the programme, summa- CSIR, and Dr. Govind from would certainly help to rized the insightful and NIT Raipur. The organiz- imbibe our young minds enriching five-day journey. ing committee including with startup and entrepre-Distinguished speakers Dr. Pooja Sharma and neurship skills developfrom various renowned Mr. Manoj Kumar along ment. The success of the institutions shared their with guest speakers dis- event was also attributed expertise, and enriching tributed certificates to to the diligent efforts of experience during the the participants and the the student coordinators: event, including Dr. Shi- organizing committee Subhag Sharma, Tushar tala Prasad from IIT Goa, members, acknowledg- Taggar, Rajat Godara, cessfully at Shri Mata Dr. Vipin Pal from NSUT, ing their dedication and Achyut, Hridyanshu, Dr. Yogita from NIT Kuruk- hard work and expressed Vanshika, Rudraksh, Katra (J&K). The event was shetra, Dr. Karan Singh sincere thanks to the Vice and Mihika. The vote of graced by the esteemed from JNU, Dr. Pramod Chancellor, Prof.(Dr.) Pra- thanks was delivered by Kumar Yadav from NIT Sri- gati Kumar, Registrar, Mr. Subhag Sharma, express-Dr. Govind Prasad Gupta nagar, Mr. Shakti Shandi- Ajay Kumar Sharma and ing gratitude to all particifrom NIT Raipur and Guest lya, Vice President SIMPLY Deptt. Of Higher Educa- pants, guests, and volunof Honor, Dr. Abhishek ASK Canada, Dr. Yamuna tion, Govt. of UT J&K for teers who contributed to Gupta. Dr. Manoj Kumar Prasad from IIT Jammu, giving such opportunities making the programme a Gupta, Co-coordinator of Dr. Abhishek Gupta from at such platforms which resounding success.

# Deptt of Journalism, JU organizes one-day workshop on 'Fact-Checking'

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

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Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Jammu University organized a one-day workshop on fact-checking, in collaboration with the Google News Initiative (GNI) India Training Network, here today. The workshop aimed to support budding journalists and media educators to counter the spread of misinformation.

Dr. Aditya Kumar was the guest of honour Earlier, Dr. Ravia ous messaging and posts can significantly impact behalf the department. public opinion and decision-making.

present crisis of misinfor- processes. They were also party tools like Google gram successfully.



Shukla, GNI India Train- mation, disinformation in given hands-on training to CSEs, TGStat, and Teleing Network Training the age of fake news. She verify the authenticity of Assistance and Profes- appreciated the resource photos, videos, and consor of Media Studies at person for sharing "red tent by using tools such Amity University, Madhya flags" to spot misinfor- as Google Lens, Yandex, Pradesh, was the resource mation and combat deep TinEye, and InVid. The of the posts or messages person of the workshop. fakes with the use of apt resource person cau-Dr. Vinit Utpal, Assistant tools and techniques to tioned the participants Professor, IIMC Jammu verify misinformation. to step back from obvi-

during the workshop. Gupta, Assistant Profes- that trigger extreme emo- They were encouraged The event highlighted the sor, Department of Jour- tions. Also, they were told to search for the original importance of fact-check- nalism and Mass Com- to be careful of the social ing in today's digital age, munication presented media handles that do where misinformation the welcome address on not always provide cred-

During the work- the attendees engaged shop, participants were in discussion on how to Dr Garima Gupta, Head informed regarding differ- effectively handle memes nalism and Mass Commu- tion and various strategies spread propaganda or students to deal with the in the context of electoral and groups using third- Devi conducted the pro-

gram DB search Bot (@ tdb bot).

Participants were urged to "think of intent" circulated through social media and especially WhatsApp and beware of forwarded messages. source, check the language and verify statistics and data. Faculty memible information. Further, bers, students of Journalism and Mass Communication and scholars from Department of English of the Department of Jour- ent types of misinforma- that can often be used to participated in the workshop. Students from the nication, emphasized the as well as tools to identify misinformation. They first and final semester of need of such a workshop and counter online mis- also learned about moni- Journalism Department, to better equip the media information, particularly toring Telegram profiles Vishali Devi and Komal

# **Sculptors' Camp by JKAACL at** Kala Kendra culminates

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 20

and art lovers.

sculptors and guests, S.

Popinder Singh paras said

An eight days' Sculptors' Camp organized by Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (JKAACL) under the guidance of Sh. Bharat Singh Manhas JKAS, Secretary, JKAACL, on 12th March, 2024, at Kala Kendra, Jammu, culminated today. Well known painter artist

Richa Mahajan was the chief guest of the valedictory ceremony whereas and Kashmir.

renowned artist, colum-Singh Paras, Exhibition Officer, JKAACL & Editor Sheeraza Punjabi shared the dias. The ceremony was attended by sculptors, Bharat, Darshan Singh, ists during the camp. artists, students of IMFA Pankaj Kumar, Jagdish Singh Babli, and Ganesh sion, Smt. Richa Mahajan sculptor camps. While welcoming the Kumar Sharma.

address Jang S. Verman the Cultural Academy. ated by the artists during that the Cultural Academy said that it's appreciable She appreciated the art the eight days' sculpture aims to provide opportuni- that the Academy has works created by the art- camp and appreciated the ties to the literary, visual organized sculptors camp ists during the camp. She work done by the artists and performing artists to after a long gap. He also appealed the authorities of and the Academy. contribute in the field of appreciated the efforts the Cultural Academy to art & culture in all genres made by J&K Academy of hold art exhibitions of the ber Mehta, Dr. Madan of creative fields. He Art, Culture and languages Academy and give awards Rangila, and others also appreciated the partici- for promoting and pre- in the student's category, attended the valedictory pant sculptors for creat- serving the art & culture of as it had been a tradition ceremony of the camp. Sh. ing excellent art pieces in the artists working in the in the past. She also sug- Irshad Tantray, Exhibition a short span of eight days. Union Territory of Jammu gested to give scholarships Officer, JKAACL extended He elaborated that Acad- & Kashmir. He further said to the students of various vote of thanks.



emy plans to hold such that it was a challenge for art forms to get the stucamps from time to time the participating sculptors dents inspired to particiin all the regions of Jammu to come up with their cre- pate in the art & cultural ations in view of the short pursuits. Senior and young art- duration of the camp days.

Senior participating nist on art & culture and ists participating in the He added that the contem- sculptors Ganesh Kumar a writer presided over the camp included Bodh Raj porary tempo of creating Sharma, J S Babli, Sukhjit programme. S. Popinder Balgotra, Brijpal Anand, sculpture in terms of non- Singh, Vikas Khajuri Jasleen Singh, Vikas representational and spa- expressed their views on Dogra, Vikas Khajuria, tial sculpture during the the conduct of sculptors Arjinder Kumar, Sukhjit contemporary times has camp. The also put down Singh Kukkal, Swantantar been achieved by the art- their suggestions for consideration for the imple-Speaking on this occa- mentation in the future

> welcomed the restart-Earlier, the guests had a In his presidential ing of sculptor's camp by round of the art works cre-

> > Senior artists Bisham-

# SAIC Motor and JSW Group finalise automotive JV: JSW MG Motor India Pvt Ltd'

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

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Group, (India's leading across the country. conglomerate with inter-Motor India), ushering in expertise in manufactive sector.

