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#### Lady killed, 2 injured as mini bus turns turtle in Jammu outskirts

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JAMMU, MAR 22

A lady was killed while two people sustained injuries when a minibus they were traveling in turned turtle in the Miran Sahib area here in the city outskirts.

Police said that a minibus, while overtaking another, skidded off and rolled down the road this morning in the Miran Sahib area.

"One lady passenger died in the mishap while two others suffered injuries," said police.

They added that the injured were rushed to the Sub-District Hospital, R. S. Pura.

The police have taken cognizance.

#### Weather improves after 36-hour wet spell in J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 22

The weather conditions improved on Friday in parts of Jammu and Kashmir after recording light to moderate rains and snow for 36 hours since Thursday morning.

The 36-hour wet spell under the influence of Western Disturbance ended this afternoon. However under its influence, several higher reaches of north Kashmir recorded fresh snowfall while rains lashed plains of Kashmir during the

According to the news agency, the weather is expected to remain dry during the next few days.

Upto March 26 from tomorrow, there is a possibility of generally dry weather conditions with brief cloudiness as well, Director Meteorological department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said.

On March 27, he said that the weather would remain partly to generally cloudy with light rain and snow at few places, adding that from March 28 to 31, partly to generally cloudy weather is expected with intermittent light rain and snow at many places.

The MeT department has also issued an advisory, advising the farmers to resume farm operations after 23rd March.

#### NDPS detainee escapes from police custody

JI NEWS SERVICE

 $JAMMU,MAR\,22$ 

A narcotics smuggler arrested on March 18 under the NDPS Act escaped from the police custody from High Court Complex, Janipur here today.

Balraj Singh of Sehora Tehsil, Amritsar, Punjab was arrested on March 18 with 9 grams of heroinlike-substance by a team of Police Post Narwal along with another person identified as Pawan Kumar of Garh Samna Banj, Udhampur, who was found in possession of 6 grams of heroin-

like-substance. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

## **Udhampur-Doda LS seat braces for** direct battle between BJP & Congress

Two Rajputs try to get third term as MP

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

Since the Congress party has been able to get a best possible candidate by roping in Choudhary Lal Singh against BJP's Dr. Jitendra Singh, a fierce battle is expected between these two Rajputs from Udhampur-Doda Lok Sabha constituency.

for Jitendra Singh from tions.

As per news agency— isters of Narendra Modi MP from this seat and was ning the seat during 2019 a giant killer in 2014 elec- elections.



Originally hailing from agitation. Being a strong time MP from communicator, Jitendra

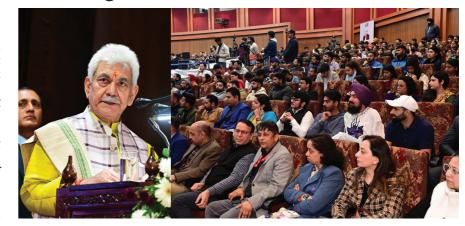
Singh never looked back and enjoyed great support from party leaders, both at the centre and in the state. Currently he is relying

on the work done by the Modi government in his constituency and is hoping that people will keep faith in him and leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

On the other hand, Choudhary Lal Singh, a With Lal Singh's entry, ed Congress stalwart Malohri area of district former Congressman who it will not be a cake walk Ghulam Nabi Azad with a Doda, Jitendra Singh's had left the party in 2014 political journey took a after Ghulam Nabi Azad jump after 2008 Amar- was preferred over him during 2019 general elec- ment, he was able to get nath land row when he to contest the Lok Sabha a place in council of min- emerged as a strong face elections, had joined BJP of the agitation and played in August 2014 and had Kashmir News Observer government in first term the most important role contested successfully the (KNO), Dr. Jitendra Singh is and continued to enjoy the of making people aware Assembly elections in the a two-time and incumbent same treatment after win- about the purpose of same year. He is a two-

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## Bihar Diwas celebrated in Raj Bhawan



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

Jammu Kashmir Raj Sinha extended his greet-Diwas celebration today. Senior officials, Students picious day. and the residents of Bihar

Governor Shri Manoj and culture of the country. people of Bihar on the aus-

living in J&K UT were the times, Bihar was known India's freedom movespecial invitees on the as the centre of spiritual- ment and the building of ity, education and made modern India.

While addressing the significant contribution to guests, the Lieutenant all aspects of vibrant art

The Lt Governor also Bhawan hosted Bihar ings and best wishes to the paid homage to the great personalities of Bihar and remembered their He said since ancient valuable contribution to

## J&K's 3 vital roads in JK claim PM Modi arrives in Bhutan on Two-Day

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 22

claimed nearly 2,000 lives lost their lives in 2023. in the past five years.

2023.

According to the official accidents in 2019.

The official figures The National Highway reveal that from the least 298 persons were and the roads leading in National Highway, at least killed in road accidents in Chenab Valley and Pir 211 persons were killed in these areas. Panjal ranges have claimed 2019 in roads accidents at least 1986 lives in road followed by 178 in 2020, at reveal that in 2021 at least accidents from 2019 to least 271 in 2021, over 261 in 2022 and 234 in 2023

Likewise, from the Pir figures available with the Panjal range, at least 109 news agency–Kashmir persons were killed in road News Observer (KNO), in accidents in the year 2019, Chenab Valley at least 113 at least 56 died in 2020, 65 persons lost their lives in were killed in 2021, 74 in in India and claim at least 2022 and 64 in 2023.

On the roads of Chenab dents in the region claimed Valley, National Highway 64 lives followed by 91 and Pir Panjal, a total In Jammu and Kashmir, deaths in 2021, at least 81 number of 433 persons three vital roads have in 2022 and 114 persons were killed in road accidents in 2019.

Similarly, in 2020 at The official figures also

427 persons were killed in road accidents followed by 416 in 2022 and 412 in

According to the government report, there is a huge rise in road accidents 19 lives per hour.

## nearly 2,000 lives in five years state visit; receives red carpet welcome



AGENCIES THIMPHU, MAR 22

**JI NEWS SERVICE** 

Dr. Jitendra Singh, BJP's

nominee for the Udham-

pur parliamentary seat,

kicked off his election

campaign by address-

ing a public gathering at

Ramlila Maidan in Kathua.

Asserting the strides made

in development, Singh

urged skeptics to visit the

Udhampur constituency

to witness progress first-

JAMMU, MAR 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday arrived in 'Neighbourhood Bhutan on a two-day State

visit to further cement India's unique relations with the Himalayan nation as part of the country's

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Dr. Jitendra Singh Challenges critics

#### PM Narendra Modi receives Bhutan's highest honour

THIMPHU [BHUTAN], MAR 22

King of Bhutan conferred on Friday Prime Minister Narendra Modi the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, the highest honour of the Himalayan country.

As per ranking and precedence established, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo was instituted as the decoration for lifetime achievement and is the pinnacle of the honour system in Bhutan, taking precedence over all orders, decorations and medals.

Earlier PM Modi, who is on a two-day state visit had called on Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck at the Tashichho Dzong Palace in

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## Lal Singh accuses Union Government Visit Udhampur to see real development: of neglecting Dogra rights

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

Chaudhary Lal Singh, who recently returned to the Congress fold after a decade, made scathing remarks against the Union government, alleging neglect of Dogra rights during his visit to Kathua and Hiranagar. Singh, warmly welcomed by supporters upon his return, criticized the government for overlooking the interests of the Dogra commu-

tunities in highway con- ists, labeling it as unjust to



struction projects and the alleged seizure of lands belonging to the As per the news agency indigenous populace. He Singh highlighted con- condemned the policy of cerns over the lack of offering 100 percent subsilocal employment oppor- dies to external industrial-

the Dogras.

Emphasizing his commitment to the Dogra cause, Singh declared his intent to continue the battle on their behalf, vowing to address past injustices. He rallied support for the Congress party, asserting its strengthening prospects and promising to amplify the voices of the Dogras both nationally and internationally.

In Hiranagar, Singh reiterated his dedication to fighting for the common people and denounced the BJP's alleged attempts to silence him for speaking truth. He expressed



As per the news agency occurred fail to recognize dren in medical colleges accompanied by Water the tangible advance- and enhanced connectiv-Resources Minister ments taking place. He ity via expressways linking Gajendra Singh Shekha- cited examples such as to Delhi. wat, Singh emphasized improved access to eduthat detractors who claim cation, illustrated by the in facilitating the instal- Doda, and Udhampur.

development has not enrollment of local chil-

lation of Maharaja Gulab Singh's statue at Lakhanpur, contrasting it with the previous administration's perceived subservience to Kashmir-centric policies.

Singh also criticized the Congress party for allegedly neglecting the interests of the region, particularly regarding the revocation of the Dogra Certificate and disparities in youth reservations. He underscored the Modi government's commitment to rectifying such injustices, pointing to recent initiatives aimed at ensuring equitable treatment for He highlighted his role the youth of Kathua,

## Six additional judges appointed to Kerala HC, one to JK High Court

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAR 21

Six advocates and a judicial officer were appointed as judges in two high courts on Thursday.

According to a Law Ministry statement, advocates Mullappally Abdul Aziz Abdul Hakhim, Syam Kumar Vadakke Mudavakkat, Harisankar Vijayan Menon, Manu Sreedharan Nair, Easwaran Subramani and Manoj Pulamby Madhavan have been appointed as additional judges of



the Kerala High Court. Judicial officer Mohd Yousuf Wani has been appointed as an additional judge of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High

Separately, 10 additional judges of the Bombay High Court have been elevated as permanent judges.

Additional judges are usually appointed for a period of two years before being elevated as judges or what is popularly called 'permanent judges"

## Jammu AIIMS soon to reach out patients, docs at doorstep through telemedicine facility

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 22

The much-awaited telemedicine facility is all set to begin in Jammu AIIMS from next week.

As per officials, preparations are underway to start telemedicine facility from next week for which trial runs are being conducted.

"Trial runs are being conducted to start telemedicine facility at AIIMS located in Vijaypur belt of Samba district," said an



He added that after the the doctors of district level start of the facility, experts health centers on the cases from AIIMS will provide under treatment. medical consultation to

"The patients from

Moreover, officials stated that Delhi AIIMS staff will also be deputed to train the staff in handling the equipment while proposal of starting three e-buses from Jammu to AIIMS Vijaypur is also under consideration. Director AIIMS,

remote areas, visiting dis-

trict hospitals will be ben-

efitted a lot with the facil-

ity," they said adding that

there will be a provision as

well to refer the patient to

AIIMS if required.

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Lok Sabha Elections 2024

## First Phase of EVMs Randomization conducted at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MARCH 22

tariat, Bandipora.

The first phase of randomization of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections 2024 was conducted on Friday at VC Room, Mini-Secre-

The randomization was conducted under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman in presence of Officer Mohammad Rafeeq Bhat, Nodal Officer EVM Management Mumtaz Pir, ARO 15- Bandipora, ARO vent any potential bias 14- Sonawari, while as or manipulation in the mode and besides other ing station receives its randomization. senior officers and repre- machines impartially. sentatives from various present.

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unveiled special, limit-

ing from INR 39.

JAMMU, MAR 22



of the electoral process.

The DEO said that randomization helps to pre- and 16-Gurez.

briefed the participants cate Ballot Units, Control ing stations.

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regarding the process of Units, and Voter Verifiable randomization, ensuring Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) Deputy District Election the fairness and integrity units for three assembly segments including 14-Sonawari, 15-Bandipora

The list of all EVM's post randomization was ARO 16-Gurez joined the assignment of EVMs, thus handed over to all politiprocess through virtual ensuring that each poll- cal parties present in the

On the occasion, it was The randomization was revealed that subsequent political parties were also carried out using dedi- randomization phases cated software designed will determine the specific On the occasion, DEO for this purpose to allo- allocation of EVMs to poll-

Remarks

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season.

### JKAACL, Sahitya Akademi jointly organize Symposium on Dogri Poetry

JAMMU, MAR 22

Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, in collaboration with the J&K Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages, Jammu, organized a Symposium on Dogri poetry titled "Figure of Speech, Usage of Sentiments, and Meter in Dogri Poetry" at K.L. Saigal Hall, Iammu. The symposium aimed

to delve into the intricacies of Dogri poetry, exploring its rich tradition, linguistic nuances, and thematic evolution. Scholars, writers, and enthusiasts congregated to celebrate the essence of Dogri literature, engaging in discussions on its figures of speech, sentiment utilization, and meter.



with a warm Welcome and literary significance the poetry of the 1990s. Address and Introductory Remarks by Mohan Singh, Convener of the Dogri Advisory Board at Sahitya Akademi.Professor Archana Kesar, a distinguished Dogri writer, delivered the Keynote Address, setting the stage for the day's intellectual discourse.

Padma Shri Dr. Jitender Udhampuri, eminent the Presidential Address,

of Dogri poetry.

The Symposium feacomprising insightful presentations and discuspersonalities in the field of Dogri literature. In the First Session,

chaired by Dr. Gian Singh, notable Dogri writer, papers were presented by Dr. Sarita Khajuria, Dogri writer, delivered focusing on Dogri poetry

The event commenced highlighting the cultural Ashok Ambar, exploring

The Second Session commenced under the tured two sessions, each chairmanship of Puran Chander Sharma, a prominent Dogri poet. Prakash sions chaired by eminent Premi presented his analysis of Dogri poetry from 2000 to 2010, while Raaj Manawari delved into the decade, from 2010 to

The Symposium profrom 1980 to 1990, and scholars and enthusiasts heritage.

to engage in meaningful dialogue, reflecting on the evolution and contemporary relevance of Dogri poetry. It underscored the importance of preserving linguistic heritage and nurturing regional literary traditions.

Reeta Khadyal, Assistant Editor, Dogri at the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, extended a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters of the event.

The Symposium concluded on a note of intellectual stimulation and poetry of the subsequent cultural enrichment, reaffirming the enduring legacy of Dogri literature and its vital role in the vided a platform for tapestry of Indian literary

Lok Sabha Election 2024

## Rangoli Competition as part of SVEEP campaign organised in Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MARCH 22

Under the overall supervision of District Election Officer Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, dedicated efforts are underway to diligently execute the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign in the district.

This campaign aims to raise awareness about voting rights and ethical voting practices across the Kishtwar district in preparation for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024 for the parliamentary Constituency Udhampur scheduled for April 19th.

As part of the SVEEP initiatives, the SVEEP Cell of the District Election Office Kishtwar orchestrated a vibrant Rangoli Competition event in spirit with the 'Holi Ka Tyohar, Chunavi Bahar' today.

This event played a piv-



cer for SVEEP activities/ ACR Kishtwar, Idrees Lone collaborated extensively with educational institutions and various organizations to educate enthusiastically participatthe populace about the significance of their role tition. Participants showas voters in a democracy.

Today's event was meticulously coordinated by District Nodal Officer SVEEP in conjunction otal role in engaging the with District Information students for their enthuours serve as a testament community and fostering Officer Kishtwar, Dr. Kul- siastic participation and to the commitment of all awareness for maximum deep Kumar. A total of lauded their creativity and stakeholders towards fosparticipation in the demo- 10 teams comprising 50 talent displayed during the tering a vibrant and particcratic process, particularly participants, including competition. Anganwari Workers of

The District Nodal offi- ICDS, students and faculty members from different schools, GDC Kishtwar, Government Polytechnic College Kishtwar, ITI Kishtwar and local artists ed in the Rangoli competalent in promoting ethical

voting practices.