The joint venture's be launched this calenests across B2B and B2C potential resides in the dar year. These futurissectors) have announced fusion of SAIC Motor's tic products with attracthe business roadmap for automotive experience tive value propositions their new strategic Joint and technical expertise enables the joint venture's Venture - JSW MG Motor with JSW Group's exten- foray into premium pas-India Pvt. Ltd(JSW MG sive knowledge and senger vehicle channel. tic technologies, new-age

ment opportunities and portfolio of vehicles taioffering smart and sus- lored to meet customers' tainable products focused unique preferences and SAIC Motor, a global For- on customer-centricity. requirements. The joint tune 500 company with The business roadmap for venture plans to launch annual revenues of around the company focuses on a new product, including US\$ 110 billion and a pres- extensive localisation and NEVs, every three to six ence in over 100 countries development of a robust months, beginning this and the US\$ 23 billion JSW automotive ecosystem festive season, with two new products slated to

a new era of mobility in turing at scale in India. Jindal, Member of Steerthe country. The new joint JSW MG Motor India will ing Committee of JSW MG venture will capitalise on also leverage synergies Motor India, "The JSW the significant opportuni- across JSW Group's eco- MG Motor India joint ven- and we will be working ties emerging in the fast- system. It aims to bring ture is a momentous joint tirelessly to bring the best India, said, "In JSW evolving Indian automo- in advanced and futuris- venture. It is the coming available technology into together of two giants in JSW MG Motor India mobility solutions while SAIC and JSW. By leverage the Indian consumer what tinue the growth story of offer a range of vehicles automobile customers benefit local communiis committed to bring- enhancing local sourcing ing the legacy of a world they truly want which is the MG brand in India. In from ICE to NEVs, stay- better access to advanced ing in the best ofinnova- by establishing a strong renowned British brand, world class cars at afford- less than five years, Team ing focused on building technologies and futuristion across its business supply chain. JSW MG cutting edge MG technoloperations, introducing MotorIndia aims to build ogy and JSW's local manu- has had a very good 5 a rock-solid foundation - a EV ecosystem in India. tive value propositions. world-class technology, a smart, sustainable EV facturing knowledge and years and it is now up to testament to our commit- We are firmly committed strengthening the manu- ecosystem while con- acumen, I have no doubt the joint venture to make ment to innovation, diver- to expanding our manu- Sustainability, and Green for EVs, Autonomous and facturing landscape, gen- tinuing to stay focused that JSW MG will make MG 2.0 even more impact- sity, community service facturing footprint with Mobility at the core of its Connected car technoloeratingsignificant employ- on developing a diverse world leading products ful and successful. We are and robust customer care. extensive localization by vision, the joint venture gies.



the leading auto OEM in wait to get going." the NEV segment in India India so that we can give able prices. MG India 1.0 MG India has established a robust and sustainable tic products with attrac-

According to Parth in India for India and the grateful that SAIC chose to Today, we are among the opment, and technical world. It is our goal to be partner with us and can't fastest-growingOEMs in prowess by setting up an new business roadmap

Rajeev Chaba, CEO

the country. This foun-Emeritus of MG Motor embark on a new chapter, car buyers. The new R&D of employment oppor-Group, we have found an ture marks a pivotal step nected, new-age and local a large talent pool in the ideal local partner to con- in this journey. We will mobility solutions, giving country, a move that will

leveraging JSW Group's will stay focused on accelextensive knowledge and erating faster adoption of expertise in manufactur- EVs. By 2030, the coming at scale."

annually.

a soft bristle toothbrush

is mandatory. Use of hard

brush causes abrasion of

teeth, recession of gums

leading to sensitivity in

teeth. Many people do not clean their tongue

while brushing which is

one of the top reason for

bad breath from mouth,

known as halitosis, as

ticles remain attached to

person from interden-

tal caries which starts

Social organisations,

pany aims to take leader-

The company will ship position in the NEV expand its production category with an extencapacity in Halol, Guja- sive product portfolio rat, with a focus on pro- comprising New Energy ducing NEVs. This will Vehicles. The company significantly increase the is currently utilising over production capacity from 60% of its energy requirethe current 1,00,000 plus ments for its manufacturto up to 3,00,000 vehicles ing operations at Halol (Gujarat) from renewable JSW MG Motor India resources and is working

will focus on strengthen- towards becoming Carbon ing its research, devel- Neutral by 2029.

JSW MG Motor India's R&D centre to cater to will also focus on creating dation empowers us to the different choices of a considerable number MG 2.0, and the joint ven- centre will develop con- tunities and developing ties. In addition, the company will work towards skilling 1,00,000 students and upskilling employees With Carbon Neutrality, with the expertise needed

### Appi Party's women wing deputation **IDA organizes Dental Camp to mark WOHD-2024** calls on SHO Gandhi Nagar



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Party's women wing lead- Sharma along with other tion House Officer (SHO) Market area in Gandhi tion, the SHO Gandhi Gandhi Nagar, Inspector Nagar. Sudhir Sadotra.

Vice President of Women have become a threat Wing, Neelam Gupta, to the business commuand Provincial Secretary, nity dealing with vehicle A deputation of Apni Women Wing, Sheetal repair work/ spare parts. On hearing the coners today called on Sta- traders from Aquaf cerns of the deputa-

Nagar assured them that deputation they will ensure routine The As per the press expressed their con- patrolling of the market release, the deputation cern over the increas- area during night to keep comprises Provincial ing theft incidents that a check on the thieves.

**JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

Indian Dental Association (IDA), Jammu branch, today conducted a dental check-up camp at Balgran, Channi Rama, Jammu, to mark World Oral Health Day- 2024. In this camp 100 children were examined for their dental health. Every year, March 20, is observed as World Oral Health Day (WOHD) which aims to empower people with the knowledge, tools and confidence health concern for many countries and negatively impact people throughout their lives.

Body" and the campaign your mouth and body. will continue for next 3



eted nature of oral health ya, Dr Burhan and Dr bacteria and food parin a concise and relat- Himani. Dr. Adil (MBBS, able manner. The 2024 MD) from Pulse hospital the surface of tongue. Use campaign focuses on the also examined the chil- of dental floss protects a intricate link between oral health and general health ated with Plaksha foundabecause "A Happy Mouth tion and Pulse Hospital between the two teeth and to secure good oral health. Is... A Happy Body." This Jammu to conduct the one of the most common Oral diseases are a major empower everyone, everywhere to value and take care of their mouths and understand that by doing so, they can also protect

Experts who were pres-

to capture the multifac- Dr Himja Mengi, Dr Arshi- brushing twice daily with up camps.

dren. IDA Jammu associcamp. Free toothpaste issues seen in the molars. samples were provided by Also, avoid consuming

food which is soft, sticky Sh. Vinod Raina, Presi- and sweet, like candies, dent Balgran, Sh. Shashi chocolates, ice-cream etc. Kant Goswami, Treasur- Potato chips also stick to er were present during the surface of teeth and informed that this year good oral hygiene habits the occasaion. Prof. causes decay as it is rich the theme of WOHD is "A and have regular dental R.D.Sharma, Secretary, in carbohydrates. schools, NGOs can contact camp.

Doctors informed the IDA Jammu if they wish to years. This theme offers a ent during the occasion students that for main- conduct the awareness simple yet powerful way included Dr Vibha Raina, taining good oral health, lectures and oral check-

BMW Live Cockpit Pro-

**Induction of** Helicopter unit at **Air Force Station** Thanjavur

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAR 20

Southern Air Command (SAC) was established in Jul 84 in response to certain geopolitical developments to ensure effective command and control of IAF assets and facilitate quick deployment of combat forces in the event of threats developing in the Indian Ocean Region.

In a recent redeployment of IAF assets, one Helicopter Unit was inducted at Air Force Station Thanjavur on 19 Mar 24. Air Mshl B Manikantan AVSM VM, AOC-in-C SAC was present during the induction ceremony. Induction of the helicopter unit at Thanjavur would ensure availability of sufficient resources with HO SAC to enhance operational capabilities as well as meet the peacetime tasks of Search and Rescue, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HAD) and Casualty evacua-

Haleon for this camp.

Dr. Gautam Sharma, their overall well-being. President, IDA Jammu, Avoid risk factors, adopt Happy Mouth Is... A Happy check-ups to help protect Balgran, supervised the

# **BMW 620d M Sport Signature debuts in India**

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diesel variant as well and to upgrade to a new BMW bookings can be made at among other benefits. all BMW India dealerships from today onwards.

The BMW 620d M Sport price of INR 78,90,000.

authorised BMW dealer.

er Grey and Carbon Black, plated in chrome. and upholstered in natural Black combination.

ments. Customers enjoy great value and complete peace of mind with BMW The BMW 620d M Sport 360° Finance Plan. It Signature has been includes attractive monthlaunched in India today. ly instalments, assured Locally produced at BMW buy-back option up to five Group Plant Chennai, the years, flexible term-end car is now available in the opportunities, and options

#### The BMW 620d M Sport Signature.

The exterior design of Signature is available at an the BMW 620d M Sport attractive ex-showroom Signature flows smoothly over into the front head-Price prevailing at the lights and creates a sharp time of invoicing will be angular expression. The applicable. Ex-showroom contours for the BMW prices inclusive of GST kidney grille and head-(incl. compensation cess) lights immediately borderas applicable but exclude ing it on either side make driver as well as passenger Sound System conjures an



Road Tax, Tax Collected at a striking impression. The side. The Comfort Seats are engrossing treat for the Source (TCS), RTO statu- BMW Laserlight, unique in lapped in leather 'Dakota' ears. High-end 16 speaker tory taxes/fees, other local this vehicle segment, dis- with exclusive stitching system with woofers gentax cess levies and insur- tributes light perfectly up and contrast piping in erates an impressive audio ance. Price / options are to 650 meters along with black. Crystal door pins experience in all seats that subject to change without Adaptive functionality. The add to the overall aesthetic is unique worldwide in the with braking function. seamless smartphone conprior notice. For further slope-like roofline over- appeal. The soft-close func- automotive sector. The The standard Adaptive nection with the car to information, contact an flows with coupe elegance. tion for doors adds to con- Rear-seat Entertainment 2-axle Air Suspension with access several functions. More modern and cleaned venience in closing doors Professional comprises its self-levelling feature The BMW 620d M Sport up - that is the first impres- softly and quietly. Comfort two 10.25" touchscreen maintains constant height Rear View Camera makes Signature is available in sion of the rear with broad, access system enables easy monitors with full-HD tech- irrespective of the load, parking in tight spots following metallic paint- muscular lines, attractive ingress and egress from the nology, a Blu-ray player, providing great comfort. It easier. Reversing Assistant works: Mineral White, LED rear-light design and vehicle with features such screen mirroring function Tanzanite Blue, Skyscrap- two freeform tailpipes as keyless entry, automatic and two USB ports. The locking, contactless open- car has four-zone auto- ing capability. Individual parking spot or through The interior justifies ing of tailgate etc. The matic climate control with electronically controlled narrow driveways. It keeps Leather 'Dakota' Cognac that this is the perfect two-part panoramic glass extended features. Adding dampers offer exceptional a record of the last 50 with exclusive stitching travel companion - gener- sunroof adds bright natural to the luxurious feel are precision and improve the metres driven and assists and piping in contrast and ously spacious with luxuri- sunlight and enhances the features such as electro- drive and handling dynam- by taking over the steering. ous comfort and bespoke sense of spaciousness in plated controls, electrically ics. The damper response With the Remote Control Thanks to BMW India material selection. Com- the cabin. Ambient Light- adjustable roller sublinds settings vary according to Parking function, a driver Financial Services, custom- fort Seats offer fully elec- ing with six dimmable and panorama glass roof. the mode selected with the can manoeuvre the vehiized and flexible financial tric seat adjustment with designs creates an atmo- The powered liftback tail- Driving Experience Control cle into a narrow parking solutions are designed as memory function and sphere for every mood. gate opens to reveal the switch, that allows driver space from outside using

which has a capacity of up ent modes to suit the drivto 600 litres, extending to ing conditions - Comfort, 1,800 litres thanks to the Comfort+, Sport, Eco Pro 40/20/40 split. and Adaptive.

Thanks to unrivalled BMW TwinPower Turbo fessional with BMW Opertechnology, the diesel ating System 7.0 includes engine melds maximum 3D Navigation, a 12.3-inch power with exemplary fully-digital digital instruefficiency and offer spon- ment display behind the taneous responsiveness steering wheel and now even at low engine speeds. bigger 12.3 inch Control The 2-litre 4-cylinder Display. The occupants can diesel engine of the BMW operate a number of func-620d generates maximum tions simply by speaking to output of 140 kW / 190 hp their BMW Virtual Assisand peak torque of 400 tant. Hands do the talking Nm at 1,750 - 2,500. The with BMW Gesture Control car accelerates from 0-100 that recognizes six prekm / hr in just 7.9 seconds. defined hand movements

per individual require- lumbar support on the Harman Kardon Surround luggage compartment to choose between differ- the BMW Display Key.

**DPS Kathua Students Excel at Rachna Sagar Examinations** 



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Delhi Public School Choudhary left a mark Kathua continues to in Hindi, and Simranjeet uphold its commitment Kour made a significant to empowering youth for impact in Social Science. nation-building and fostering a dynamic learn- XII, Shivani Sharma showing environment aimed cased her strength by at holistic development. securing the highest score With a focus on sports, in English Core, further research, global collabo- highlighting the school's rations, and skill-building, dedication to academic the institution proudly excellence. announces its recent achievements in academic celebrate their achieve-

excellence. students from Class X students with a cheque and XII have distinguished worth Rs. 2100, along themselves at the Exami- with a letter of apprecianation conducted by the tion and a certificate from esteemed Rachna Sagar Rachna Sagar Pvt. Ltd. in Pvt. Ltd. These outstand- collaboration with Delhi ing students have not only Public School. showcased their academic prowess but also brought their pride in witnessing honor to the school.

Khajuria demonstrated hard work and dedication excellence in Languag- of the teachers in nurtures (Hindi and English), ing academic excellence.

while Rudar Sharma and Sayaim Khauria excelled in Mathematics. Megha

Meanwhile, in Class

To acknowledge and ments, the institution In the latest triumph, felicitates its meritorious Parents have expressed

their children's success In Class X, Nitika and have commended the

driving pleasure, it comes ing for mobile phones. with steering wheel paddle Wireless Apple CarPlay® shifters and cruise control offers maximum ride com- provides unmatched supfort and extreme sport- port in reversing out of a

The eight speed step- for control of a number of tronic automatic transmis- functions. The smartphone sion performs smooth, holder integrated into the almost imperceptible centre console allows gearshifts. For even greater inductive, Wireless Charg-

/ Android Auto ensures Parking Assistant with



# **Congress vows vigorous fight against BJP** in upcoming Lok Sabha elections: Bhalla

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, MAR 20

JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla Wednesday reiterated Party's commitment to continue its fight against wrong and oppressive policies of BJP. Addressing prominent persons at Hakal in RS Pura Jammu South constituency he said that Congress Party is fully prepared to overcome the divisive and misleading politics of BJP, which is responsible for the chaos and confusion in the country, although many tall claims are being the reality is contrary towards darkness, espeare being made to divert from the real issues.

and false promises that Raj Kumar and others

Prominent among those Bhalla said there is rest- will ensure respite to the country. He said Congress present on the occasion lessness among the public people of J&K by defeat- has given sacrifices for the made to build the fake include General Secre- in Jammu and Kashmir narrative with regard to tary JKPCC Amrit Bali, given the denial of demoinclusive development, JKPCC Secretary Pawan cratic rights aiming to disemployment generation Bhagat, Punjab Singh, empower them politically and many other things Jaisidh Bhalla, Margash and economically. What to defeat the fake narra- empowering people ecopertaining to public, but Bhalla, Panch Sunil, Vicky the people of J&K achieved Sharma, Rangil Singh, after the reorganization of to the ground situation, Nirmal Singh, Kapoor Lal, the full-fledged State, he public and hide failures on the cost of the Country's the political direction in which reflects that the Mangat Ram, Joginder questioned, adding that Nation has been pushed Singh, Charanjeet Singh, downgrading of J&K into Naresh Kumar, Ravi two UTs was an unfortuwhich tantamount to dis-

Reacting to the cur- mantling the very foun- gling to ensure equitable detta politics shall con- dividing people on relithe attention of the people rent socio-political and dation of the democracy. justice to every section of tinue, till it (BJP) is wiped gious lines for electoral security situation in J&K, He said Congress Party the people living in the out. People want change, gains.

all fronts.