"Rangoli serves a pur- Kishtwar district.

pose beyond mere decoration, it embodies imagination and innovative ideas," remarked the District Election Officer. Emphasizing the broader goal of education, he highlighted the importance of Voting in democratic setup.

The DEO also encouraged students participation in activities aimed at raising awareness of voting rights.

Team A of GDC Kishtwar clinched the first position and was awarded Rs. 10000, Team 'B' of GDC Kishtwar secured second position receiving Rs. 5000 while local artists Ninu Kumari and Priyanka claimed Rs. 3000 by securing third spot.

The successful execution of the Rangoli Competition underscores the cased their creativity and effectiveness of community engagement initiatives in promoting voter aware-District Election Officer ness and ethical electoral Kishtwar, commended the practices. Such endeavipatory democracy within

#### **NSS Unit of GDC Dharmari** organized Door-to-**Door Awareness** Campaign JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 222

Dharmari, March, 22: National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Government Degree College, Dharmari organized door-todoor Awareness campaign on registration of voters in the electoral rolls and the importance of voting, Drug Abuse and Nasha Mukt Bharat, Environmental Protection and the importance of Plantation, Nutrition and Cleanliness. For the campaign, the volunteers were divided into small groups and sent to visit different public places and houses of the people with posters and slogans on the campaign themes and made the people aware on different issues and problems especially registration of voters in Electoral Rolls, importance of voting and Nasha Mukt Bharat and Drug Abuse by delivering lectures, public talks and interactions.

nized as a part of NSS Winter Camp in which 50 volunteers of the college NSS Unit have participated. The Campaign was organized under guidance of college Principal Dr. Preetpal Kour and the supervision of NSS Program Officer, Prof.

The campaign was orga-

## Lok Sabha Elections 2024: First Phase of **EVM Randomisation held at Baramulla**

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MARCH 22

The first phase of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) randomisation for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 was today held in Baramulla, under the guidance and overall supervision of District Election Officer (DEO), Baramulla, Minga Sherpa

ARO Sopore, Shabir Ahmad Raina, Deputy Election Officer Baramulla, ARO Baramulla, ARO Rafiabad, ARO Pattan, ARO Gulmarg, and Nodal Officer EVM Management, as well as other officials from the District Elections office and representatives from political parties were present on the occasion.

During the first phase, EVMs, ballot units, control units and VVPATs the EVMs will be securely representatives were comgroundwork for a credible adhering to stringent secuelectoral framework.

Following the completives for their review and tion process. satisfaction.

rity protocols.

tion of the randomiza- commitment to upholdtion process, the report ing integrity, transparpolitical party representa- throughout the randomiza-

Post- Randomisation, ization process, Political ency.

were impartially allocated transferred to dedicated prehensively briefed about through the randomization strong rooms in their the procedures, instilling process, thereby laying the respective constituencies, confidence in the integrity of the electoral process and affirming their com-The DEO reiterated the mitment to maintaining the sanctity of the polls

Subsequent phases of of randomisation for all 7 ency, and utilizing dedi- randomization will contin-Assembly Constituencies cated software to mini- ue to ensure the equitable was handed over to all mize human intervention allocation of EVMs to polling stations while upholding the highest standards Prior to the Random- of security and transpar-

## Aakash Educational Services Ltd announces Educational Scholarships for April 2024 Admissions

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, 22 MARCH 2024:

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), a national leader in test preparatory services, has announced various scholarships prior to the commencement of its new session scheduled to begin in April 2024 to enable students to realise their dream of becoming doctors and engineers.

(iACST), offering up to 90% scholarship for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation courses. Additionally, Aakash will provide special discounts to children of martyrs, defense personnel and terrorism-affected individuals.

Aakash Educational Seraccessible and impactful educational opportunities for students across India. ship programmes, we aim days. to empower deserving

The first scholarship supporting the education Medicine or Engineering. their iACST scores. is the Instant Admission of children of our brave Cum Scholarship Test Armed Forces personnel and are committed to fostering excellence and inclusivity in education."

The Instant Admission Cum Scholarship Test (iACST) offers students immediate scholarship awards and opportunities for instant admission. Students can take the exam Mr. Anup Agarwal, online and receive details Chief Business Officer at of their earned scholarships instantly, enabling vices Limited, stated, "We them to secure instant are dedicated to providing admission under the responsibility by supexpert guidance of Aakash faculty. The online iACST, lasting 60 minutes, can be Through initiatives like taken between 10 AM and iACST and our scholar- 8 PM on designated exam to 100% to the children

Scholarships awarded through iACST are applicable for admission into Medical, Engineering, and Foundation classroom its success in the recent courses. iACST is conduct- JEE Mains 2024, where ed via the Aakash Comput-

Apple platforms.

er-Based Test (CBT) platform, as well as through tions for both Android and

In addition to its scholarship initiatives, AESL is committed to social wards of Defence Personof martyrs. Similarly, an Catering to students in additional discount of 10%

This initiative till date has benefited over 75,000 students since 2014. Aakash also celebrates

41,263 students qualified the examination. Noteworthe Aakash website and 4,198 students attaining that the digital mode of dedicated mobile applica- a percentile score of 95 and above, while 939 students secured a percentile score of 99 and above. Rishi Shekhar Shukla from Hyderabad achieved a perfect 100 percentile, with porting the education of Abhiraj Singh from Karnal, Sri Ram A from Trinulveli, nel. Aakash will provide and Viswanath K S from tuition fee waivers of up Hyderabad securing an included Kaustav Bauri exceptional percentile of securing AIR 03, Dhruv 99.99, among others.

students to achieve their Class VIII to XII, iACST will be given to the chil-room students, students securing AIR 06, Swayam academic and career aspi-serves as a platform for dren of defense person-from Aakash's digital Shakti Tripathy securing rations. We are proud to them to showcase their nel and terrorism-affected program scored tremen- AIR 08, and Parth Khancontinue our tradition of potential for careers in individuals over and above dously in JEE Mains 2024 delwal securing AIR 10.

(Session-01), with toppers including Ritam Banerjee attaining a percentile score of 99.96 with a 100 in Mathematics; Arha Sahoo scoring 99.91 with 100 in Chemistry; Dhritishman Dutta at 99.87; Harish Kumar at 99.86; Eshwaranth at 99.86 percentile with a 100 percentile in Chemistry; Ishant Patel at 99.85 percentile; Sayan Mandal at 99.82; Jane Jones at 99.78; Srajan Gupta 99.74; Dilipkumar A 99.70, Rakshit Modi 99.67 among others. An impressive 26 students scored 99+ percentile NTA score. Also, In JEE (Adv) 2023, Aakash Digital Program student Maynak Soni has secured AIR-26 (OBC catthy achievements include egory Rank 2) proving learning is indeed a great solution for cracking the India's toughest exams with top ranks.

In the NEET UG Examination 2023, an impressive 1,06,870 students from Aakash qualified, with 17 emerging as State/UT Toppers. Notable performers Advani securing AIR 05, Apart from the class- Surya Siddharth Nagarajan

#### Lok Sabha Elections-2024: First Phase of EVM randomization conducted at Kupwara



JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, MARCH 22

The first phase of randomization was conducted for emphasized that the allocation of Ballot Units objective of randomiza-(BUs), Control Units (CUs) tion is to ensure transparand VVPATs for all the six ent and impartial elecassembly segments of the tions, devoid of human Kupwara district for the interference, facilitated upcoming parliamentary by dedicated software. elections 2024 on Friday.

The process was overseen by District Election tives were briefed about Ayushi Sudan in presence of AROs, Dy.DEO Kupwara sary measures to uphold and Political party representatives.

The first randomiza-Elections. Randomization in the district.

was shared with AROs and political parties.

The District Election Officer, on the occasion,

Prior to the randomization, political representa-Officer (DEO), Kupwara, the process, regarding the implementation of necesthe integrity of the electoral process.

Second phase of rantion was aimed to allo- domization will entail cate Ballot Units, Control further randomization Units, and VVPATS, for all for the allocation of EVMs the six assembly constitu- to individual polling staencies of the district as tions. This meticulous there are a total of 611 poll- approach underscores the ing centers in the district commitment to conductfor upcoming Lok Sabha ing free and fair elections

#### Awareness programme on **SVEEP held across Samba**







JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MARCH 22

the electors. Anganwadi Workers, offi- maximum participation cials from Revenue, Rural is ensured and electors Development and Edu- are facilitated and encourcation department were aged for strengthening the

greater participation of

BLOs to sensitise all sections of society.

DNO SVEEP made a As per the directions of synchronous strategy Chief Electoral Officer along with AROs of all J&K and District Election three ACs which resulted Office Samba, a day long in mass mobilisation and awareness campaign was identification of target held in the district for the areas where voter turnout awareness of voters under was comparatively less. SVEEP 4 programme, Special focus was made an initiative of ECI for for the youth, women, old stronger democracy with age voters and tribals.

Such activities will continue on a day to day basis Various ELCs, VAFs, till the poll day so that mobilised along with local democratic process.

#### JKBS urges 'economic-cumemployment package' for **Batwal community**

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha at its meeting held here today under the chairmanship of Mr R L.Kaith, discussed the burning issues of the Batwal community and said that in 1994, the Central Planning Commission at the behest of the then Prime Minister Narsimha Rao, undertook the ethnographic study of J&K Batwal community with an object to uplift it from the state of utter degradation it had been living in, but even after lapse of thirty years, nothing has been done by the government to improve its living standard

which is very disheartening to see, it added. The meeting urged the present Government of India to sanction an 'economic cum employment package' for the Batwal community in order that it could enhance its living standard and lead a dignified life like other evolved products of the society.

#### Reasi Police apprehends four accused, recovers key evidence in attempt to murder case



JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, MAR 22

On 17/03/2024 Police Station Katra received an the 04 accused persons information from reliable sources that some goons stabbed one Deepak Kumar @ Deepu s/o Bodh Raj R/O Aghar Jitto, Katra with sharp edge weapon ing behind the injured in serious condition.

FIR No. 82/2024 U/S 307/341/34 IPC and 4/25 Arms Act registered at Police Station Katra and police swung into action and injured person shifted to CHC Katra for treatment. Sensing the gravity of incident SSP Reasi Ms Mohita Sharma-IPS contrace out the accused at the earliest.

Nakas in and around meticulous track-following, with the help of tent hectic efforts, team earliest.

of Police Station Katra zeroed upon the location of the accused.

During the search, all

namely Sunil Sharma @ Sunilu S/O Parshotam Sharma 2. Himanshu Sharma @ Rajju S/O Ramesh Sharma 3. Rohit Kumar @ Rotu S/O at Aghar Jitto Katra, leav- Parshotam Sharma 4. Mukesh Kumar @ Mukeshu S/O Kushal Chand Subsequently Case all R/O Village- Aghar jitto, tehsil Katra district Reasi, were arrested and recovered sharp edged weapons on their disclosures i.e. Dharat 01,Toka 01 & cricket bat 01. The whole operation is led by SHO Katra insp Nishant Gupta.

SSP Reasi expressed stituted a special team to that such barbaric act done by Criminals is rarest of the rare, Such Special team laid Criminals a black spot on our social fabric. She furthe Katra town to arrest ther stressed that investiaccused persons. After gation shall incorporate each and every evidence to ensure justice is done technical team & consis- in this heinous act at an

## IEI Jammu Centre celebrates **World Water Day**



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

The Institution of Engiby Engineers from various Departments, Orga-Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local

On this occasion, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional, Commissioner, Jammu was Chief Guest & said when we cooperate Sh. Hamesh Manchanda, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu was the Guest of Honour, and Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre, the realization that water Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary, IEI be used and competed Jammu were among distinguished audience in intrinsic to every aspect

FIE; said water has the water for peace, laying power to either foster the foundations of a more When water is scarce, tomorrow.

polluted, or access is unequal, tensions can escalate between communities and nations. neers (India), Jammu Public health, prosper-Local Centre celebrated ity, food systems, energy, the World Water Day on economic productivity, 22nd March 2024 with and environmental integtheme"Water for Peace", rity all hinge on a wellthe event was attended managed water cycle. She appealed to everyone to take action and said nizations and Senior that all of us can make a difference by changing the way we use, consume and manage water in our While speaking on the

occasion Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary on water, we create a positive ripple effect - fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges. We must act upon is not only a resource to over - it is a human right, of life. This World Water At the outset, Prof. Day, we all need to unite (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, around water and use peace or ignite conflict. stable and prosperous

#### First Phase of EVM randomization successfully conducted at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MARCH 22

The first phase of Elec- al Magistrate Kangan/ tronic Voting Machine ARO Kangan, Nuzhat (EVM) randomization for Lok Sabha Elections 2024 today took place at the Conference ical parties, this crucial Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal. The randomisation was held in units, control units, and presence of Assistant VVPATs for two assem-Commissioner Rev- bly segments within the

tant Returning Officer (ARO) Ganderbal, M Altaf, and Sub-Division-Qureshi; besides representatives of recognized National and local politphase focused on the fair allocation of ballot enue Ganderbal/Assis- district.

#### Lok Sabha Election 2024 Three more candidates file nomination for Udhampur Lok Sabha seat







JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MARCH 22

Three more candidates today filed their nomination papers from the Udhampur Lok Sabha constituency for the first phase of Parliamentary elections scheduled to be held in Jammu and Kashmir on April 19.

nomination papers by three candidates today, the total number of candidates who have filed their candidature for 4-Udhampur PC goes to The last day for filing

With the filing of

of nomination papers is March 27, 2024 upto 03:00 PM.

#### First level EVM randomization successfully held in Samba



JI NEWS SERVICE

SAMBA, MARCH 22

Samba district has achieved a significant milerations with the successful 2024 under the supervitee fair polls. sion of Returning Officer, Abhishek Sharma.

various political parties, focused on allocating 493 Ballot Units, 493 Control 69-Ramgarh, 70-Samba, the electoral process. and 71-Vijaypur.

by utilizing dedicated soft- sion.

ware specifically designed for this purpose, the randomization was conducted meticulously.

Before the commencestone in its electoral prepament of the randomization, the Returning Officer completion of the first briefed political represenlevel of Electronic Voting tatives about the process, Machine (EVM) random- reassuring them of the ization for the upcoming comprehensive arrange-Parliamentary Elections ments in place to guaran-

The subsequent phases of randomization will The event, held in the determine the specific allopresence of senior officials cation of EVMs to polling and representatives from stations in the upcoming stages of preparation.

The list of all EVMs postrandomization has been Units and 511 Voter Veri- handed over to representafiable Paper Audit Trail tives of all political parties (VVPAT) units for all three present, ensuring transparassembly segments viz; ency and accountability in

ADC Samba, Suresh C He emphasized on the Chander; Nodal Officer primary objective of the EVM, Nodal officer Trainrandomization process to ing Management, Nodal ensure transparent, free Officer SVEEP, DIO NIC, and fair elections, devoid DIO and other officials of any human intervention were present on the occa-

#### **DEO Shopian holds interaction with** representatives of Political Parties



JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, MARCH 22

The District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb chaired a meeting with the representatives of various Political Parties of Shopian district at Mini-Secretariat, here.

At the outset, threadbare discussion was held on Model Code of Conduct, Election Expenditure Monitoring, Advertisement certification, Campaigning, Electronic Media usage and other matters, and parties were asked to adhere to the poll related guidelines.

The representatives were also apprised of poll day related standard operating procedures to be DIO, Showkat Hussain, observed by polling par- representatives of politities as well as the contesting candidates.

sion, DEO apprised rep-present.

resentatives that no one should make use of private property for campaigning without the consent of the owner, nor any rally or meeting be held without permission.