cially economic distress, Bhagat, Shashi Verma, nate move done by the ans, which had ensured at Centre. The uncompro- able and said the Congress unemployment coupled Hans Raj, Shami Kumar, BJP in order to rule J&K a tremendous develop- mising fight of Congress Party is capable enough to with lack of development Kuldeep Singh, Teja Singh, directly from the Centre ment of the country in Party against BJP's open defeat the designs of BJP,

ing the designs and wrong Nation, which could not policies of the BJP, urging be replaced by anything, the Party workers to feel at the same time, he took strong and work harder a jibe on the BJP for dis- at track, which doesn't suit tives which are being built nomically and benefitting spreading hate for the lust by the BJP to mislead the its corporate friends at of power. It has changed Bhalla termed the Con-fered severe setbacks since He termed the divisive gress a hope for all Indi- the it (BJP) assumed power all respects and is strug- loot, misleading, and ven- which is hell-bent upon

which is set to happen in the country for the betterment of the public, besides inclusive development of India. Congress is playing the role of strong and constructive opposition and there will be no compromise on people's urges, aspirations, and their rights which are under assault under the ruling dispensation at Centre, Bhallar added. Referring to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Nyay Yatra, he said the Yatra had the potential to change the political direction in the country, which was harmed by the hate and divisive agenda of the

BJP, the Yatra brought the derailed political process BJP for the fact, it (BJP) is economy, which has suf- the country, Bhalla added. policies of BJP unaccept-

### **International Sparrow Day** celebrated at GCW Gandhi Nagar



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Department of Zoology sion and were acquainted of GCW, Gandhi Nagar with many species that are organized an avian talk vulnerable to extinction. on world sparrow day He also appraised the stuthat aimed at spreading dents about the effects of awareness about various anti-environmental activiavian species emphasiz- ties on these species. The ing mainly on the species talk highlighted various found in Jammu and Kash- key points related to our mir (UT).

The event was organized under the support formal welcome address and guidance of Worthy was given by Dr. Samriti Principal of GCW, Gandhi Aggarwal, HOD, Dept. of Nagar Prof. S.P Saraswat. Zoology. The organizing The talk was delivered by committee comprised of Dr O.P Sharma Vidyarthi Dr. Anupama Pandotra, (Retd. Principal Chief Dr. Meenakshi Bandral, Conservator of forests Prof. Nargis Nelofar , J&K Government, India). Prof. Raheela Mushtaq, He discussed biodiversity Prof. Shaista Ajaz and Dr. with special reference to Raj Kumar Santhal. The birds. He also emphasized formal vote of thanks was on their pivotal role in given by Ms Aarushi of social and religious pur- Semester 2nd.

poses The students benefitted from the interactive ses-

environment, biodiversity and their threats. The

### **Students of SMVD** University visited Air **Force Station Udhampur**

# **Balwant Thakur honoured on World Theatre Day**

#### JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 20

Eminent playwright and Theatre Director Padamshree Balwant Thakur is being honoured on the occasion of 'World Theatre Day' in two different places in Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. In Himachal Pradesh, The Beginners, in association with Language and Culture Department, Promotor Award-2024' on his highly innovative plays Government of HP and the occasion of world the-Gaiety Theatre Society has atre day. invited Balwant Thakur as



aware of the value and importance of theatre.

In Jammu & Kashmir Balwant Thakur is credited for creating a new renaissance for theatre and through his sheer hard work and foresightedness, he outstandingly brought the theatre of this lesser known region to the international limelight. Dogri Theatre in particular got global recognition through

which were creditably featured in Frankfurt Inter-On 27th of March, national Theatre Festival.

Chief Guest on the occa- 2024 World Theatre Day Year of India in Russia, sion of the celebrations of is being celebrated glob- Theatre Olympics and world theatre day featur- ally under the aegis of Commonwealth Games.

# Congress manisfesto a document of deceit full of lies: Rekha Mahajan



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the public is not going to public has understood trust these lies because everything and believes the public knows that the in Modi's guarantees and Bharatiya Janata Party Bharatiya Janata Party countless schemes and (BJP) District President (BJP) does whatever it says wants to come forward. Jammu South Rekha Maha- and in the last successful In future, only because of

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Students from Shri Mata trained for special opera-Vaishno Devi University tions. As they engaged (SMVDU) embarked on in discussions with these an enlightening journey highly skilled personnel, to the Air Force Station, students gained a deeper Udhampur, where they understanding of the rigorwere treated to a first- ous training and unparalhand glimpse into the leled dedication required operations of the Indian to serve in such a special-Air Force. Organised by ized unit. Vice Chancellor, Mr. B. K. Bhatia, Training & Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar Placement Officer, SMVDU expressed his appreciaand Dr. Varun Dutta, Assis- tion for the efforts of the tant Professor at SMVDU, organizing team in orchesthe visit provided stu- trating such a memorable dents with an unparalleled visit. Recognizing the sigopportunity to interact nificance of experiential with Air Force personnel learning opportunities, and witness the marvels Prof. Kumar emphasized of aviation up close. Stu- the importance of initiadents were also engaged tives that broaden stuin insightful interactions dents' horizons beyond with Air Force person- traditional classroom setnel, delving into discus- tings. The visit to the Air sions about the roles and Force Station, Udham responsibilities of those pur served not only as a serving in the Air Force. source of inspiration but From learning about the also as a testament to intricacies of flight opera- SMVDU's commitment to tions to understanding providing holistic educathe rigorous training tion. By fostering interacundergone by Air Force tions between academia pilots, students gained and real-world practitioinvaluable insights into ners, SMVDU continues the life and work of these to equip its students with dedicated individuals. In the knowledge and skills addition to this, they had necessary to excel in their the privilege of interacting future endeavors.

with the Garud Commandos, the specialized force of the Indian Air Force

ing a Theatre seminar, play International Theatre Conferred with the highperformances and felicita- Institute, UNESCO Paris. est Indian honour in pertions at the iconic Gaiety The theme of the world forming arts in addition Theatre, Shimla. The 2nd theatre day celebrations is to Padmashree, Balwant event is being held at the 'Theatre and a culture of Thakur holds a distinctive prestigious Maharishi Day- peace'. World Theatre Day position in the country anand University, Rohtak is celebrated world over to with his remarkable over (Haryana) where Balwant enable theatre communi- 350 National/Internation-Thakur is being conferred ties to promote their work al theatre participations with the best theatre pro- on a broad scale so that as director and holding of moter award entitled 'Dev- the governments and the over 6500 shows/events, ender Trikha Best Theatre opinion leaders are made which is a record in India.

## **J&K Police Mountain Rescue Team Imparts Training to NDRF personnel**



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quake of 2005 or the dev- Incharge MRT in which

astating floods of 2014). J& 40 NDRF personnel are K Police is ever ready to being trained in the 15 report to the call of duty. days specialized train-Jammu & Kashmir Police The J&K Police Mountain ing course w.e.f. 15th which has always played Rescue Team has proved March 2024 whereunder a pivotal role not only in its mettle during various various aspects of traincontaining insurgency rescue operations notably ings including mountain and maintenance of Law during Shri Amarnath Ji climbing, rescue & search & Order all across the UT Yatra (SANJY) by saving operations alongwith live of J&K but has also been the lives of a number of demonstrations are being busy in other areas wheth- Yatries. Presently J&K demonstrated/ trained. er it is fighting crime, Police Mountain Rescue The personnel are being traffic management, pro- team is imparting train- trained under Basic Life viding security to VIP's, ing to Personnel of NDRF Support System (BLS) proprotection of vital instal- of 13th Bn. at Nud Samba tection, Cardiopulmonary lations, etc besides disas- under the supervision Resuscitation (CPR) and ter management, (earth- of Inspector Ram Singh, other first aid techniques.

jan today took a jibe at the ten years of good gover- Modi's guarantee the misinnocent public of all segments. During the meetsaid. Rekha asserted that emotions, but today the for decades Rekha added.

sabha, saying that it was especially in the union terwould not be confused. Jammu. Rekha Mahajan play with the emotion of