Advertisements in electronic media and print media shall be telecasted/ broadcast only after the prior permission of District MCMC, said DEO.

The DEO also exhorted upon that no official vehicle shall be used during the election campaign. He stressed for adopting the Election Commission of India's guidelines in letter and spirit.

The Dy. DEO, Shopian, Jahangir Ahmed, cal parties and officers and officials of Election Speaking on the occa- Department Shopian were

## **GDC Doda observes World Water Day**



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MAR 22

In order to observe World Water Day, an awareness campaign and cleanliness drive was organised by the Department of Environmental Sciences GDC Doda. The awareness rally started from the college campus via Nagri Awareness slogans were enchanted by students

Drive was also organised by the same students at some local water streams of Doda city. The whole programme was organised under the guidance of Dr Attar Singh, Principal GDC Doda. The rally was flagged off by HOD Botany Prof. Devinder, HOD Zoology Prof. Mansa Ram and NSS coordinator and back to the institute. Dr Jamsheed Ahmad from the college premises. The event was executed by during the rally to create Ms. Purnima, Prof Rahul awareness among the Assistant Professors Envipedestrians and com- ronmental Sciences GDC muters. A Cleanliness Doda

#### Lok Sabha Elections-2024: **First Randomisation of EVMs** successfully conducted in Srinagar



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MARCH 22

In connection with forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, the first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for all the eight Assembly ing Hall of the DC Office Complex.

ties, Assistant Returning Officers(AROs), Deputy

During the process randomisation of Ballot Units, Control Units and VVPATs for 08 Assembly Constitureserve) for use during the upcoming Polls.

The District has a total of 929 Polling Stations and wise allocation of EVMs party, Indian National for conduct of Lok Sabha Congress, Peoples Dem-Elections includes 163 ocratic party and J&K for 21-Habbakadal, 191 for of the randomization pro-22-LalChowk.

Similarly, 127 EVMs for 23-Chanapora, 200 for 24-Zadibal, 104 for 25-Eidgah and 158 EVMs for 26-Central Shalteng Assembly segments.

All the process was video recorded as per the scheduled by the Election laid guidelines of the Elec-Commission of India (ECI) tion Commission of India

Prior to the randomi-Constituencies of Srinagar sation process, the DEO District was conducted Srinagar briefed the rephere on Friday at Meet- resentatives of the Political parties about the First Randomisation process The randomization ensuring their confidence process was held under in the uprightness of the the supervision of District process and encouraging Election Officer(DEO), that all requisite mea-Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi- sures have been enacted Ud-Din Bhat in presence to uphold the sanctity of of the various repre- the polls in free, fair and sentatives of Registered transparent manner as Recognized Political Par- per the guidelines of Election Commission of India.

The DEO said that the DEO and other Officers of EVM randomization facil-District Election Author- itated by dedicated software is to ensure transparent, free and fair elections devoid of human interfer-

He further elaborated encies of Srinagar District that following the ranwas carried out. Each domization, EVMs will be AC was allocated with securely transferred to required number of EVMs designated Strong Rooms along with 40% Extra (as of the respective constituencies under rigorous security and surveillance.

The representatives of political parties including the Assembly segment CPIM, Bharatiya Janata EVMS for 19-Hazratbal, National Conference 176 for 20-Khanyar, 179 attended the first phase

## **NEWS**

## **One Week Faculty Development Program** on Skill Development concludes at CUJ



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

comprehensive Faculty (FDP), under the visionary of the participants were at leadership of Hon'ble Vice Assistant professor Level. Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev About 60% of the paroffer an in-depth orientation and sensitization on Out of which about 50% Skill Development, aligns with the National Educa- Management and 30 %tion Policy (NEP) 2020's from Engineering & Tech-

objectives. During the Valedictory organizing team and highdevelopment in contemporary education.

versity, Gurdaspur, was guest of honor and joined virtually in the event. He team of MMTTC Central

Jammu, in her welcome address, informed that for this FDP we receive 130 The UGC-Malaviya Mis-registrations from Faculty sion Teacher Training members of various edu-Centre (MMTTC) at Cen- cational institutions from tral University of Jammu 63 universities across the successfully completed a country. 60% of the participants were male and Development Program 40 % were females. 68%

Jain. It was designed to ticipants are teaching in professional programmes. are from Hotel & Tourism

Dr. Akshay Kumar, Session, chief guest Prof. Deputy Director of UGC-Suram Singh, Dean Aca- MMTTC, Central Univerdemics, congratulated the sity of Jammu presents a brief background about lighted University's com- the theme of FDP. He also mitment to implementa- informed that The FDP tion and promoting skill was extended into 16 sessions and 16 esteemed resource persons from Prof. Rishi Raj Sharma various institutes and of of Guru Nanak Dev Uni- various fields deliver their precious talk to the participants.

nology background.

Formal vote of thanks congratulates the whole to all the guests and participants was presented University Jammu for suc- by program coordinator cessfully organizing the Dr. Amit Gangotia, who concludes the FDP with Dr. Neelika Arora, the presenting the token Director of UGC-MMTTC, of gratitude to the chief Central University of Guest of the event.

#### Lok Sabha Elections 2024 **DEO Doda inspects election** strong room at GDC

JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, MARCH 22

Electronic Voting Machines electoral process.

(EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines. Accom-District Election Officer panied by the ACR Doda Doda, Harvinder Singh and Tehsildar Doda, along today conducted a thor- with other officials, the ough inspection of elec- DEO visited Tehsil office to tion strong room at Gov- evaluate preparations for ernment Degree College the upcoming Lok Sabha (GDC) Doda here. The elections. The assessment inspection aimed to ensure encompassed the instalall necessary arrangements lation of CCTV cameras, were in place, including provision of power supply camera surveillance, secu- and other essential facilirity deployment, setup of ties required during the

## **DEO flags off SVEEP Van for** voter awareness in Udhampur

JI NEWS SERVICE

UDHAMPUR, MARCH 22

In an effort to generate

awareness among the public regarding the significance of Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation** (SVEEP) in the district, the District Election Officer, Udhampur, Saloni Rai today flagged off a voter awareness van from DC Office Complex, Udhampur. Additional Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Singh Jasrotia, Deputy District Election Officer Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh upcoming Lok Sabha elec-Kotwal, District Panchayat tions Officer Dr. Preeti Sharma, Nodal Officer SVEEP, Chief Bangotra and other officers/ officials were present and urged citizens to exeron the occasion.

media, the DEO informed called upon individuals to upcoming Lok Sabha Electhat the initiative aims to actively engage in spread-tions.

(SVEEP) to foster informed Commissioner Joginder decision-making during elections. She emphasized the critical role of voters Dr. Anirudh Rai, Assistant in democracy, urging every household for inforincreased turnout for the mation dissemination and

> of widespread awareness cise their voting rights for

educate the public on the ing awareness within their significance of system- communities to strength-District Development atic voters' education and en democracy and electoral participation improve socio-economic conditions.

> She directed officers to ensure comprehensive outreach efforts, targeting voter enrollment.

Emphasizing the impor-Highlighting the objectiance of Pwd, Women, tives of SVEEP, the DEO First time, Old age voters Education Officer Geetu stressed the importance and youth participation, she urged officers to work diligently to enhance voter turnout and ensure error-While briefing the a robust democracy. She free electoral rolls for the

#### Lok Sabha Elections 2024

## Training programme for polling staff commences at Kathua

JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MARCH 22

The training programme for polling staff to be deployed in all six assembly segments of Kathua district commenced today in various venues across the district.

The first day of training was organized at Government Higher Secondary School Bani, Government Degree College in Billawar, GDC Basohli, GDC Hiranagar, and GDCW

The training aims to the election. prepare staff for deployheld on 19th April 2024.

were conducted by a team ducting mock polls was comprising District and also emphasized, and all ties. Assembly Segment Level necessary procedures per-Master Trainers. They provided theoretical and practical insights into different stages of the elec- ducted under the supervition process, briefing the sion of all respective Assisparticipants about their tant Returning Officers regarding the conduct of assembly segments who days.



The functioning of Elec-EVM & VVPAT operations. The training sessions The significance of containing to the polling pro-

cess were demonstrated. The training was con-

presided over the session. District Election Officer ment in 63- Bani, 64-Bil- tronic Voting Machines Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas lawar, 65-Basohli, 66-Jas- (EVM) and Voter Verifi- who oversaw this crucial

rota, 67-Kathua (SC), and able Paper Audit Trail training, highlighted its 68-Hiranagar assembly (VVPAT) was explained importance in the elecsegments for the first thoroughly, followed by a tion process. He called phase of Lok Sabha Elec- hands-on training session upon the master trainers tions-2024 scheduled to be to familiarize the staff with to ensure that polling personnel are well acquainted with all aspects of their duties and responsibili-Nodal Officer for Train-

ing and Chief Planning Officer Kathua, Ranjeet Thakur, mentioned that the training of all polling personnel being engaged in Lok Sabha Elections will roles and responsibilities (AROs) of the concerned be completed within four

#### **CS** reviews functioning of FCS&CA department

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today had a detailed review of working of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) department here.

Apart from Commissioner Secretary, FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad, the meeting was attended by Director Food Supplies Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned officers of the department.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary held a detailed review of various aspects of functioning of the department having the mandate of distribution of food grains and other essential supplies.

Dulloo also took note of saturation of aadhar seeding of ration cards and coverage of UT population under NFSA, Non-NFSA and PMFSS schemes. He took notice of the areas not having online POS facility available and reach of Aadhar/ OTP authenticated transactions, e-KYC and route optimization status.

#### **CS** reviews functioning of **ARI, Trainings Department** JI NEWS SERVICE

Chief Secretary, Atal

JAMMU, MARCH 22

Dulloo, today had a detailed review of the working of Administrative Reforms, Inspections and Trainings (ARI & Trainings) Department of Jammu and Kashmir. Besides the Secretary, ARI and Trainings, the meeting was attended by HoDs and other concerned officers of the Department. During this meeting, the Chief Secretary took stock of different aspects of working of the department. He reviewed department's performance for the past year regarding administrative inspections, finalization of recruitment rules and printing services being extended to different government departments/organizations.

Dulloo asked for devising updated proformas for carrying out inspections as per the concurrent needs.

#### ECI allots 'Bucket' symbol to DPAP for Lok Sabha polls

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 22

The Election Commission of India has allotted 'Bucket' as the symbol to Ghulam Nabi Azad led DPAP for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Party chief spokesperson, Salman Nizami told the news agency that the ECI has allocated 'Bucket' as the election symbol to the party. Lok Sabha polls are scheduled to be held next month in 7 phases with the first phase commencing on April 19.

#### Residential house gutted in Chattabal blaze

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAR 22

A residential house was damaged in a blaze that broke out near Pinchie Mandi area of Chattabal, Srinagar on Friday afternoon, officials said. An official told the news agency, that a double-story residential house was gutted while another house was partially damaged in the fire incident at Pinchie mandi area in Chattabal. "The fire has been put under controlled and no loss of life or any other injury has been reported in the incident," he added.

### Lok Sabha Elections-2024 First phase randomization of polling personnel held in Poonch



POONCH, MARCH 22

Elections-2024 in the dis-

The randomization video conference hall of Election Officer Mohd. the DC office complex Saleem; District Inforhere, with the presence matics Officer, Narinder of key officials and stake- Singh; SDM Surankote holders. The process (ARO) Farooq Khan; SDM adhered to the prescribed Mendhar (ARO), Imran guidelines of the Election Rashid Kataria; Superinto ensure fairness and Talat Mehmood and repimpartiality in the selection of polling staff.

As part of the randomization process, the first District Election Officer, randomization report Poonch, Yasin. M. Choud- of Electronic Voting hary today supervised the Machines (EVMs) was first phase of randomiza- handed over to all rection of polling staff to be ognized political parties. deployed across 474 poll- This step ensures transing stations during the parency and allows politiupcoming Parliamentary cal parties to verify the fairness of the selection process

Among the attendees process took place at the were Deputy District Commission of India (ECI) tendent ITI (Nodal Officer) resentatives from recognized political parties.

#### FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

#### Udhampur-Doda LS seat...

defeating BJP stalwart Chaman Lal Gupta, and in 2009. He has served as minister for health and minister for forests in Jammu and Kashmir in the past and people loved his style of work.

against the party in demanding CBI inquiry into Rasana rape and murder case of a nomad girl, Choudhary Lal Singh formed his own party Dogra Swabhiman San- Electoral Officer J&K)–(KNO) gathan and contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections but faced huge defeat. He was nowhere close to BJP candidate Dr. Jitendra Singh and Congress candidate Vikramaditya Singh. He was able to get only 19049 votes First' Policy. whereas Jitendra Singh had got over seven lakh votes. But this time, with the efforts of Pradesh Congress

contesting the Lok Sabha elections. With Lal Singh's entry as Congress party candidate, the battle on this high profile seat is expected to be a

Committee (PCC) President Vikar Rasool Wani and

others, he has joined back the grand-old party and is

There are other aspects as well in this contest as Ghulam Nabi Azad, who formed his own party Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) after leaving Congress party, had fielded three-time MLA Ghulam Muhammad Saroori from this seat. Saroori being a native from Kishtwar district, enjoys a good image within his community and being a former Congressman, to Congress party. His party has already announced that

they are fighting against INDIA alliance.

constituency and votes have also decreased this time. Udhampur-Doda seat, which he won in 2004, by During the 2019 elections, the total number of votes of this constituency was over 16.65 lakh whereas this time votes stand at 1622599. The constituency is spread in five districts, Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur and Kathua, with its headquarters at Kathua. The total After distancing himself from BJP when he went number of votes in Kishtwra district is 175844, Doda district has 304866, Ramban has 219106, Udhampur has 419789 and Kathua has 502994. (Data courtesy: Chief

#### PM Modi arrives in...

Modi was accorded a red-carpet welcome upon his arrival at the Paro airport.

He was warmly received by Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan, at Paro airport and accorded a ceremonial welcome. The visit is in keeping with the tradition of regular

high-level exchanges between India and Bhutan and the Government's emphasis on its Neighbourhood First Policy, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a release on Friday.

The Bhutanese prime minister wrote on X in Hindi: "Bhutan mein aapka swagat hai mere bade bhai @narendramodi Ji." Earlier, Modi posted on X about his visit

"On the way to Bhutan, where I will be attending variwhatever votes he will be able to fetch will make a dent ous programmes aimed at further cementing the India-Bhutan partnership. I look forward to talks with Majesty the King of Bhutan, His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo After delimitation Reasi district is no more part of this and Prime Minister @tsheringtobgay," he wrote on X.

The visit, scheduled between March 21 and 22, was postponed due to the inclement weather in Bhutan.

During the visit, Prime Minister Modi will receive an audience with Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the King of Bhutan, and Jigme Singye Wangchuck, the Fourth King of Bhutan. He will also hold talks with the Prime Minister of Bhutan.

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", the MEA said in a statement earlier this week. India and Bhutan share "a unique and enduring part-

 $nership\ which\ is\ rooted\ in\ mutual\ trust,\ understanding$ and goodwill", the statement emphasised. "Our shared spiritual heritage and warm people-to-

people ties add depth and vibrancy to our exceptional relations," the MEA said. The Prime Minister is scheduled to receive a grand remote belts to a larger extent through medical conwelcome at the Tashichho Dzong, a traditional Buddhist

monastery and the seat of the Bhutanese government. Modi will also inaugurate the Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Mother and Child Hospital in Thimphu, a state-of-theart hospital, built with the assistance of the Government

of India in Thimphu. Bhutanese Prime Minister Tobgay was on a five-day visit to India last week, his first foreign trip after assuming charge of the top office in January.