Congress party over their nance "Modi ki guaran- sion will cross 400 plus and election manifesto for Lok tee" fulfilled all promises, the BJP government will be formed with the majority. not a manifesto of the Con-ritory of J&K. She further Rekha said I express my gress, but the letter of lies said that the public knew gratitude to the people and always misguided the the truth of Congress and of the country for electing Prime Minister Modi Rekha emphasized that ji has done what no one ing with BJP workers here Congress always did the had even imagined during at party headquarters, politics of appeasement his successful tenure of 10 years. Rekha recounted, said, it is not a manifesto the innocent people and PM Modi is a tall example of the Congress, it is a always cheated and mis- of a strong and decisive letter of lies and tore into guided them. She added leader who can deliver the Congress, terming its that some political parties what he promises. She manifesto as a "hypocrisy cannot understand the stated that "Modi ki Guardocument" which was "full simple point that they can antee" covers a wide range of lies". Rekha, indirectly achieve nothing by making of promises across sectors, aimed at Congress, assert- false announcements. She citizens, and schemes. ed that if the previous remarks that the public Modi ki Guarantee means governments had worked knows everything and will a steadfast commitment to honestly, the guarantees give a befitting reply to the welfare of the people. they gave would have been the Congress party in the Modi ki Guarantee means fulfilled 50 years ago. She upcoming polls. Rekha a Viksit Bharat, Shrestha said that today people highlights in her address Bharat. It is a guarantee are yearning. Not just one that it has been the tra- for the development of but many promises were dition of Congress that it the youth, empowerment given, all of them turned has been misleading the of the women, welfare of out to be false and today people of the country for the farmers, and all those again presented a letter the last 70 years and has marginalized and vulneraof lies," Rekha Mahajan been playing with their ble who have been ignored

### **30 Bottles of illicit liquor** recovered by Police Station Kana Chak Jammu



Kanachak led by SHO Kanachak Inspector Sham Lal while on patrolling duty at Mishri Wala near Brick Klin rounded up one suspected person. During search, 30 Bottles of JK Special Whisky illicit liquor 180 ml each got recovered from his possession. In this regard,

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An information was received at Police Station and accused person got Kanachak regarding one arrested. The accused bootlegger selling illicit person was identified as liquor in the area under Parshotam Singh S/O the jurisdiction of of Balbir Singh Police Station Kanachak.

48(F) Excise Act stands registered at PS Kanachak

case FIR No. 42/2024 U/S

R/O Mishriwala Jammu. After this special police Further investigation of team of Police Station the case is going on.

### Police arrests 2 drug peddlers in Anantnag

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the menace of drugs 9633 and JK02CJ-3995.

near Higher Second- these vehicles identified ary School Kullar and as Ubaid Gulzar Lone intercepted two vehi- son of Gulzar Ahmad Continuing its unwaver- cles bearing registra- Lone and Aijaz Ahmad ing efforts to eradicate tion numbers JKO2AR- Bhat son of Mohd Jabbar from the society, police During search of these Taki Maqsood Shah have arrested two drug vehicles, police party Bijbehara were arrested peddlers in Anantnag recovered about 90 on spot. They have been and recovered con- Kgs of Poppy Straw. shifted to police station traband substances Moreover, during their where they remain in from their possession. personal search police custody. vehicles used A Police party from party also recovered Rs. in the commission of Police Station Pahal- 39,000 cash from their crime have also been gam laid down a naka possession. Drivers of seized.

Bhat both residents of

# SPORTS

# **JioCinema Unveils Stellar Additions in Their Galaxy of Superstars for 2024 TATA IPL**

#### AGENCIES MUMBAI, MAR 20

JioCinema unveiled new additions to their galaxy of superstars on their expert with Rajasthan Royals panel for the 2024 TATA and Chennai Super Kings, Indian Premier League. Watson continues his India's favourite sporting illustrious journey in the carnival will be brought TATA IPL with JioCinema. to fans and viewers on He won the Player of the JioCinema for free in 12 Tournament in the inaugulanguages, English, Hindi, ral season with the Royals Marathi, Gujarati, Bhojpu- while his match-winning ri, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, 117\* for CSK in the 2018 Telugu, Malayalam, and Final against Sunrisers Kannada, with Haryanvi Hyderabad has gone down making its debut.

In a never-seen-before ever in the IPL. avatar, one of the world's most destructive open- sharpest minds in cricket, ers, Virender Sehwag will will extend his journey headline the newly intro- with the TATA IPL as an duced Haryanvi language expert with JioCinema. presentation on JioCine- After having coached Kings ma. Ajay Jadeja will make XI Punjab, and worked as his debut as a Gujarati lan- a director of cricket operaguage expert. The former tions with the Royal Chal-India captain and MI Emir-lengers Bangalore, the ates batting coach will also Kiwi pro will sit alongside feature in Hindi and Hang- some of the most iconic out feeds

champion Shane Watson and AB de Villiers. and former New Zealand coach and Direc- for our deep and wide pretor of Cricket at Royal sentation of the TATA IPL Challengers Bangalore 2023 from our viewers, Mike Hesson, Sehwag, advertisers, and cricket and Jadeja will further fanatics was heartendeepen JioCinema's key ing and we are doubling proposition of providing down on our innovations fans inside access from and initiatives for TATA key members who until IPL 2024," said Viacom18 recently shared the dress- Sports Head of Content ing room with top franchi- Siddharth Sharma. "This sees.

anvi language. Manvinder duction of Haryanvi feed tion called Viral Weekend.

Bisla, man of the match of the 2012 IPL Final, will also join Sehwag in the Haryanvi feed.

Hindi After winning titles Marathi as one of the best knocks Mike Hesson, one of the

English

players he coached in the The addition of IPL IPL including Chris Gavle

"The response we got After playing for Delhi elevate the experience

Punjab franchise. Fans will through unique proposi- and Hangout feeds, newly

- Chris Gayle, AB de Villiers, Shane Watson, Eoin Morgan, Brett Lee, Mike Hesson, Anil Kumble, Robin Uthappa, Graeme Smith, Scott Styris, Sanjana Ganesan, Suhail Chandhok
- Zaheer Khan. Suresh Raina, Parthiv Patel, RP Singh, Pragyan Ojha, Aakash Chopra, Nikhil Chopra, Saba Karim, Anant Tyagi, Ridhima Pathak
- Kedar Jadhav, Dhawal Kulkarni, Kiran More, Siddhesh Lad, Prasanna Sant, Chaitanya Sant, Kunal Date
- Ajay Jadeja, Manpreet Juneja, Rakesh Patel, Bhargav Bhatt, Shel-Gujarati don Jackson, Atul Bedade, RJ Aseem Bhojpuri Ravi Kishan, Mohd Saif, Shivam Singh, Satya Prakash, Gulam Hussain, Saurabh Kumar, Vishal Aditya Singh, Shalinee Singh, Sumit Kumar, Ashutosh Aman Jhulan Goswami, Subhomoy Das, Shreevats Goswami, Anustup Bengali Majumdar, Sanjeeb Mukherjee, Saradindu Mukherjee, Anindya Sengupta, Debi Saha Virender Sehwag, Manvinder Bisla, Sonu Sharma, RJ Kisna, Ravin Haryanvi Kundu, Preeti Dahiva Malayalam Sachin Baby, Rohan Prem, Raiphi Gomez, Sony Cheruvathur, Manu Krishnan, VA Jagadeesh, MD Nidish, Aju John Thomas, Renu Joseph, Binoy S Aravind, Amit Verma, Veda Krishnamurthy, HS Sharath, Bharath Kannada Chipli, Sujay Shastry, Raghavendra Raj, Sumanth Bhat, Reena D'Souza, K Srinivas Murthy, V Koushik, Ankita Amar Abhinav Mukund, R Sridhar, Sudhir Srinivasan, Bagawati Prasad, Tamil Vidyut Sivaramakrishnan, Baba Aparajith, Baba Indrajith, Anirudha Srikkanth, KB Arun Karthik, Sameena Anwar, Ashwath Bobo Hanuma Vihari, Venkatapathy Raju, Akshath Reddy, Ashish Reddy, Telugu Sandeep Bavanaka, Kalyan Kollarapu, RJ Hemanth, Pratyusha, RJ Koushik. Sunitha Anand Sarandeep Singh, Rahul Sharma, VRV Singh, Reetinder Singh So-Punjabi dhi, Chetan Sharma, Sunil Taneja, Gurjit Singh, Balraj Syal
- Hangout Vipul Goyal, Angad Singh R, Aditya Kulshrestha, Inder Sahani, Ashish Solanki, Shashi Dhiman, Kunal Saluja

Virender Sehwag." JioCinema will bring over Taking advantage of the 100 popular social conseason we continue to flexibility and the choices tent creators across every digital gives, JioCinema language, every weekend, Daredevils and Kings XI with bigger names, deeper will offer a total of 18 to spawn conversations, the game as the match Punjab, Sehwag took on engagement with core, feeds this year, including anecdotes, and banter on unfolds. This allows viewa mentor's role with the casual and curious fans last year's popular Insiders the biggest sports proposition in the country in their witness him at his witty tions like Hero Cam, Viral introduced Hero Cam inimitable style along with best, this time in the Hary- Weekends and the intro- feed and a new proposi- the star experts. Hero Cam, JioCinema's

headlined by the iconic Through the 2024 season, latest camera angle addition this season, allows a viewer to not only follow all the live action but also the biggest hero within ers an up, close, personal, and uninterrupted view of how their heroes go a sense of feeling closer to YouTube.