He also held meetings with captains of various industries, besides other important engagements. (Agencies) papers on March 27 in order to contest the upcoming

sultations," he said.

King. (Agencies)

from falsehood.

Lal Singh accuses... confidence in the electorate's ability to discern truth

Singh announced his intention to file nomination

He also attended a cultural programme at the Ten-

drelthang Festival Ground in the presence of Bhutan

#### Lok Sabha elections–(KNO)

Jammu AIIMS soon...

Dr Shakti Gupta said, "telemedice facility is set to start from next week, probably by Tuesday." "This will be benefitting people from rural and

### NDPS detainee escapes...

The duo was booked in case FIR number 65/2024 under sections 8/21/22/25/29 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Today, police presented the accused individuals in a court here in the High Court Complex to seek custody of the duo for further questioning them, when one of them escaped from the spot.

Police are yet to trace the whereabouts of the accused.

PM Narendra Modi...

## Holding of Grievances Camp shows JAO announces premiere BJP's approach in addressing people's problems: Yudhvir

JAMMU, MAR 22

The Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working on the mission of Antodava and every BIP activist is working tirelessly to ensure that every needy person is able to get off the beneficial schemes launched by the PM Modi led government.

This was stated by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President while interactthe public grievances Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi attracted every single indi-Chawni Jammu. Deepak vidual to support BJP. and Sanjeev Sawhney, present during the grievances redressal camp.

the significance of hold-direct interaction with repair of lanes/roads, job ing such camps, under- the masses and provide and pension issues, etc. lining the Party's dedi- best possible solutions to cation in ensuring that their day to day adminis- hearing to the deputaevery citizen's voice is trative and development tions, Yudhvir resolved heard and their problems issues. He said that it is a most of the issues instanaddressed. He said BJP has sincere attempt to lessen taneously by talking to taken every possible step the gap between adminto ensure development istration and people and on phone. He assured to of every community and ensure that genuine issues take up the rest of their every region for unprece- of people are redressed in issues with the concerned dented development with an efficacious way. the target of "Antodava".



every sector and develop-

The senior BJP leader fully committed to address Speaking on the occabeing faced by the people

ing with people during vision for development in parts of East constituency visited the Party Office in camp held at Pt Prem Nath ment of every section has the form of deputations to represent the issues of their respective areas as well as their individparty workers were also asserted that the Party is ual concerns before the senior party leadership. the day to day problems Main issues presented were related to the nonsion, Yudhvir highlighted in general and that of availability of Govt ration, Party's steadfast commit- Jammu City in particular. verification of land titles, ment in resolving people's He stressed on the party's transformer issues, elecissues. He emphasized sincere attempt to have tric poles, street lights,

> While giving patient the authorities concerned authorities and get the

Earlier in the camp, same resolved at the ear-He added that such clear people from different liest.

## of SHE 7th International online art exhibition

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

Jyotikriti Art Organisation proudly announces the premiere of SHE 7th online art exhibition celebrating the power and essence of Womanhood through the lens of artistry. Curated by Jyoti Saini Siddiqui, the Founder Director of Jyotikriti Art Organisation, this exhibition promises to be a captivating journey into the diverse interpretations of femininity and strength

Scheduled to premiere on the Jyotikriti Official YouTube Channel on March 22nd at 7:00 PM Indian Standard Time, this virtual exhibition brings together a talented roaster of artists from around the globe, representing countries such as the USA, Italy, Peru, Kosovo, Iran, Mauritius, France, Georgia, New Zealand and India. From seasoned professionals to emerging talents, each participant offers a unique perspective on the multifaceted nature of women's roles, experiences, and identities.

The exhibition features the following esteemed artists: Akash Chakroborty, Avneet Chopra, Bhattathiripad, Carmen Moya, Dr. Ganesh Sharma, Dr. Vandana Midha, Dr. Anupam Kumari, Gopikala, Harsh Gupta, Irina Vjollca Ajeti Kollcaku. Batchelor, Jyoti Saini Siddiqui, Kirti Awasthi, Keta Merkviladze, Lia lavi Gohain, Padmini selected and displayed in

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Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi

Parishad (ABVP) Central

University of Jammu unit

today organises a floral

tribute program in DDE

Building on the occasion of

Trimurti Balidaan Diwas.

On this ocassion ABVP

paid tribute to the brave

sons of Mother India Sha-

heed Bhagat Singh, Rajg-

uru, Sukhdev and remem-

Manoj, unit president of

ABVP CU Jammu unit, said

that it is the duty of every

person to remember the

martyrdom of the heroes

who sacrificed their lives

bered their sacrifice.







Mehta, Rudy L Hender- and sparks meaningful son, Reemesha Oodit, conversations about the Rena Hottinger, Ravin- role of women in society." dra Kushwaha, Dr. Rita Kashyap, Rouvilla Pergun Dawon, Rebeca Dorich, an immersive experience, Rosemary Christopher, allowing them to engage

Eminent senior contemporary Sculptor Ganesh the premiere on March Kumar Sharma represents Shalvashvili, Mehrajgiz Jammu and Kashmir UT iting the Jyotikriti Official Talaiezadeh, Meher, Pal- and his two art works are

**ABVP Central University Jammu** 

Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev

unit paid tribute to Shaheed Bhagat

this prestigious International virtual art exhibi-

Through a diverse array of mediums including paintings, sculptures, digital art, and mixed media, these artists delve into the essence of womanhood, portraying themes of empowerment, resilience, beauty, and cultural diversity. Jyoti Saini Sid-

tor of the exhibition, expressed her excitement, stating, "Women have always been a powerful source of inspiration in the world of art. This exhibition serves as a tribute to their strength, creativity, and influence. Each artwork tells a story, celebrates identity,

diqui, the cura-

The online exhibition will provide viewers with Suhani Vithika, Tahera with the artwork and Rahnama, Trina Bachelor, the artists' perspectives from the comfort of their homes. Attendees can join 22nd at 7:00 PM IST by vis-YouTube Channel.

#### Range Police Hqrs. Jammu organizes Cricket Tournament under CAP 2023-24



JAMMU, MARCH 22

A Cricket Tournament was Action Programme 2023-Police Lines, Kathua today and Man of the series. on 22.03.2024.\*

from different locations ticipated in this tourna- youths. ment. Addl.SP Kathua Sh. Paramjeet Singh welcomed the Chief Guest SO Singh Katoch, SSP.

Katoch SSP, addressing to media said that such type of events sportsmen in the right may strengthen the Police and Public relations and youths should take more Jammu Sh. Rajinder Singh and stay away from drugs and bad company.

He further stated that sports activities are important for personality development, positivity, negative forces.

declared as Man of the the event.

Series.

Sh. Shivdeep Singh SSP Kathua and Sh. Rajinder organized by Range Police Singh Katoch SO to DIG Hqrs. Jammu under Civic Jammu felicitated the winner team as well as 24 under the guidance runner up team with Troand directions of \*DIG phies, and Cash prize of Jammu Dr. Sunil Gupta- Rs. 10,000/- to winning IPS and overall supervi-team and Cash prize of sion of SO to DIG Jammu Rs. 7000/- to runner up Sh. Rajinder Singh Katoch team and Cash Prize of Rs. SSP, concluded at District 1500/- to Man of the Match

The Public witnessed It is pertinent to men- in the event appreciated tion here that 08 teams the efforts of Jammu and Kashmir Police for orgaof District Kathua, par-nizing the tournament for

Chief guest congratulated the winner/runner up teams and expressed to DIG Jammu Sh. Rajinder that Police is committed to give boost to the sports Sh. Rajinder Singh and other youth developwhile ment activities in the area and transform/mould the direction.

The staff officer to DIG part in sports activities Katoch thanked Kathua Police for supporting to conduct the tournament successfully.

On the occasion Dy.SP DAR Kathua, Sh. Subash Chander, Dy. SP Hqrs. good health and keeps the Manjeet Singh & other individual away from the officers were also present.

Team CAP RPHQ SI In Final Match, Chand- Suresh Kumar, ASI Jasbir wan Cricket club beats AJ Singh and Jit Kumar were Cricket Club by 02 wick- also present in the venue ets and Karan Verma for smooth functioning of

## **Under operation "Pathshalla"** SP South delivers lecture on drug abuse

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH

On the eve of martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat the country. singh, Rajguru and Sukhtion and trade of narcot- abuse. ics as the worst possible crime against human- one present to identify ity. He also explained such vulnerable persons to audience how drug from peer group and trade is supported by treat the victims of drug the adversary and how abuse with sympathy,

it is utilised as for terror funding and anti national activities against the unity and integrity of

He requested all studev, AJAY SHARMA-JKPS dents of Jammu univer-SP City South, Jammu sity, faculty, doctors and City, Under Operation media persons present 'PATHSHALLA' Partici- to take a pledge on the pated in the programme eve of Martyrdom of organised by the Stu-Shaheed Bhagat Singh, dents of Jammu uni- Rajguru and Sukhdev versity in the Campus to stay away from Sub-Premises. He delivered stance abuse and act as a lecture on drug abuse ambassador to eradiand described consump- cate the menace of Drug

the money generated by love and care.

He requested every-

## J&K Rehbar-e-Khel teachers demand hike in monthly honorarium

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Today press conference was held under the banner of All Jammu and Kashmir Rehbar-e-khel teachers in the leadership of Narinder Chib at press club Jammu. On this occasion Mr. Chib welcome all the media persons in the press conference. He told to media that in the year 2017 Rehbar-e-Khel policy came into force under cabinet decision No.196/12/2017 dated: 23/10/2017 in which honorarium of ReKs of bars then why the monefirst day all the Rehbars who were engaged under demand for the reduc- same policy. tion of probation period from 7 years to 5 years on another member of ReK that do not discriminate ReT policy pattern. But body Harish Choudhary between the ReKs of UT instead of considering the told to media that it was of Ladakh and JKUT and demand recently JKUT a welcome step by the UT implement the same order Administration Council Administration of Ladakh of Ladakh in JKUT. passed an order for the and he expresses his greetenhancement of monthly ings to LG Administration ment Mr. Chib appeal honorarium from 4000 of Ladakh for enhancing to LG of JKUT to interto 6000 under Admin- the monthly honorarium vene in the matter and istration Council Deci- of ReKs of Ladakh. He enhance the monthly sion no 14/02/2024 dated told the main concern of honorarium of ReKs of ment order no 09-JK(YSS) the policy, cabinet deci- LG of Ladakh. Other who of 2024 dated: 26.02.2024. sion, recruitment order present Aruna Jamwal, On the other hand UT no, selection process, Sushant Mishra, Giljinder



Administration of Ladakh appointment process was Singh, Jatinder Singh and enhance the monthly the same for all the reh- others.

Another member of body Sanjeev Sharma In the press conference appeal to government

teachers of 22 district Ladakh from 4000 to tary benefits is not same. including (Ladakh and 18000 under e-office file Mr. Choudhary requested Kargil) of J&K state were no- M-13/136/2022-YS&S the JKUT Administration engaged, and after the SECTION and order to implement the same completion of selection No.129(YSS)UTL of 2024 order in JKUT which was process in the year 2019 dated: 15/03/2024 that passed by UT Adminisall the Rehbar-e-Khel got was totally a discrimina-tration of Ladakh. (i.e. the appointment orders. tion between the Rehbars enhancement of honorar-He told that from the very of two Union Territories ium from 4000 to 18000).

In the closing state-

19.02.2024 and govern- all ReKs of JKUT is that if JKUT as was enhanced by

Abhishek Chaudhary said hood. Recalling Bhagat present.

we all should work for the

that a person does not die Singh's 112-day fast, he until he is remembered. shared his patriotic pas-He said that today's young sion among everyone. He generation should remember that the free country Rajguru and Sukhdev not in which they are living only set an ideal among the today, we have got this revolutionaries with their freedom because of the sacrifice but also inspired efforts and martyrdom of these heroes.

ABVP unit Vice Presifor the safety of Mother dent Ujjwal Kumawat, will remain an inspiration India. He said that we while remembering the for the country. get inspiration from these heroic lives of the martyrs

said that Bhagat Singh, the youth for the movement and the immortal sacrifice of these martyrs

On this ocassion Meenbrave freedom fighters and in his speech, said that the akshi, Sneh, Rashu, Nanwave of revolution was dani, Simran, Shagun, flowing in the blood of Vikas, Mahendra and other ABVP Unit Secretary these heroes since child- karyakartas also remain

## Leaders gather at Tirupati Balaji Temple in Jammu, Pledge Support for Spiritual Tourism and Economic Growth

JAMMU, MAR 23

Today Rajive Gupta Vinayak Bazar Association President And Social Activities Ankush Gupta, RC Subramanyam the Superintendent of temple And sai Krishna Today And Amit Shukla paid obesciance at Tirupati Balaji temple Jammu and participated in the special abhishek of Tir-



kateshwar is performed. is established here for the Rajive Gupta expressed people of Jammu. With nomic development and Temple Inspector, RC Subupati. prayed for the wel- happiness over the temple this temple we are able employment opportuni- ramanyam, Superintenfare of the country. Every said that it is a feeling of to witness the culture of ties in the Union Territory. dent Ramesh Babu, Pandit Friday the ceremony of pleasure and proud that south India and this feeling abhishek of Lord Ven- the Tirupati Balaji temple is heavenly.He appealed

Ankush Gupta Social Activ-missioner to start the bus ities said that is ready for service for the temple so any kind of help to the that devotees can come temple and devotees.He easily to the temple.He said the temple is beauti- also emphasize to start fully made in the Majeen the Bharat darshan bus area. He Said the dedica- service here so that tourtion of Lord Venkateswara ists also came to know temple would give a boost about the temple. Other to spiritual tourism and dignitaries present on the a major fillip to the eco- occasion were Sai Krishna,

ramanyam the Superin-

people to visit the temple tendent of temple also and pay obesicance here. appealed transport com-On this occasion Sub- Amit Shukla, Veda Pandit

### World Forestry Day at Reasi and Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI & POONCH

21 March is observed as International day of Forests. To increase awareness about the importance of forest and trees in our lives and considering the manifold benefits of trees, an awareness lecture and tree plantation drive was organized



by Indian Army on 'World tation drive encouraged estation and understand Forestry Day' at Chassana the residents to plant the importance of trees in & Sangiot. The tree plan- trees and prevent defor- our lives.