IOC confirms 19 AINs at Paris 2024

#### AGENCIES GENEVA MAR 20

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said Tuesday 19 AINs (Individual Neutral Athletes) have qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

them right in between the match. This will be accompanied by more camera angles that viewers can choose from.

The Insiders feed is built on JioCinema's core proposition of making the TATA IPL's entertainment more accessible to viewers by giving them a peek into unheard tales, anecdotes, and conversations from dressing rooms, narrated by JioCinema's iconic empanelled experts who until recently rubbed shoulders with current players across different teams. Fans will be able to get into the player's mind from the expert's viewpoint and understand the thought process behind the gameplay as live action plays out on screen.

The Hangout feed will give fans a light-hearted and quirky take on the perennially competitive league through new-age content creators and popular stand-up comics like Angad Singh, Vipul Goyal, Aaditya Kulshreshth, and Shashi Dhiman among others. This feed will present quintessential TATA IPL action that is expected to draw first-time viewers and non-sports audience and augment the league's viewership.

Viewers can continue to watch their preferred sports by downloading Jio-Cinema (iOS & Android). For the latest updates, news, scores, and videos, fans can follow Sports18 on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube and JioCinema on Facebook, about the game and gives Instagram, Twitter and

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The IOC said 36 AINs

with a Russian passport

and 22 AINs with a Belaru-

## HOA gears up to face Hockey Haryana in Quarter-Finals

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JAMMU, MARCH 14, 2024 THURSDAY



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At the 14th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2024, the Hockey Association of fifth place and emerged Odisha (HAO) secured as champions. a decisive win against Hockey Chandigarh, solidifying their position atop cant effort that has been their pool and guaranteeing a spot in the quarter- the hockey ecosystem in

finals. sive 6-1 victory, Head structure that comprises Coach Sujit Lakra offered 23 Hockey Training Ceninsights on the team's tres, Sports Hostels, and prospects in their forth- the Odisha Naval Tata coming clash against Hockey High-Performance Haryana.

He emphasized the significance of grassroots lent infrastructure in development programs in Odisha that enables us

Odisha will face the expe- talent identification, but rienced Hockey Haryana. when a player reaches the approach in this tourna- tion period is shortened ment, Head Coach Sujit because they already have Lakra said, "For us, our a certain level of skill, fitfocus will be on execu- ness, and professionalism. tion. Yes, Haryana is a As a coach, it is easy for us very strong team, and to work with them." they have a strong core of Indian Women's Hockey the growing level of com-

does not matter on the learned in practice. My message to the players is member associations. not to overthink and take pride in representing tion is very high this year.

The Hockey Association to the national champiof Odisha features three onship, it gets more com-Indian Women's Hockey petitive. Hockey India has

INTERNATIONAL Odisha." established to value the

Odisha, including grass-Following this impres- roots initiative and infra-Centre. "I think we have excel-

ciation of Odisha has con-

sistently been a force to

reckon with at the Senior

Women National Cham-

pionship. In the previous

edition, they finished in

Sujit Lakra attributed

the success to the signifi-

poured into nourishing

Odisha and the intensify- to develop hockey extening level of competition sively. Furthermore, we from participating states. have numerous grassroots In the quarterfinals, initiatives. This not only the Hockey Association of serves as a pipeline for Speaking on the team's senior set-up, the transi-

Sujit Lakra underscored Team players, but that petition at the Senior Women National Chammatch day. Our objective pionships and lauded the is to stick to our roles and various measures impleexecute what we have mented by Hockey India towards empowering

"The level of competi-Every time we come back Team players in the done an excellent job of

# Sahil bags double crown in **Gamepoint Pickleball Championship**

AGENCIES HYDERABAD, MAR 20

Sahil clinched a double

interest in the sport.

courts in Hyderabad, to winners of the inaugu- Reddy. cater to the burgeoning ral Gamepoint Pickle- Pickleball, a racquet

ball championship. The sport, combines elements Gamepoint aims to enthusiasm shown by of tennis, table tennis,

crown in the Gamepoint provide a strong sporting pickleball players and and badminton and has point Hitec here.

final, Sahil and Dhaval take home the trophy. defeated Gaurabdip that has so far unveiled in the tournament. three premium pickleball

Ghosh and V S Cisakh Prachi in the mixed dou- this tournament is just a tournament, organised by better of Charitha and ing many more pickleball Gamepoint, a prominent Venkat 16-14 in the final tournaments in Hyder-

doubles titles at the Game- is part of the effort where the sport is on the rise the inaugural Pickleball players participate to in Telangana and also in competition organised by In the men's doubles showcase their skills and India. Gamepoint always aims to bring the joy of Sahil teamed up with sports to the people and

sports services provider to clinch another trophy abad to popularise the mixed doubles category

"I congratulate all the Co-Founder Siddharth played under lights.

1st Pickleball Champion- infrastructure for various the response we have gained significant tracship by winning both the sports to flourish and the received have only made tion globally. A total of men's doubles and mixed Pickleball Championship us more confident that 68 players took part in Gamepoint in the men's doubles and mixed doubles category.

The men's doubles cat-15-7 to win the title in the bles category and got the start as we will be host- egory witnessed 24 teams vying for the title while 10 pairs competed in the game," said Gamepoint with all the matches being

The Executive Board AINs. IOC Vice-President (EB) of IOC agreed on a Nicole Noevertsz will lead number of concrete imple- the three-member panel mentation aspects for the including former basketparticipation of AINs, who ball player Pau Gasol, are athletes with a Russian who represents IOC Ethics or Belarusian passport, Commission, and Seung after Tuesday's meeting Min Ryun, a representaat Lausanne, Switzerland. tive from IOC Athletes' 12 AINs with a Russian Commission.

passport and seven AINs with a Belarusian passport have qualified so far. An Individual Neutral

sian passport will qualify Athlete Eligibility Review for the Paris 2024, under Panel (AINERP) will be the most likely scenario.

squad, including Mariana promoting the game. For Kujur, Ajmina Kujur, and example, last year, Hockey Jyoti Chhatri.

head coach opined, "They hockey sticks and hockey have a big impact on the balls, to every member team; not only do they state. If you provide fremotivate the other play- quent competitions and ers, but they bring with equipment, then it is no them the experience of surprise that the game will high-pressure situations. grow and the quality will They also have had more get better every year," he exposure to players from added. other states and can help

India provided vital play-On their impact, the ing equipment, including

All the matches will the team tactically as be live-streamed on Fanwell." The Hockey Asso- Code.

### India aim for giant leap towards far-reaching FIFA WCQ Round 3 dream

#### AGENCIES

ABHA (SAUDI ARABIA), MAR 20

of writing a new chapter in Qatar in the opening two the post-independence era matchdays in November. of Indian Football history, FIFA World Cup 2026 and stan again in the fourth Kuwait and Qatar will tell AFC Asian Cup 2027 Pre- matchday at the Indira us everything." liminary Joint Qualifica- Gandhi Athletic Stadium tion Round 2 campaign as in Guwahati on March time in five years that India they take on Afghanistan 26. Afghanistan lost both will face Afghanistan in an on March 22 at the Damac their matches so far by big official match. The two Stadium here at 00:30 IST margins to Qatar (1-8) and meetings in the World (March 21 at 22:00 local Kuwait (0-4). time).

campaign at the AFC Asian to get there and obviously, metres above sea level.