## **EDITORIAL**

## **Idea of 'One Nation One Election'**

Recently, a high-level panel led by former President Ram Nath Kovind has presented its findings on the contentious issue of 'One nation, one election'. The committee's recommendation of a two-phase process, including simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and state assemblies followed by polls for municipalities and panchayats within 100 days, along with a unified electoral roll and photo identity card, has sparked renewed debate and scrutiny. The BJP, in its 2019 manifesto, reiterated its support for simultaneous elections across all levels of governance, citing reasons such as cost reduction, optimal resource utilization, security efficiency, and improved policy planning. The party had pledged to foster consensus among stakeholders on this matter, and the committee's report indicates that 32 out of 47 political parties expressed support for synchronized elections. The proposal for 'One Nation One Election', however, is met with mixed reactions. While the concept of a common voter list garners widespread approval, the idea of simultaneous polls for Parliament and state assemblies raises valid concerns. Each election cycle presents unique dynamics and issues, as evidenced by contrasting results in Delhi where the BJP dominated Lok Sabha elections but faced defeat in state assembly polls against AAP. Opposition parties and observers caution against potential manipulation of the electoral process, fearing that synchronized elections could skew voter behavior towards the ruling party at the Centre. Despite these reservations, the BJP sees One Nation One Election as a crucial agenda item, aiming to streamline governance and electoral processes for greater efficiency and coherence. The Centre must now prioritize building consensus and addressing apprehensions surrounding simultaneous elections. Transparency, inclusivity, and dialogue with all stakeholders are imperative to navigate this complex terrain and ensure that any electoral reforms serve the democratic principles of fairness, representation, and accountability. While the idea has its supporters and critics, a careful analysis reveals compelling arguments in favor of implementing One Nation One Election in India. One of the primary advantages of One Nation One Election is the significant reduction in election-related expenditure. Currently, India witnesses a barrage of elections almost every year at various levels of governance, leading to massive spending on campaigns, security arrangements, and administrative logistics. Consolidating elections would not only save public funds but also free up resources that can be allocated to critical areas such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure development. In conclusion, while the idea of a common electoral roll is commendable, the feasibility and implications of One Nation One Election demand thorough deliberation and consultation. It is essential to strike a balance between administrative efficiency and democratic integrity to uphold the spirit of inclusive and transparent governance in India.

## A discernible paradigm shift in the Valley

**SHISHIR CHOUDHARY** 

Bollywood release Article 370 has received rave reviews from movie-goers and critics alike, the discourse around the film in the power circles of Delhi has not been equally charitable. The reason behind the discomfiture is the film's scanty represen-India's political leadership legislation and its implementation a reality.

machinations that went on Modi-Shah duo by the film while depicting their parts. much of the insights, con- Stockholm syndrome. templations, arguments and painstaking efforts of in Kashmir's status would the Union Home Minister lead to wanton bloodshed Amit Shah that went into in the valley had by then making the law that ended

an era in the valley.

from a Bollywood flick.

lthough the recent 370 is only a part of the systhe Kashmir issue.

The effect of the new shift in the Kashmir paradigm led by the Modi-Shah duo in dealing with the issue is much more widespread and layered than it appears. They invariably touch every life in tation of the role played by the valley. Paradigm shifts occur in societies when in making the audacious the existing ones fail to resolve anomalies. This was true also about the new Bureaucrats privy to the paradigm in Kashmir that surfaced during the Modi behind the scenes to abro-regime. While assuming gate Article 370 complain of office in 2014, the Modi gova raw deal accorded to the ernment had to deal with the existing perspective on Kashmir which in itself was The film allegedly curtains afflicted with the proverbial

The fear that any change taken policy and lawmakers hostage. However, To be fair to the Yami instead of dealing with the Gautam starrer movie burning issue a policy to and the team behind it, nurture it was adopted. The the film facilitates a sur- earlier successive governgical view of the politics ments justified Article 370 coupled with Islamism on grounds of protecting that wreaked havoc in the the state's distinct demovalley for decades. It is also graphic character as the precise in manifesting the only Muslim-majority state post-apocalyptic gloom and in India. Despite its highly hopelessness that ruled the discriminatory nature, social psyche in the region. they were against the However, the portrayal of principle of "One Nation, the entire gamut of fire- One Law and One Head fighting efforts that went on of the Nation.' Rather the

The abrogation of Article tive condition, giving the etc meant that J&K failed to on the local political lords nesses. To help entreprebruise the reason to burgeon every time.

Government data shows that during the second five-year plan between 1957-58 and 1961-62, the state received the highest per capita grant-in-aid of Rs 41.7, which was almost seven times the average of all the states which was only Rs 6. Similarly, the per capita central assistance for J&K was the highest and double the average of the rest of the states. J&K also got Rs 117 per head for its population against an average of Rs 57 for the remain-

To put the figures in perspective, between 2000 and 2016, J&K with 1% of the total Indian population received 10 per cent (Rs 1.14 lakh crore) of the total central funds, the highest among the 10 special states in India.

However, despite such largess from the government for the past 70 years, its economy continued to remain in the doldrums with large deficits showing up on its annual budget. A significant part of the problem was the inability of the state government to properly utilise the funds, which were diverted to different non-developmental projects. Moreover, regular organised insurgent violence perpetrated by resurgent military groups both in Delhi's power corridors governments repeatedly within the country and

keep pace with the growth trajectory of other states.

A detailed analysis shows that the main reason for its poor growth and recurring violence in the Himalayan state was the imposition of Article 370, which resulted in corruption, nepotism, and misappropriation of funds by those in power.

Moreover, there is enough evidence to suggest that the appearement and pampering of separatists by the ruling party to stay in power. It has also meant giving a free hand to narrative, diverting youth's energy into destructive activities instead of building the state.

The absence of local self-government over the years—the last municipal 2005-- meant that locals were not a participant in the development process. got the benefits of central

government policies. entire ecosystem that per-

who splashed on the pool of development funds with complete impunity granted by Article 370.

Five years after the abrofor setting up businesses. gation of Article 370, J&K is being described as a Valley of peace, prosperity, and all-round development, thanks to a well-crafted strategy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ably implemented by the Home unprecedented levels, fur-Minister Amit Shah.

With bandhs, street viobrought under control by security forces, courtesy of separatists and extremists the zero-tolerance policy, to propagate an anti-India the local economy has got the much-needed boost with new incentives, development of state-of-the-art and empowering the poor with welfare benefits.

Moreover, the Narenelections were held in dra Modi government cover of up to Rs 5.00 lakh announced several farreaching measures, including the implementation of Socially weaker sections a reconstruction scheme such as SC, and STs never of around Rs 80,000 crore known as the Prime Minister's Development Pack-The abolishing of Arti- age, on November 7, 2015, cle 370 put an end to the to strengthen the socioeconomic infrastructure petuated violence, injustice and for the development and gloom in Kashmir and of Jammu & Kashmir. It extended the rule of the also announced a new Indian constitution to the transparent and target-orivalley. Now every institu- ented Jammu and Kashmir tion in the valley is bound Industrial Policy 2021-30, to uphold the sanctity of whose aim is to attract the constitutional values of fresh investments, create equality, justice and frater- employment opportunities, is a bit too much to expect pampered the state with those across the border, nity. Now, no Kashmiri is develop backward regions

more funds while in its res- mass strikes, shutdowns, dependent for their rights and nurture existing busineurs, a single window portal has been launched. It is a single point of contact for end-to-end facilitation

Till November 2023, Investments worth Rs. 2326.65 crore have flowed into the Union Territory. Handloom and handicraft exports have doubled, and tourism has reached ther boosting the economy. The year 2023, saw a record lence and acts of terrorism 4.45 lakh Amarnath visitors in J&K without a single incidence of violence.

Social welfare schemes too have seen transformational changes. It has seen the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Ian educational infrastructure, Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY-SEHAT) on December 26, 2020, which provides universal health insurance per family to all families of Jammu and Kashmir. Reservation for non-gazetted police ranks has been implemented, promoting gender equality. Now the canonical dialogue, "Kashmir is a lost case," delivered by Zooni Haksar, the protagonist of the film Article 370 played by Yami Gautam is no longer the case.

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## Arvind Kejriwal's arrest a smokescreen

**SUHIT K SEN** 

The arrest of Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convenor Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 21 marks another must have considered his low in the annals of Indian only way of getting relief. cant, the deals in the three

step forward in the weap- missed. Kejriwal has also Punjab, AAP and the Cononisation of law-enforce- petitioned the top court. ment agencies, because field in its favour in every manner possible.

a technicality – that Kejribooks as the first chief on June 1. We'll construct Supreme Court has made for other parties in the the release of all relevant minister ever to be arrested while in office. But the stakes. that's just a technicality.

missed earning the dubious distinction when he was arrested on January 31 only because he resigned from his position hours before the ED swoop.

Soren sought what he He challenged his arrest It would be wrong to in the Supreme Court, say that this takes another but his petition was dis-

they have already been the ED was just doing its hopes of making a splash. Bharatiya Janata Party custody five days after seats. (BJP) to tilt the playing the announcement of the election schedule, barely two months before poll-One report mentioned ing in Delhi and Haryana, on May 25, and 10 weeks wal goes into the history before polling in Punjab, on February 26, 2023. The and decision-maker, but tion bonds schemes, and a timeline after examining

Kejriwal's AAP has been Former Jharkhand Chief the BJP's principal antag-

have shaken the regime after sealing an alliance with the Congress in the capital. Seat-sharing deals have also been finalised in Haryana, Goa, Chandigarh, and Gujarat. While the last may not be signifiother places for 13 seats, of which the BJP won 12 gal. in 2019, are significant. In gress are going solo and

Kejriwal has been arrested in the Delhi liquor case. Manish Sisodia, his deputy, was arrested in the same case the arrest and conduct of the case.

Like Soren, Kejriwal AAP has a direct alliance to recipients, which was

onist in Delhi, and must received numerous ED issued in October and December, and in January (two). Four more were issued in quick succession in February. The ninth summons was issued on March 21, the day of his arrest. Keiriwal always maintained they are ille-

Why was the ninth suma doubt, Kejriwal is a key campaigner not just for his party, for which he is also a critical strategist adverse observations on Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance Court's insistence, includ-(I.N.D.I.A.). As mentioned, ing those matching donors Gandhi Years, 1966-1977:)

now be missed. Thus, a primary purpose of the 21. arrest appears to be using law-enforcement agento hobble a key opposition

fired up. It has been suggested that Soren's arrest mination of the ruling Kejriwal was taken into a chimerical 370 or 400 have been announced and graphically, so a similar are bound to get traction. campaigning is about to thing could happen. But begin in earnest. Without we don't know whether either will.

Two, the regime is reeling from the shock of the proscription of the elecdata, on the Supreme

in three states and a Union finally complied with by summons. Four were Territory, where he'll the State Bank of India on, you've guessed it, March

This will not only refocus attention on the fact cies at the eleventh hour that the BJP got around 50 per cent of all donations made under the uncon-This could backfire, if stitutional and opaque the AAP vote base gets scheme, but also on possible quid pro quos, aka bribes. As donations made mons so important? Why will help coalesce tribal and their dates are studied wasn't Kejriwal arrested grievances in Jharkhand and matched to contacts It could be argued that the BJP is nursing fond in January and February and consolidate votes awarded, possible correwhen he ignored six sum- behind the arrested leader. spondences already highfatally compromised; but job. But the timing makes There's plenty at stake mons? Two reasons seem AAP has a dedicated vote lighted by the extortion it does signal the deter- the argument risible. as the BJP regime chases to jump out. One, elections base, concentrated demo- allegations of the Congress

> Kejriwal's arrest is a very convenient deflection. The Opposition and media must not be distracted, and shine a powerful light on the connec-

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## **Demographics and ELECTORAL Dynamics**

gargantuan exercise repa giant shift in electoral the tough summer conditions in India for voting, new technologies such as AI having a disproportion- the current ruling party ate reach through popular has successfully managed new young India in the 21st century

Some statistics come in handy: the number ne of the biggest of registered voters has exercises on the increased by 8% since world democratic 2019, and the largest chunk stage has been activated, of these numbers comes with India's Election Com- from women, youth, and mission announcing the people with disabilities poll dates for electing (PwDs). The number of members of the 18th Lok registered women voters Sabha (lower house of for 2024 exceeds males in the Indian Parliament). A at least 12 states, and more than 20 million new voters resenting the democratic added are below the age of will of more than 969 mil- 30. These newly registered lion registered voters, with voters, i.e., youth, women, and PwDs, even though demographics, is now numerically smaller, can live. The general elections hold the swing value in of 2024 are easily one of tricky scenarios. They also the largest public exercises represent the changing globally, with numerous will of voters and therefore variables at play, includ- the backward integration ing but not restricted to of their aspirations into the election manifestos of various political parties.

It may be argued that based ideology and has favourable outcomes.

perfected it to deliver a tailor-made concoction to seems to have mastered

the voters, leading to huge the art of finding a new electoral gains since 2024 both at the centre and state levels. Meanwhile, anti-incumbency factor the opposition seems at play. From reaching new government. to fumble and revert to out to sections within the bygone era economic marginalised and minority digital channels, and the to assimilate many of these policies (including res-communities to address-tion dates and just before place. democratic choices of a aspirations without ever ervation, quotas in jobs, ing concerns of the youth the model code of conduct leaving its core religion- and loan waivers, etc.) for through his regular com- was set in, the government

Prime Minister Modi constituency to address every time there is an

schemes for women, he economic targets for dence in continuity.

special tailor-made welfare some of its recently stated

bureaucrats, this author ating new jobs and busispoke to, also reiterated ness opportunities. The that most of them are other aspiration of createngaged in several policies ing prosperity through or decisions, the intent of trade has progressed, with which has already been India recently announcing sounded out or notified, one of its first trade deals so that they can be fully with the Western block of equipped when the new nations. Some others like government starts func- a UK and EU free trade tioning from the middle of agreement are in various June. The Prime Minister stages of progress, with has also reached out to all the government hoping to his outgoing cabinet colleagues to prepare a 100day action plan for the

In the run-up to the announcement of elecmunication to creating moved quickly to activate

seems to have the magic India to become a develformula for winning. How- oped country in the next ever, unlike in the past, at two decades. Key among least for the time being, them is plugging India the PM is sending out a into the global technology huge message of confi-supply chain, including high-end semiconductor A couple of senior manufacturing, thus crepick up negotiations from June onwards. As of now, it looks like the policy framework and outlook for India are likely to stay the course with a new government in

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

## **SORREL: THE TANGY FLAVOUR LEAF** WITH MULTIPLE HEALTH BENEFITS

orrel is also known as spinach dock. It is a tart flavoured leaf that has numerous medicinal properties because it is a rich source of several nutrients and vitamins. Besides many macronutrients and micronutrients, it is a good source of protein. As a result, sorrel leaves can be a part of various healthy meals and diets. For example, you can use them as a herb or dressing in salads and soups. In addition, the sorrel leaves with a lemony sour flavour are healthy for use as a vegetable and a flavouring.

Sorrel leaves provide various health benefits. For example, they help maintain a healthy heart and healthy skin. In addition, the leaf detoxifies the body and removes all the toxins from the body. People also use sorrel to relieve acute and chronic discomfort and swelling (inflammation) of the nasal passages and respiratory system. Furthermore, it helps treat bacterial infections when combined with other medications and improves urine flow (as a diuretic).

Essiac, a herbal cancer therapy, magnesium and vitamins C and contains sorrel as well. In addition, sorrel's oral consumption can help maintain healthy sinuses and cure sinusitis when combined with gentian root, European elder flower, healthy for your eyes. verbena, and cowslip flower.

#### **Types of Sorrel**

Some of them are as follows:

#### **Common sorrel (Rumex acetosa)**

It is the one most readily available sorrel at markets. This is a deep-rooted perennial that lasts for years and years if stored in favourable environments. It has a sharp flavour and large, arrow-shaped

#### French sorrel (Rumex scutatus)

It is not as easily available in the market due to less cultivation. French sorrel has a milder flavour than common sorrel, with smaller and more rounded leaves

#### Red-veined sorrel (Rumex sanguineus)

As the name suggests, it has deep red veins running through its leaves. It has a very mild, almost un-sorrel-like flavour with very little of the tartness usually associa salad due to its colour and taste.