Tigers will hope to build on their tally of three points from the World Cup The India Senior Men's Qualifiers where they beat Team will be on the verge Kuwait 1-0 and lost 0-3 to

India will be gunning 2021 ended 1-1 each, while Three points from for all six points from India ran out 2-1 winners this match can take the March fixtures, how- in the Asian Cup Qualifiers achieved and far-reaching only have eyes on one to Sahal Abdul Samad's dream of making the third match at a time. The Croa- added-time strike. round of the FIFA World tian stated, "Each game Cup Qualifiers, something is important from the in Abha on March 15 and that remains elusive ever aspect of self-confidence have had five full trainsince their first participa- and rankings. But our pri- ing sessions ahead of the tion in the qualifiers in ority and the final goal is match, acclimatising to the

After a disappointing There are various options tain city, which is 2,470 Cup Qatar 2023, the Blue nothing will be decided in



After Friday's fixture, the next two games. The ing normally as usual. We when they resume their India will face Afghani- matches in June against came here earlier so the boys can adapt to the different climate in Abha, This will be the fourth and things look okay at

the moment," said Stimac. Stimac's counterpart and Afghanistan head

coach Ashley Westwood Cup Qualifiers in 2019 and knows Indian Football all too well, having coached Bengaluru FC, ATK, and RoundGlass Punjab FC. India closer to the never- ever, Igor Stimac's side in 2022 in Kolkata, thanks He took charge of the Afghanistan national team in November 2023, right before the World Cup The Blue Tigers arrived Qualifiers kicked off.

"Ashley knows most of to qualify for Round 3. conditions of the moun- team for us since the Asian turn up," said Chhetri. The Cup," said Stimac.

"We have been train- they had a camp in Abha on FanCode.

to work on their game plan and played a friendly with a local team here. But we are sure they will be a much better side than what we have seen in

their opening games," he added.

India skipper Sunil Chhetri, who won two I-League titles and a Federation Cup playing under Westwood at Bengaluru FC, shared his thoughts on the Afghanistan side.

"They will play like a unit, they will be aggressive, they will know exactly what they have to do because that's how Ashley Westwood is. But I think it's more about us. We are here right in the corner of Saudi Arabia and we really have to bounce back after what happened in the our boys quite well and Asian Cup. It's not going has been preparing his to be easy. We have to match will be broadcast on

### Boxers from Haryana & Punjab off to flying starts at Jr National Championship

#### AGENCIES

#### NEW DELHI, MAR 20

Six boys from Haryana and four girls from Punjab moved to the next round with wins on day one at the 3rd Sub Junior National Boxing Championship at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in

For Haryana, Uday day on a winning note with Jharkhand's Youraj. Continuing the domination, and Maharashtra's Sunny Yadav respectively.

the next round with vic- win of the day. tories in their respective



matches.

Singh (37kg) started the Punjab, Maharashtra and a convincing 5-0 win over the second round in the contest in the final round boys' section.

Meanwhile in the junior Dev (43kg) and Sanchit girls' matches, boxers Kulpreet (49kg) notched Jayani (46kg) also grabbed from Punjab dominated up comfortable RSC victoidentical 5-0 wins against the proceedings with ries in the first and second Mizoram's V L Rohluzuala three out of four claiming round respectively. RSC victories.

Ravi Sihag (49kg), Lak- her bout with a unani- Mehul Malik (64kg) also shay (52kg), Naman (58kg) mous 5-0 decision over progressed into the next were the other pugilists Spoorthi Wali of Karnata- round. from Haryana to enter ka to give Punjab its first

Anamika (43kg) put up played on March 25.

Greater Noida.

"A few months back DD Sports and streamed

an attacking show against Four pugilists each from Dolcy Emilia of Meghalaya Tamil Nadu also entered the referee stopping the

in a bout that ended with of the match. Later, Affsa (46kg) and

For Uttar Pradesh, Ek Ampreet (35kg) won Avantika (55kg) and

The finals of the ongoing tournament will be



### Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Need to promote, develop DEO Kulgam chairs meeting culture for self-reliance, economic prosperity: Experts

#### JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 20

To sensitise youth about agri-startups with a focus laboration with industry on the economic viability, and government bodies cultivation and commercialisation of medicinal meet the demands of the and aromatic plants, orna- job-market and to achieve mentals and mushrooms, that goal they need practithe Department of Botany, Kashmir University (KU) a weeklong skill development and training programme here.

the programme aims to empower youth with practical skills and encourage read.

KU Registrar, Prof

of entrepreneurship for self-reliance and economic prosperity

"The university's colwill prepare our youth to cal skills for their professional growth," he said, Wednesday, inaugurated adding that such training aspiring youth in ensuring programmes will orient a better and prosperous individuals towards a future

more developed and holis-Titled, 'Empowering tic mindset with regard to resource of edible, medici-Potential, Fostering Future: ensuring the ever-increas-Building Entrepreneurship ing demand of food, medifor Self-Employment', cine and livelihood is met. He also assured the university's support and hand-

holding to promising parneurs," he maintained. a culture of start-ups and ticipants who endeavour to entrepreneurship, an offi- come up with a potential of Botany, Prof Zahoor cial release issued here business model, idea or start-up.

Dean, School of Biologi-Naseer Iqbal, emphasised cal Sciences, Prof Abdul youth showed keen interthe crucial role of start- Hamid Wani, said that such ups and the urgent pro- training programmes will motion and development enhance the skills of the



scholars and students, local youth and farmers are also attending the work-"Our Valley has a huge shop," he added.

Workshop Convenor, nal, aromatic and orna-Prof Aijaz Ahmad Wani, mental plants and if tapped said that the government is promoting start-ups in properly, we can create a separate economy and medicinal and aromatic attract aspiring entrepreplants, ornamentals, mushrooms, vegetables Head, Department and other crops on a large scale

"These agri-startups will Ahmad Kaloo, said that the response to the workshop certainly provide our youth was overwhelming as the a new and lucrative avenue of income generation and est in registering themlivelihood earning and will also contribute value addi-"Besides university tion to future economic

also enacted.

growth," he said. Director, Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), KU, Prof Manzoor Ahmad Shah, said that the youth need to make informed decisions for securing their future prospect. "The youth need to

understand that distinction between the pursuit for knowledge and the pursuit for skills as two separate things and make

decisions accordingly," he added. Head, Department of Zoology, Prof Abdul Ahad Buhroo; former faculty, Department of Botany, Prof Zafar Ahmad Reshi, Prof Inayatullah Tahir, Prof Irshad Ahmad Nawchoo attended the inaugural

session. Besides, faculty from the Department of Botany, guests from various departments, scholars and students also attended the function, the release read.

# of enforcement agencies



and SST teams shall work

in coordinated manner as

per the guidelines of ECI.

tion here that a dedicated

redressal of public com-

The meeting was

It is important to men-

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, MARCH 20

The District Election Officer (DEO) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired district level control room a meeting of enforcement has been established agencies at the mini-secrehere to ensure seamless tariat, here.

During the meeting plaints and ensure smooth the DEO called for strict conduct of elections. implementation of Model Code of Conduct (MCC) adherence to all guidelines of Election Commission of India.

Jatt Maha Sabha lauds Backward Class **Commission for giving OBS status to Jat** Community JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 20

The All Jammu and Kashmir Jatt Maha Sabha has put forth a pressing demand for the government to provide a one-time compensation of Rs. 25 lakh per Jat family. This demand arises from the historical struggles and challenges faced by the Jat community, and the Sabha believed that this compensation would greatly contribute to the upliftment of Jat families.