#### Sheep's sorrel (Rumex acetosella)

with smaller leaves.

#### **Nutritional Value of Sorrel**

According to USDA, 100g serv ing of sorrel contains: Energy: 22 kcal Protein: 2 g Water: 93 g Fat: 0.7 g Carbohydrate: 3.2 g Fibre: 2.9 g Calcium: 44 mg Iron: 2.4 mg Magnesium: 103 mg Phosphorus: 63 mg Potassium: 390 mg Vitamin C: 48 mg Vitamin A: 4000 IU

The HealthifvMe Note Sorrel is a nutrient-dense plant. It's high in fibre and minerals like



various health benefits. Sorrel leaves also contain other essential vitamins like vitamin A, which is

A. It is also a low-calorie leaf with

#### **Supports Heart Health**

According to animal stud-There are wide varieties of ies, sorrel may enhance numer-Sorrel available in the market. ous aspects of heart health. For example, a study shows that sorrel affects specific pathways involved in platelet aggregation. It is a process by which platelets in your blood clump together. Although the study is on rats, it shows a reduction in the development of blood

Other animal studies show that sorrel helps widen blood arteries and lower blood pressure. Finally, sorrel is high in fibre and antioxidants, both beneficial to heart health. Human research on sorrel and heart health, however, is sparse. Therefore, more study is needed to determine the effect of this green on human heart health.

#### **Rich in Antioxidants**

Sorrel is an excellent source of antioxidants. The compounds present in sorrel protect your cells from damage by neutralising harmful free radicals. Antioxidants such as ated with this plant. It stands out in glutathione, thioredoxin, ascorbic acid, and enzymes counter oxidative stress and protect lipids, proteins, and DNA. Antioxidants such Sheep's sorrel grows wild in as ascorbic acid, carotenoids, flavomany parts of the United States. noids, and amino acids are also nat-It is as sour as common sorrel but ural antioxidants in sorrel. These and non-radical oxidants to prevent oxidative stress and damage

> Studies show that antioxidants help cure diseases like cancer, neurodegeneration, diabetes, etc. One study compared ten plants based on their antioxidant properties and found that red sorrel has the highest number of antioxidants. Another study showed that sorrel fights harmful free radicals. Sorrel is used to treat neurological disorders like Alzheimer's Disease.

#### **Improves Eyesight**

vitamin A in green leafy vegeta- growth, increased healing process, bles can help improve eyesight. In

degeneration and cataracts. Betacarotene, a precursor to vitamin A, acts as an antioxidant. Combined with the other important antioxidant compounds in the body, it enhances eye health, especially night vision, and prevents agerelated degradation.

#### **Detoxifying Agent**

As Sorrel consists of vitamin C, its consumption can remove toxins from the body. Furthermore, the flavonoids and antioxidants in the sorrel act as purgatives and diuretics. Therefore, it aids in the elimination of toxic poisons from effective in removing harmful free

Protocatechuic acid, found in sorrel leaves, assists in bodily detoxification. Therefore, people use sorrel tea and sorrel-infused water to aid body cleansing.

#### **Reduces Blood Pressure**

of potassium which can help maintain good heart health. Potassium is a vasodilator. You can consume potassium-rich foods to maintain a fluid balance throughout the body. It reduces blood pressure by dilating the blood vessels and arteries. eases like hypertension, Coronary Artery Heart Disease, stroke, etc.

#### **Improves Digestive Health**

digestive health. Dietary fibre adds dative stress. Unfortunately, these source of carbohydrates and pro $antioxidants\ scavenge\ free\ radical\ bulk\ to\ your\ food\ and\ helps\ it\ move\quad free\ radicals\ are\ responsible\ for\ the\quad tein\ and\ a\ good\ source\ of\ other$ acidity, bloating, cramping, etc.

#### **Prevents Iron Deficiency**

With 2.4 mg of iron per hundred red blood cells and prevents anae-

Red Blood Cells are responsible which is essential for keeping your tion. An increase in the circulation eves healthy. Studies show that of blood causes an increase in hair

#### Helps Soothe the Skin and Cure Skin Infections

Sorrel contains vitamin C, which is essential for skin health. It reduces the itchiness of the skin and clears the skin. The liquid extracts by grounding sorrel leaves can be applied topically to the infected area to reduce rashes and irritation. In addition, it is soothing for the skin due to the presence of vitamin C and A.

Sorrel leaves play an important role in treating various skin infections. The abundance of antioxidants in the potent herb is highly radicals from the body. Furthermore, it is antipruritic in nature. Hence, it alleviates the itching sensation caused due to allergic conditions like eczema, scabies, patchy skin, acne, sunburn, etc.

Several studies have shown that sorrel has potent antibacterial Sorrel has a significant amount properties, so they are extensively used for removing bacteria from the body. Its bioactive compounds like flavonoids, naphthalenes, and anthraquinones prevent worm infestation, treat wounds, and improve healing. A paste of the sorrel leaves over an insect bite or Lowering blood pressure reduces any skin infection can be applied to the chance of cardiovascular dis-relieve pain and inflammation and reduce redness and itching.

#### **May Prevent Cancer**

Sorrel is a healthy source of The high fibre content found in antioxidants, which help prevent **Conclusion** all sorrel species can improve your free radical damage caused by oxithrough the digestive tract. Theregrowth and development of cancer fore, it helps to improve gastroin- cells. Sorrel's antioxidant propertestinal health and reduces disor- ties can potentially prevent radical ders like constipation, indigestion, damage and protect against cancercausing free radical damage.

Although human research is sparse, certain test-tube and animal studies have discovered grams, sorrel is a good source of that sorrel can inhibit the developiron. Iron boosts the production of ment and spread of cancer cells. For example, in a test tube research, several kinds of sorrel destroyed breast, cervical, and skin cancer for transporting oxygen molecules cells. However, more research from the lungs to other body parts. is needed to discover how sorrel Sorrel contains vitamin A, Iron is necessary for their produc- consumption as part of a balanced diet affects cancer development in

The HealthifyMe Note

## **RECIPE**

#### **HOMEMADE PICKLED SERRANO PEPPERS**

Servings: 48 Preparation Time: 20 minutes Ingredients

Serrano Peppers: 450 g White Vinegar: 1¼ cup Water: ½ cup Sugar: 11/4 cup Garlic: 3 cloves

Method

profile, making it a healthy leaf.

It is one of the reasons that people

use sorrel for medicinal purposes

as well. The low-calorie vegetable

contains multiple nutrients and

minerals. An essential vitamin in

sorrel is vitamin C, which fights

inflammation, boosts your immu-

nity, and helps stabilise blood

sugar levels. Sorrel also contains

magnesium, which is good for bone

If you're going to use it within a

day or two, wrap the sorrel leaves

in plastic and store them in the

rinse it clean, pat it dry, and roll

the leaves up in paper towels

before putting them in the plas-

tic. Otherwise, they may rot. The

paper towels will soak up all the

excess liquid and keep the leaves

at once dry but in a damp-enough

can also be frozen, although the

texture may change when you

freeze it. There are a couple of

freezing methods. You can chop the

leaves and place them into sections

of an ice cube tray, then fill it with

water to freeze, or place them in a

bag and remove the extra air, so it

is vacuum sealed before placing it

Precautions and Things to Keep in

While there are no known

adverse responses to sorrel, any

food might trigger an allergic reac-

tion. Hives, vomiting, teary eyes,

sneezing, and breathing problems

are common food allergy symp-

toms. If you think you might have

a food allergy, consult your doctor

Sorrel includes oxalate, a

common plant chemical that can

prevent minerals like calcium from

being absorbed. Unfortunately,

both calcium and oxalate can bind

together. As a result, it might lead

to the development of calcium oxa-

late kidney stones. These stones are

hard mineral deposits in the kid-

neys that cause discomfort, nausea,

and vomiting. To help avoid cal-

cium oxalate kidney stones, instead

of eliminating oxalate-rich foods

like sorrel from your diet, consider

increasing your calcium intake,

limiting your salt intake, and

Sorrel is a high-fibre, low-fat

nutrients. Vitamin A, vitamin C,

magnesium, and iron are all abun-

dant in sorrel. In addition, potas-

sium, manganese, and B vitamins

are also present, along with antiox-

idants. As a result, sorrel consump-

tion can potentially improve heart

health and slow the development of

that you can use in various dishes,

including soups, stews, salads,

dressings, and sauces. However,

sorrel can cause allergic reactions

in certain persons. It also includes

oxalate, which can interfere with

calcium absorption and lead to

kidney stone development.

Sorrel is a versatile ingredient

cancer cells.

drinking lots of water.

for an assessment and diagnosis.

Like most fresh herbs, sorrel

For more extended storage,

and the heart.

refrigerator.

environment.

in the freezer.

Storage and Safety

Boil the vinegar and water in a vessel and all sugar. Stir occasionally until the sugar gets completely dissolved and the mixture reaches a soft

Remove the vessel from heat and cool its contents to reach room temperature. Slice 3 garlic cloves very thin. Slice the serrano

Add peppers and garlic into a container, and then pour the vinegar mixture.

Cover and refrigerate for three days for full

You can use the pickled peppers as an addition to many meals and salads, while the sweet and spicy vinegar solution poured on stewed cabbage, collards, and turnip greens.

You can store the pickled peppers in the refrigerator for at least two months.

#### **LENTIL SALAD WITH SORREL & ASPARAGUS**

Green lentils: 1 cup Fresh sorrel: 2 cups Cup parsley: 2/3 cup Mint: A small handful (30 g) Olive oil: ½ cup Red wine vinegar: 2 tbsp Clove: 1 Garlic: 1

Coarse salt and pepper: As per taste Honey or agave: 1 tbsp Asparagus: 1

#### Goat feta: 1 cup **Directions**

Wash the lentils in cold water and boil them in a saucepan. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes until the lentil holds its shape.

While the lentils cook, Add sorrel, herbs, garlic, olive oil, red wine vinegar, garlic, salt, pepper, and honey in a food processor. Blend it until it becomes smooth.

Boil water and add salt to it. Then, boil asparagus for a few minutes. Strain under water to cool

Pour the lovely green dressing over warm len-

Add the cooked asparagus and toss. Sprinkle with feta and serve warm.

#### **GREEN SORREL SOUP RECIPE Inaredients**

Sorrel leaves: 1 bunch (100 g) Medium onion: 1 Large garlic clove: 2 Medium potato: 1 Carrot: 1 Celery root: 48 g Leek 20 g Butter or olive oil: 1 tbsp

Water: 2 ½ cups Black pepper: ¼ tbsp Grated nutmeg: A pinch Turmeric ground: ½ tsp Salt: As per taste

#### Directions

Rinse the fresh sorrel leaves, onion, garlic, carrot, and celery. Slice the onion and chop the garlic. Peel the

potato, carrot, leek, and celery. Dice the Potato, slice the carrot and celery, and cut the leek and sorrel into fine strips

Add the butter to the pan, fry the translucent onions and continue adding the garlic. Fry for 3 min on medium heat.

Add the other veggies, carrot, potato, celery, and leeks, and mix and fry for a minute. Add the cut sorrel leaves and stir-fry for 2-3 min

on medium to slow heat. The sorrel will lose some of its green colours and turn brown. Season the veg mix with salt, pepper, nutmeg, and turmeric

Pour the water and let it boil for 2 minutes.

## Serrano Peppers – Everything You Need to Know

#### **ADITI SHENAI**

errano peppers (Capsicum Annuum) are a type of spicy chilli pepper. Initially, it was popular only in Mexican cuisine, but now is used globally. The term 'serrano' is a Spanish word that means 'from the mountains,' referring to the Sierra mountain ranges in the Mexican states of Puebla and Hidalgo, where serrano peppers first grew. On a single plant, there are about fifty pepper pods. Depending on their time on the stalk, they can be red, brown, orange, or yellow. Serrano peppers are widely used in the cuisines of the US as well as Southeast Asia, famous for the unique, spicy kick they provide.

Serrano peppers include immense nutrients, which have many health benefits. For example, it contains potassium. magnesium, phosphorus, vitamin C, calcium, vitamin A and much more. In addition, its high antioxidant content reduces oxidative stress. Also, it has antiinflammatory and anti-cancer properties. Therefore, this versatile spice has immense benefits

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if included in the diet

#### **Nutritional Value of Serrano** Peppers

calories. As a result, these nutritious additives provide a muchneeded boost of bright flavour to many dishes

As per the USDA, around 100 grams of raw serrano peppers

Energy: 32 kcals Protein: 1.74 g Carbohydrates: 6.7 q Fibre: 3.7 q Sugars: 3.83 g Fat: 0.44 g Potassium: 305 mg Phosphorus: 40 mg Magnesium: 22 mg Calcium: 11 mg Sodium: 10 mg Iron: 0.86 mg Vitamin C: 44.9 mg Niacin: 1.54 mg Vitamin B6: 0.5 mg Pantothenic Acid: 0.2 mg Vitamin A: 281 µg Health Benefits of Serrano

Serrano peppers are healthy and have a nutrient-dense profile. They are low-calorie foods.

#### benefits: **Rich Source of Potassium**

Listed below are the health

Serrano peppers contain Serrano peppers are low in a large amount of potassium. Research proves that potassium helps regulate blood pressure and mineral-fluid balance in the body and also helps reduce kidney stones and age-related bone loss.

These benefits come from certain 'organic anions' in potassium that come directly from fruits, such as serrano pepper.

#### **Aids in Weight Loss** According to research, eating

chilli peppers, including the active component capsaicin (capsicum genus), reduces body weight, showing their antiobesity effects.

Serrano peppers are high in capsaicin, which aids fat burning by assuring continuous fat oxidation. Capsaicin's weightloss effect is related to the fact that it can suppress your appetite, making you feel full and causing you to eat less.

**Might Reduce Risk of Cancer** Dietary phytochemicals like capsaicin, abundant in serrano

peppers, have been shown to rano peppers contain 44.9 mg have anti-cancer properties in studies. Capsaicin affects the expression of multiple genes involved in cancer cell survival

and metastasis.

Multiple tumour-suppressor genes get targeted in various cancers. Capsaicin combined with other dietary ingredients, according to scientists, could result in powerful anti-cancer therapy.

#### **Serrano Pepper Boosts Immu-**

Serrano peppers are extremely rich in Vitamin C. According to USDA, 100 grams of raw ser

of Vitamin C. Studies prove that Vitamin C increases immunity by supporting various cell functions. Therefore, eating foods paired with serrano peppers can be a great immunity booster.

#### Helps Relieve Chronic Pain, **Arthritis, and Sore Muscles**

Capsaicin is a chemical abundantly found in serrano peppers. It is a colourless, odourless oillike chemical compound found in the membrane of serrano peppers that holds the seeds, and it is this chemical that makes peppers "hot".

Studies have proven capsa-

icin highly effective in treating chronic pain such as migraines, neuropathic pain, bone cancer pain, inflammatory bowel disease, and shingles. Also, this is because capsaicin helps block pain messages to your nerves.

Capsaicin relieves pain by reducing the quantity of a neurotransmitter that transmits pain signals to the brain. As a result, capsaicin creams, gels, and pain treatment patches treat fibromyalgia and arthritis pain. In addition, a study found that using capsaicin cream derived from serrano peppers reduces joint pain in osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis patients.

#### **Promotes Heart Health**

Heart patients can eat serrano peppers to supplement their daily food intake. Studies have shown that Serrano peppers inhibit arteries from constricting, reducing blood flow to the heart.

In addition, as per research, the heat-stimulating capsaicin present in serrano peppers can also lower cholesterol levels by preventing cholesterol from accumulating in the body.

Serrano Pepper Improves

Serrano peppers have an abundant amount of calcium and magnesium. Research links calcium to the prevention of osteoporosis. Studies have also indicated that magnesium is essential for bone cells and helps maintain bone integrity. Therefore, serrano peppers can be perfect for improving bone health and preventing osteoporosis.

#### **Accelerates Healing of Gastric** Ulcers

While many people think spicy foods can cause ulcers, evidence supports the contrary. As per research, capsaicin prevents and accelerates the healing of gastric ulcers.

This phenomenon reflects capsaicin's ability to inhibit gastric acid secretion, boost secretion of alkali and mucus, and stimulate gastric blood flow. Therefore, you shouldn't avoid serrano peppers if you have gastric ulcers due to their heat because they could speed up the healing process.

**Helps Regulate Blood Sugar** Capsaicin in serrano peppers has anti-diabetic properties. In

addition, eating capsaicin which is present in serrano peppers, dramatically reduces fasting blood glucose and insulin levels.

Also, research suggests capsaicin lowers blood glucose by boosting insulin levels and glycogen content. As a result, serrano peppers' ability to lower blood glucose may be due to their "spicy" properties.

#### **Lowers Body Temperature**

When we sweat excessively after eating a serrano pepper. it's because the capsaicin in it sends signals to the brain that the body is experiencing extreme heat and needs pro-

Sweating cools the body, and sweating is the most effective thermal effects in humans, as per research. Also, body sweat increases in proportion to the intensity of the thermal challenge experienced by the body. Also, this is because the body aims to balance heat and maintain a stable internal body temperature. Therefore, serrano peppers aid in the acclimatisation of our bodies to hot temperatures by making us cool down.

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## M.K Ajatshatru Singh lauds Indian Govt's decision People from disadvantaged sections biggest to abrogate Art 370 in J&K at Geneva Convention

GENEVA, MAR 22

M.K Ajatshatru Singh, senior BJP leader and former minister, commended the Government of India's bold decision to abrogate Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. This historic move corrected the longstanding injustice endured by the people of the region over the past seven decades.

at UN, the senior BJP region." leader said "Since the constitutional reforms in economic front, the reduc-From 2004 to 2014, Jammu 2.81% in 2022-2023 is a ment underscores the further demonstrating the the region, he added. effectiveness of the govern- government's commitment



Speaking in his address peace and stability to the he added.

ment's actions in restoring to the region's prosperity," to acknowledge that not all

M.K Ajatshatru Singh "Moreover, on the socio-said over the past nine years, Jammu and Kashmir 2019, there has been a sigtion of poverty in Jammu has witnessed a remarkable nificant decline in terror- and Kashmir from 40.45% revolution in infrastructure ist incidents in the region. in 2005-2006 to a mere development, including the establishment of new and Kashmir experienced a testament to the optimal medical colleges, tuntotal of 7,217 terrorist inci- utilization of development nels, railway lines, and dents. However, thanks to funds. The recent interim civic infrastructure. These the reforms, terror inci- budget for 2024 allocated advancements have been dents have decreased by a substantial \$14 billion achieved while preserving over 70%. This improve- for Jammu and Kashmir, the rich cultural heritage of

However, it is essential

mir have benefited equally. Recent protests in regions under Pakistani occupation highlight the growing awareness of economic disparities compared to those under Indian administration. As the son of Dr. Karan Singh, the titular king of undivided Jammu and Kashmir and Grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh ji, he expressed deep concern for the plight of those living under Pakistani occupa-

The former minister appealed to the United Nations to take concrete steps in accordance with Security Council resolutions to ameliorate the situation faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir under Pakistani occupation. It is imperative that the international community addresses their grievances and ensures their fundamental rights are upheld, he con-

## beneficiaries of govt schemes: Ritika

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JAMMU, MAR 22

The people of India have made up their minds to give Prime Minister Narendra Modi a third term and BJP would win the 2024 Lok Sabha polls with a bumper majority. This was stated by Chief Spokesperson BJP Mahila Morcha I&KUT Ritika Trehan while continuing her door-todoor campaign in favour of Jugal Kishore in Gandhi Nagar constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, Ritika said that BJP cadre is working with renewed vigour and confidence to reach out to new voters and win their confidence to ensure the party's return to power in the Lok Sabha elections with a stronger mandate. She said the nation will now have to dream big and make big resolutions to make India a devel- and have realized that BJP tions, she said. Not only the country's progress.

oped country by 2047. She will win all five parliamenslammed the opposition, tary seats in J&K and Modi particularly the Congress, will become the Prime saying it lacked the cour- Minister for a third conage to take on the BJP ideo- secutive term". She said logically or on the basis of when the Modi governprinciples. She said every ment came to power for related to the Triple Talaq country across the world is the first time in 2014, 60 now keen to forge a deeper crore people had no bank relationship with India accounts, 10 crore people tions like SCs, STs and under the influence of PM

his mission.

Modi Govt.She said fulfill-

that, externally, if there is a problem in the world, other leaders look towards Modi and what he thinks and what he believes. Ritika said.

Ritika said the Covid-19 pandemic was handled very efficiently by the Modi government and it successfully inoculated all citizens of the country. She said there is 70 per cent drop in violence in Jammu and Kashmir. Besides these. She said, under the Modi government, Article 370 was scrapped, Ram temple is being built and issues resolved. She said people from disadvantaged sechad no access to toilets and OBCs are the biggest benthree crore people had no eficiaries of his governing the dreams of crores of electricity connections. ment's welfare schemes as women, poor and youth is The Modi government has she accused the previous given all of them access to Congress dispensations of Ritika claimed, "I have banks, toilets, free food, neglecting them and never visited various parts of J&K electricity and gas connec- appreciating their role in

## SMVD Gurukul holds 32nd Governing Council Meeting

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KATRA, MARCH 22

The 32nd meeting of the other Members of the Governing Council of Shri Governing Council while Mata Vaishno Devi Guru- expressing satisfaction kul, Charan Paduka was regarding over-the-year held here today at its aca- growth of the institution demic premises at Charan and its functioning empha-Paduka, Katra.

by Mahamandleshwar Shri develop it as a centre of Swami Vishveshvaranand excellence. The Chair-Giriji Maharaj, Member of man desired that a 15 years the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi roadmap be devised for the region. Shrine Board and Chair- future growth of Gurukul man of the Governing both physically and aca-Council for the Gurukul, was attended by Anshul sive learning experiences cer of the Shrine Board; Alok Kumar Maurya, Addi-

Devendra Rijal, Vice Principal of the Gurukul.

The Chairman and sized the need for making The meeting presided continuing endeavors to demically for comprehen-

tional CEO; Padma Shri post graduation level be prepare for annual activi-Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, also explored aiming to ties diligently in advance, academic blocks of SMVD Pawan Kumar, Control- further empower students aligning with the curler of Examination, CSU; with advanced knowl- riculum not only to attain would address the future Satish Kumar Sharma, edge and skills to excel optimal outcomes but also residential and academic underscoring that such Board for his patronage Joint CEO, SMVDSB and in their chosen fields. He for their holistic develop- requirements of the stu-Administrator of Gurukul; said that the up-gradation ment. Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief will not only enhance the Accounts Officer; Gopal academic reputation of participation of faculty from 20 to 30 students whole. Dass Sharma, Head Pujari, SMVD Gurukul but posi- and students at different from the session 2023-Bhawan; Dr Dhananjay tively contribute to the Platforms, including in- 24. After extensive delib- the meeting, the Mem- sented with the Rudraksha Mishra, Principal; and Dr. educational landscape in house events & those at erations the Governing bers, Governing Council plant on the occasion



The Chairman while reviewing outstanding achievements of the students of SMVD Gurukul in Garg, Chief Executive Offi- and academic excellence. academics and co-curricu-He exhorted that up- lar activities underscored also concurred with the gradation of Gurukul to that the students must

The meeting also noted

State, Zonal as well as at Computer Lab. While achievement of students National Level.

cil, while approving the annual budget of Gurukul for financial year 2024-25 projected need for expansion of residential and Gurukul. This decision of their intake capacity of expansion in NAAC accredi-

man, SMVD Gurukul also inaugurated 08 Smart Classrooms and a

acknowledging the signif-The Governing Coun- icant contribution made by the J&K Bank under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative for establishing Smart Classrooms and Computer Lab at SMVD Gurukul. he applauded the Bank's commitment to investing in future generation on the community as a

After the conclusion of

Council also also inspected the proresolved to take posed site for expansion further strides at SMVD Gurukul.

Earlier, Mahamandleshalignment with war while addressing the students and faculty highlighted the importance of imparting sanskars in sion, the Chair- one's life, asked the students to work hard to preserve their rich culture and achieve distinction in various fields in years to come. He said that the not only showcases their dedication and hard work but also testament to the dedication of teachers and

institution. He expressed gratitude towards the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT who is also Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine initiative undoubtedly towards such institutions dents after enhancement leaves a positive impact which has kept alive the Vedic and Sanatan traditions in the modern era.

collective success of their

The Members were pre-

## **SMVDU Sports Teams** shine at Goonj 2024



JAMMU, MAR 22

university also displayed appreciable performance in the tournament. The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi teams were accompanied University (SMVDU) by the Sports coaches of secured an overall third the university Mr. Sumit position among more than Sharma and Mr. Balbir 10 participating institu- Singh. Deputy registrar, tions in Sports events student welfare was also a held at the "Goonj 2024" member of the participathosted by the University ing contingent. Prof. (Dr.) of Jammu on 19th -20th Pragati Kumar, Vice Chan-March, 2024. SMVDU cellor, SMVDU congratuwomen football team lated the winning teams stood first in the sports for bringing laurels to the event whereas the vol- university. Vice chancellor leyball men team won the appreciated the efforts of third position. The event the Sports Wing headed saw university teams by Dr. Parvez Singh participating in football, Slathia and encouraged to volleyball, basketball, participate in such events kho-kho and kabaddi. for showcasing the talent The other sports teams of of university students.

## 2-Day Workshop on "Drone Technology" kicks off at C&I Bhaderwah Campus

BHADERWAH MARCH 22

The Department of Computer Science & IT, Bhaderwah Campus, University of Jammu, in collaboration with iHUB DivyaSampark IIT Roorkee (A Joint venture of IIT Roorkee and DST Government of India) and technically supported by the "Jammu and Kashmir ACM Professional Chapter," has launched a Two-Day Workshop on "Drone missioner Doda, extend- able insights and practi- Technology, Drone Hard-Technology and its appli-

menced today at the event on a topic of para- Superintendent of Police Computer and IT Bhad- mount importance. He (SP) Operation Doda, erwah Campus, drawing elaborated on the myriad graced the occasion as the and Videography, Search nearly 200 participants benefits that drone tech- Guest of Honor. He delivfrom various educational nology offers in the con- ered a comprehensive disinstitutions, departments temporary era, empha-course on the importance of Bhaderwah Campus, sizing its significance in of drone technology, parofficials and jawans from various sectors. the Indian Army, and the teaching and non-teach-



wah Campus and Patron emphasized the pivotal The Vice Chancellor of P. Singh Joorel in his mes-rent circumstances and the University of Jammu, sage conveyed his appre- highlighted their signifi-Prof. Umesh Rai, com- ciation to the Department cance in ensuring safety mended the Bhaderwah of Computer Science & and security. Campus for organizing IT for spearheading this this workshop on such a workshop. He under- the Convenor of the workcrucial topic. His message scored the workshop's shop, provided a detailed echoed the importance of role in equipping par- outline of the workfostering knowledge and ticipants with valuable shop's agenda through an expertise in drone tech- insights into drone tech- insightful presentation. nology. "This workshop He emphasized that the The Chief Guest for the promises to be an enrich- workshop covers a diverse occasion, Mr. Harvinder ing experience, providing range of topics, including

The workshop com- for orchestrating such an added Sunil Kesar (JKPS), ticularly in addressing The Rector of Bhader- security concerns. He of the workshop Prof. J. role drones play in cur-

Dr. Jatinder Manhas, Singh (IAS), Deputy Com- participants with valu- Introduction to Drone

ed his congratulations to cal knowledge in the field ware and Software, Safety the Bhaderwah Campus of drone technology,' he and Regulations, Handson Drone Flying Sessions, Applications in Agriculture, Aerial Photography and Rescue Operations, Infrastructure Inspection, **Environmental Monitor**ing, and Future Trends and Career Opportunities. He highlighted the workshop's significance as a pioneering initiative in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Abid Sarwer, Co-

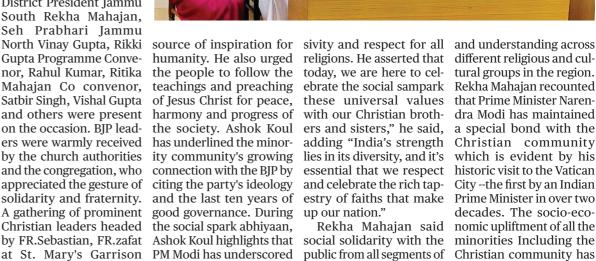
Convenor of the Workshop, delivered a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, collaborators, and sponsors for their unwavering support and contributions towards making the workshop a success.