In a joint statement issued today, Manjit Singh, State President of the Sabha and former minister, Taranjit Singh Tony, Senior Vice President and DDC Suchetgarh, Choudhary Sukhnandan Senior Vice President, Vikram Randhawa (Ex-MLC), Vice President, Dwarka Choudhary, District President, and Ex-Corporator, highlighted the historical struggles faced by the Jat community since independence in 1947.

Speaking in the meeting, Manjit Singh expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Backward Class Commission for addressing the long-standing demands of the Jatt community by granting them OBC status. He, emphasizing the turbulent journey of the Jat community, stated that Jats had endured immense challenges and hardships, particularly during the years of 1947, 1965, and 1971. He lamented the displacement of Jat families from their homes and lands, with many of them having to rebuild their lives from scratch.

The Jatt Sabha leaders expressed his resentment with regard to the 8 per cent reservation granted to the Jat community, considering the decades-long struggle they have faced. They advocated for a more comprehensive approach, urging the removal of income slab criteria, which would ensure a more inclusive and equitable reservation policy for the Jat community.

## **Voters Education & Participation Programme** under SVEEP held at GDC Women Anantnag

selves for the training.

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** ANANTNAG, MARCH 20

A voters' education and participation programme under SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation**) was today held at Government Degree College (GDC) for Women Anantnag. The theme of the programme was 'Importance of Vote in Democratic Setup' and 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.'

The programme was organized jointly by the SVEEP Cell Anantnag, Government Degree College for Women, District Information Centre & Cultural Unit (Information Kashmir). It is a part the District Election Officer SF. Hamid.



being organized in Anant- cer, SVEEP, Coordinator, ambassadors delivered as the ones from varinag under the guidance of SVEEP and other officials. valuable lectures on the

During the programme theme, and a quiz conthe Election Song 'Main test was also organized. A transgender and tribals to The programme was Bharat Hoon' translated Nukkad Natak (short play) participate & vote in the attended by the students into Kashmiri language on the participation of eli- upcoming General elecand staff from various col- was played. Students gible voters in voting was

The District Nodal Officer, SVEEP, Anantnag while speaking to the students emphasized on the role of voting in safeguarding democratic ideals of the country. Other speakers encouraged the students and participants to raise awareness about the value of vote among their families and friends. Notably, the emphasis of the SVEEP campaign in Anantnag is on moti-

vating and encourag-

ing general masses,

the first time voters of the SVEEP campaign leges, District Nodal Offi- from various colleges and and inclusive voters such ous categories as Persons with Disability, female, tions.



**JI NEWS SERVICE** GANDERBAL, MARCH 20

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani today held a meeting with the flying squads, designated magistrates, Videographers and other nience. officers in his office chamber, here.

the Model Code of Con- the spot instantly in case utmost care.

duct (MCC) is strictly followed and violations if any

the concerned quarters. He said that all designated teams have to propby Election Commission of India and also ensure public safety and conve-

of any complaint received. He also said that magare promptly reported to isterial powers delegated to all the heads of the flying squads are aimed to empower them for proper erly follow the SOPs issued implementation of law

and order. On the occasion, the ADDC briefed the videographers accompanying ADDC asked all teams to the FSTs about their role submit their daily activity and responsibility and The ADDC impressed reports well in time and asked them to cover each upon the officers to ensure also be prepared to reach activity sensibly and with

Lok Sabha elections 2024: ADDC Ganderbal holds meeting with Flying Squad teams

attended by the AROs, and urged all for strict Dy-DEO, Nodal Officers, ETO, Manager Lead Bank, Assistant Controller Drugs, Dy-SP Hq and DEO directed that FST other concerned officers.

### Manasbal Lake echoes with Voter Awareness Slogans under SVEEP Program



#### **JI NEWS SERVICE**

GANDERBAL, MARCH 20

An awareness program electoral process. under the Systematic

cer SVEEP Ganderbal, the exercising their franchise. Chief Executive Officer of

about their voting rights awareness resonated and the importance of effectively with the boatactive participation in the men community.

between the Nodal Offi- and the significance of derbal.

Despite the logistical With a significant turn- challenges inherent in Voters' Education and out of Boatmen with their reaching out to a commu-Electoral Participation beautiful Shikaras placed nity with specific occu-(SVEEP) initiative rever- meticulously on the crys- pations and schedules, berated across Manasbal tal clear waters of the the program succeeded Lake, Ganderbal, as boat- Lake, the program made in making a meaningful men and locals gathered strides in raising aware- impact in instilling voter to participate in the event. ness about voter registra- awareness among the The collaborative effort tion, voting procedures, boatmen of Manasbal Gan-This concerted effort

District Level Master underscores the commit-Manasbal Development Trainers played a pivotal ment of local authorities Authority and the Block role in delivering informa- to promote democratic Development Officer Safa- tive sessions and engag- participation and civic pora aimed to educate ing discussions, ensuring engagement across diverse the boatmen community that the message of voter segments of society.

# **CUJ** inspires Youth participation in Viksit Bharat

#### **JI NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, 20 MARCH

The Office of Dean Students's Welfare, Central University of Jammu organized a dynamic event titled "Viksit Bharat: Yuvaoun ki Bhumika" today, with the esteemed presence of Sh. Vijay Pratap, Organising Secretary, North Zone ABVP was the chief guest of the program. The event aimed to ignite the spirit of nation-building among the youth and empower them with a sense of responsibility towards shaping the future of India.

Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare Central University of jammu welcomed the chief guest and other participants of the program and also explained its significance.

Sh. Vijay Pratap, Organising Secretary, North Zone ABVP in his keynote address, emphasized the significance of preserving and nurturing the cultural heritage of our country for the holistic development and progress of the address. Prof. Jain highnation. Drawing from lighted the importance of Prant Sangathan Mantri, historical anecdotes, he aligning one's skills with ABVP added to the granpassionately conveyed the evolving landscape of deur of the occasion, youth's pivotal role in artificial intelligence (AI) making it a memorable nation-building endeav- while emphasizing the and impactful event.



ours. He said today's crucial role of humaniyouth are the architects ties in addressing the of tomorrow's India, and challenges posed by AIurged the audience to driven advancements. He harness their potential urged students to focus and contribute to making India a developed nation by 2047. His motivational address resonated deeply with the participants, instilling a sense of purpose and determination to work towards a brighter a formal vote of thanks future.

Chancellor, Central University of Jammu delivered an alluring presidential

on upskilling themselves and engaging in research initiatives that cater to the emerging needs of society. Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, Central university of jammu, delivered and expressed gratitude

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice to all the participants for their active participation and valuable insights. The presence of Sh. Tilak Thakur, Jammu Kashmir

### **General Elections-2024 RO 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency issues election** notification

#### JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 20

Returning 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency, Dr. issued election notification Office Kathua. for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections in the

constituency. The elections in this 2024 until 03:00 PM. Parliamentary Constituency (PC) are scheduled to take place during the for April 19, 2024, and the first phase of the electoral process

The Election Notification specifies the timeline ference addressed in this and procedures for candi- regard, the Returning dates wishing to contest Officer 4-Udhampur Parin the parliamentary elections.

nomination papers can on March 23rd, 24th and be filed by candidates 25th, 2024, due to public or Assistant Returning ment Act, 1881. Officer 67-Kathua AC (ACR Kathua) at Deputy eligible candidates and Commissioner's office, stakeholders to adhere to (other than public holi- the Election Notification. 27, 2024.

The nomination forms tion of all concerned parcan be obtained from ties to ensure a fair and the office of the Return- transparent election.

ing Officer, located at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Kathua. Scrutiny Officer of the nomination papers will take place on March

28, 2024 at 01:00 PM at Rakesh Minhas, today Deputy Commissioner's Candidates have the option to withdraw their

candidature on March 30,

The polling day for the constituency is scheduled Polling will be conducted from 07:00 AM to 06:00 PM. Later, in a Press Conliamentary Constituency informed that there will As per the notification, be no nomination process

or their proposers at the holidays on these dates Returning Officer's office under Negotiable Instru-Dr. Minhas urged all

Kathua between 11:00 AM the election schedule and to 03:00 PM on any day procedures outlined in day) not later than March He also appealed for active participation and coopera-

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