## BJP Jammu District South organised Social Sampark Abhiyan at St. Mary's Garrison Church

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Under "Social Sampark"

Programme, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) organisational general secretary J&K Ashok Koul interacted with the Christian community at St.Marys Garrison Church, Gandhi Nagar along with former Dy CM Kavinder Gupta, BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan, Seh Prabhari Jammu North Vinay Gupta, Rikki Gupta Programme Convenor, Rahul Kumar, Ritika Mahajan Co convenor, Satbir Singh, Vishal Gupta and others were present on the occasion. BJP leaders were warmly received by the church authorities appreciated the gesture of A gathering of prominent Christian leaders headed by FR.Sebastian, FR.zafat at St. Mary's Garrison church in Jammu South has expressed support and commitment towards India's development initiatives under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They also



his government's commitment to the mottos of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and development for all without any discrimination.

towards the vision of Christ and stated "may munity, Ashok Koul said the BJP's commitment to community dialogues and Kumar presented a vote of Jesus Christ has been a the principles of inclu-foster a spirit of harmony thanks.

lies in its diversity, and it's which is evident by his essential that we respect historic visit to the Vatican estry of faiths that make Prime Minister in over two up our nation."

social solidarity with the minorities Including the public from all segments of Christian community has society are a testament to been ensured by impartour dedication to strength- ing quality education and ening the bonds of broth- subsequently providing erhood and understanding them with job opportuniamong all communities ties. in Jammu and Kashmir. Kavinder Gupta recalled Rekha emphasized that the proceedings of the expressed commitment the sacrifices of Jesus the outreach to the St. programme and noted Mary's Garrison church in that PM Modi's governance Developed India by 2047. the thoughts of the Lord Jammu South is part of a ensures the comprehen-While interacting Christ keep inspiring broader initiative by the sive development of every with the Christian com- people." He emphasized BJP to strengthen inter- community in India. Rahul

decades. The socio-eco-Rekha Mahajan said nomic upliftment of all the

Rikki Gupta conducted

## LG Electronics unveils LG Objet Collection with MoodUPTM Refrigerator

JAMMU, MARCH 22

LG Electronics, India's preferences of modern leading consumer durable families. Attractive, bright, brand, in collaboration sturdy and full of sophistiwith India's famous fash- cated design, this refrigeraion designer duo Gauri tor is an example of beauty and Nainika has launched and enhances the aesthet-LG MoodUp ™ . refrig- ic appeal of any kitchen. erator has been unveiled. Its innovative MoodUp The company launched its feature allows users to cusnew collection with this tomize the exterior lightrefrigerator during Lakme ing of the refrigerator as Fashion Week. The col- per their mood and create lection is inspired by the a personalized ambiance 1.7 lakh color combina- in their homes. tions of LG MoodUpTM . LG MoodUp ™ not only launch, Hwang Youngmin, goes beyond the various binations of LG MoodUp

to your favorite music to and redefine the consumer launch of the refrigerator create the atmosphere of experience." your choice in the house.

fully designed to provide LG MoodUp™ this Fashion new collection inspired 1.7 lakh exciting color alarm color system which

a seamless combination of style and functionality, catering to the diverse

reflects your mood or per- Director Home Appliancsonality but also brings es & Air Conditioners, LG their new concept refrig- beauty and innovation luxury to your lifestyle and Electronics India said, "We erator. The modern and enhances your everyday are very excited to intro-sleek design of the refrigion, LG MoodUp ™ The life. LG MoodUp ™ utilizes duce our newest product, erator is in line with the refrigerator celebrates the advanced technology and the MoodUp ™ French ethos of Gauri & Nainika intersection of technology is a beautifully designed Door Refrigerator, in col- Fall Winter 2024 collection with style." product that gives you a laboration with Gauri and with its timeless luxury feeling of personal luxury. Nainika at Lakme Fashion and beauty. Innovation As Indians increasingly Week. Vibrant , bold , full and sophistication have LG MoodUp ™ refrigeralook for customized solu- of life and optimistic, our been seamlessly incorpo- tor meets the ever-evolvtions to bring convenience shared vision of optimism rated into the refrigerator. ing expectations of the to their lives, LG MoodUp is reflected in this amaz- The synergy between the ™ takes refrigerator cus- ing product that truly cap- beauty of Fridge and the create ambiance as per the tomization to the next tures the essence of 'Life story of Gauri and Nainika is Good'. The refrigerator fashion emphasizes the its beautifully mesmer-LG has introduced a combines modern tech- shared commitment to izing colors. It is not just groundbreaking product nology and style, reflect- marry design with time- a tool but a living canvas listen to the music of in the history of the elec- ing LG's commitment to less beauty., tronics category, taking meet the ever-changing technology and beauty needs of Indian consum- lywood actress Taapsee to new heights. The door ers. customize With cus- Pannu said, "It was such of this new fridge has an tomizable features and an exciting experience to LED panel with the help of innovative functionality, walk for Gauri and Nainika designed with sophisticawhich you can change the MoodUp ™ refrigerators at Lakme Fashion Week. I colors according to your deliver unmatched convelue LG MoodUp TM I am truly mood and can also listen nience and performance honored to be a part of the to facilitate maximum stor-

Moodup ™ French Door and Nainika said, "We are orous fashion show. It was presence of LED panels with a variety of intel- India Available at a price Refrigerators are care- excited to collaborate with truly amazing to see their on its doors. With over ligent features like smart of INR Rs. 4,49,999.



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seamlessly blend in fash-

Development is a con-

tinuous process and the

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provided with four doors

of your home.

Commenting on the Week. The collaboration by the 1.7 lakh color comvibrant colors inspired by

Show stopper and Bol-

mood and personality. It's from the LG ThinQ app. tomization elevates the kitchen experience.

Additionally, this refrigfeature, which is a smart fridge. The combination of modern technology and fridges. It offers attractive longer periods. beauty as well as great functionality.

The built-in Bluetooth speaker in this fridge gives an unmatched experience connect this speaker to any external device and of your creativity, which your choice. This speaker blends with the ambiance comes in multiple modes, like bounce mode and party.

There are many other interesting features great combination of style included in this refrigera- and functionality with the age. One feature that sets tor, which make it a per- MoodUp ™ refrigerator. and be the showstopper in it apart from the crowd of fect appliance. MoodUp Now this refrigerator is In this regard, Gauri Gauri and Nainika's glam- other refrigerators is the ™ refrigerators come priced at Rs 4,49,999 in

BJP-ECI nexus destroyed democracy in J&K: Harsh

combinations, it allows includes door open alert, consumers to change the welcome light and nightcolors as per their taste, time mood light. These increase both convenience all intuitively controlled and safety in the kitchen. With InstaView technol-This modern twist on cus- ogy for easy viewing of fridge contents, pull-out racks for convenient storage, and advanced temerator has the Instaview perature management to prevent food spoilage, addition to its designing. this refrigerator offers By double knocking on unmatched functionality the door of the fridge, its for modern families. Does. Instaview function illu- The MoodUp ™ refrigeraminates the inside of the tor is integrated with the fridge. This gives users the LG Think ™ app to remoteopportunity to peek inside ly control and monitor it. the fridge and see the con- This provides user convetents without completely nience and peace of mind. opening the door of the Door Cooling+ technology ensures uniform cooling across every shelf. Hygiene thoughtful design makes Fresh+ technology reducthis refrigerator stand out es bacterial activity and from the crowd of other keeps foods fresh for

LG's MoodUp ™ refrigerator is much different and better than the traditionally used kitchen appliances. It is a symbol of modern to the consumer. You can life, allowing you to beautify your surroundings and improve your lifestyle.

The launch of LG Objet Collection with MoodUp TM refrigerators further strengthens its leadership The new LG MoodUp flow mode, making it perposition in providing users <sup>™</sup> refrigerator has been fect for hosting your home with innovative solutions as per the needs of Indian consumers. Discover the

#### 2024 Lok Sabha elections will bury opposition INDI alliance in pages of history: Chandel



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

Hindu nationalist BIP leader Guruji Raju Chan- and no one is worthy of del, speaking to journal- being Prime Minister of ists in Jammu today, said the country except him. that the upcoming Lok Mr. Modi's leadership has Sabha elections in 2024 contributed greatly in will bury the opposition correctly identifying the Mahagathbandhan in nation's identity. the pages of history, and ing new heights.

the grand temple of Lord defeat of all the opposithey have brought Lord Narendra Modi like a rock, country's Sanatan (Hindu) defeat.

culture and heritage, the Prime Minister once again in 2024. Today, every citizen is a Modi supporter,

Chandel claimed that there will be no mention the Aam Aadmi Party, of any opposition party, as Congress Party, Bahu-Modi's popularity is reach- jan Samaj Party, and the Mahagathbandhan have Chandel said that the lost their identity and the entire country has made trust of the people, and up its mind ever since the complete electoral Shri Ram was built in tion parties is a foregone Ayodhya, and all across conclusion. Chandel said the nation, the surge of that this time around, the Rama and Modi is being Sanatan Hindu population felt. The people have of the country has rallied stated in a survey that around Prime Minister Rama to the temple, and and this time in the Lok they will make the great Sabha elections, Rahul Prime Minister Shri Nar- Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi endra Modi, who has will lose their seats and proudly represented the will face a humiliating

## BJP Media Cell to aggressively counter fake narrative of INDI Alliance

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To review the working of the Media Cell of BJP, constituted for Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, the media team. held its meeting at Bakshi Nagar office on Friday.

The meeting was attended by media team Incharge GL Raina, Co-spread over a large area about ten years of good Incharges Balbir Ram and housing the popula- governance. Rattan and Zorawar Singh tion of different sections in the meeting.

were held on every aspect cussed in length. related to the smooth and result -oriented working decided to highlight the various welfare which has of the media cell on regu- peace, progress and been extended in the UT lar basis to serve as bridge development achieved by the concrete efforts of between the party candi- under the able leadership the sitting MP, now the date and the people of the of Prime Minister, Naren- BJP candidate for the third Lok Sabha constituency dra Modi, during the last consecutive term.



environment and corpo-

To seek the 'Ashirwad' Jamwal. Parliamentary and faiths. The issue of (blessings) of the people Constituency Convenor effectively countering in the form of votes for & former Mayor, Chan- the false propaganda of the party candidate for the der Mohan Gupta and the opposition parties Jammu-Reasi Parliamenta-Constituency Incharge and also expose the INDI ry Constituency, the team for Pravasi Workers Anil Alliance for its hate and will put its best efforts to Rakwal, were also present negative propaganda to present the true picture of mislead the people to gain the massive development Threadbare discussions their support was also dis- and the changes seen by them in their lives after Media Cell team also availing the benefits of

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workers were detained by

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Harsh Dev said that the ECI had uncon-Accusing the ECI of playing stitutionally and undemsecond fiddle to BJP, Mr ocratically deprived the Harsh Dev Singh Ex Edu-people of J&K to have cation Minister and Pan- democratically elected thers leader led a massive govt of their own. And protest outside Nirvachan when JKNPP party filed Bhawan today. Thousands a writ petition in the of party workers including Supreme Court with the a large number of female letter taking cognizance of activists of the party the same and directing the staged dharna infront of conduct of Assembly Elec-CEO, Election Deptt and tions in J&K, the ECI and raised slogans of "ECI-BJP" its political master along-Gathbandan Murdabaad", with some BJP Leaders "Election Commissioner and their agents hatched Murdabad", "Jamhoori- a conspiracy to freeze the yat ke Kaatil Murdabaad", name as well as symbol "BJP ke ishare par naachne of the party. Needless to against any recognized will sacrifice our lives but wale officers sharam karo, mention that BJP leaders party and destroyed it refuse to bow before the sharam karo" Bahut Jaleel and their agents persuad- completely at the behest authoritarian despots and Party (BJP) Murdabaad, ed and prevailed upon the Murdabaad". The protes- ECI to denotify the name tors who were manhan- of JKNPP and scrapping no personal hearing was in the UT. dled, threatened, abused its symbol and that too and assaulted by the Police after the issuance of Elecrefused to relent and tion notification. Never in sought resignation of ECI the history of democratic decision. working on the dictates of Jurisprudence do we find BJP. Over two dozen party any such example where the order for enabling the saboteurs of democracy the "Election Watchdog" Panthers Party to contest and destroyers of rule of



given by the ECI before

has acted so prejudicially present elections in accor- law.

dance with the norms of equity and fair play, Mr Singh said that ECI's decision was not only illegal but amounted to a sabre thrust in the soul of democracy. He said that ECI has cleverly taken the place of dispute in the party without confirming the facts and merely on the basis of a letters written by agents of opposition parties. He said that the most unjust acts of ECI, BJP and J&K administration destroying democracy in J&K could prove catastrophic with earth shaking consequences. We of the ruling party. Most dictators who are crushing shocking was the fact that dissent in the country and

Singh said that NPP taking the most contemp- would continue its peacetuous, unconstitutional ful agitation on the streets and road besides seeking Seeking the review of legal remedy against the 02 missing persons traced out and reunited with their family by police station Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu JI NEWS SERVICE

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Two informations were received at PS Jhajjar Kotli about the missing of persons namely (1) lady(name with held)R/O Teh. Dansal Distt. Jammu whose missing report was entered in this P/S vide DDR No.05 Dtd.15.03.2023 & (2) Raju S/O Kaka R/O Dansal,Jammu and whose missing report was entered at PS jhajjar Kotli Vide DDR No.26 Dated 12.03.2024.

Acting upon this, A Police Team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insp. Rakesh Singh did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing persons and after completing all legal formalities the said missing persons have been reunited with their family, missing report has been closed accordingly.

## One Day Management Conclave organized at School of Business, SMVDU

JAMMU, MAR 22

2024 entitled, "Sambandh" the different managethemed 'Growth with Sus- ment principles to be foltainability" organised by lowed to enhance teamthe School of Business, Shri work. Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Mata Vaishno Devi Univer- Head, School of Business sity. The Chief Guest of the laid down emphasis on inaugural function Prof. how such programs help Pragati Kumar, Vice Chan- in transition of students cellor, SMVDU highlighted from classroom learning the importance of linking to experiential learning. the academic programs The six plenary sessions with corporate in today's were conducted in which

rates. Prof. Supran Kumar Sharma, Coordinator of The Management Conclave the program described

of Indian ethos in working and further discussed the towards critical thinking requirement to maintain in the economic devel- and adaptation. The sixth management graduates in of the panel discussion.

world. He emphasised on experts delivered talks on involvement of technol- that may lead to design individual life philosophy opment with an empha- expert, Mr. Ankush Gupta, imbibing entrepreneurial different aspects of the ogy and AI in the current innovations and reiterated with a suggestion to be kind sis on India becoming a HR, Business Partner, traits within students for requisite theme. The dif- business scenario that con- that questioning anything towards the environment carbon neutral power gen- Ernst and Young, pointed economic growth and corferent experts include Mr. tributes to societal uplift and everything will help and the people around. Mr. erator by 2050. Mr. Naren towards the role of analytporate development. Prof. Ashutosh Bajaj, State Head ment. The next expert, Mr. to survive in the market Vinod Prakash Baxla, GM, Karunakaran, Consultant, ics in problem solving and panellists in the panel dis-Ashutosh Vashistha, Dean, at Reliance Jio, who talked Vidya Bhushan, Co-founder for long. Mrs. Kanika Nag, HR, PowerGrid Jammu, SBBD, IIM Jammu enlight-shared his experience with cussion. Dr Deepak Jain, Faculty of Management about sustainable growth in and COO, Dalchini Tech-Digital Marketer, IBM, highlighted the contribuened students on circuence with cussion. Dr Deepak Jain, Faculty of Management about sustainable growth in and COO, Dalchini Tech-Digital Marketer, IBM, highlighted the contribuened students on circuence with cussion. Dr Deepak Jain, Faculty of Management about sustainable growth in and COO, Dalchini Tech-Digital Marketer, IBM, highlighted the contribuened students on circuence with cussion. highlighted the relevance the field of corporate sector nologies, Delhi, pointed Bangalore, highlighted the tion of the power sector lar economy, mitigation ability and contribution of sented concluding remarks

economic development. Dr Syeda Shazia Bukhari, Co-organising Secretary, SMVDU, delivered the vote of thanks. A panel discussion was also held on "Industry 4.0: Challenges and Preparedness in India". The experts gave their

statements and discussed the challenges being faced in the implementation of Industry 4.0 in India. A number of challenges and opportunities were discussed for its successful implementation. Apart from the six experts, students pursuing MBA program were also the

## NEWS

## Manjit Singh demands 27 % reservation to OBCs in J&K



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VIJAYPUR, MAR 22

today demanded enhancement of reservation quota defending its borders. to the Other Backward Jammu and Kashmir up to

a meeting was chaired by up to 27% in Jammu and OBC of Samba District, the Former Minister at Kashmir at par with the Vijaypur in which the OBC other states of the country. was announced as Block members of the Party were

the leaders discussed the living standard of the OBC as Block President of Vijaypresent political situation people, including Jatts pur, Balbir Kumar as Block and the granting of 8% of because they have a huge President of Bari Brahreservation to the OBCs population, and the reser- mana, Kala Ram as Block in Jammu and Kashmir, vation must be granted as President of Parmandal, while terming it injustice per the population ratio. and Pawan Kumar alias with the community which

meeting, the Former Min-Apni Party Provincial Presister, S. Manjit Singh highident, Jammu, and Former lighted the contribution Minister, S. Manjit Singh of the OBCs including the Jatts to the country and in

He however expressed Classes (OBC) people in his dissatisfaction over the the OBC committee. reservation quota i.e., 8% and demanded that the As per a press release, quota must be enhanced

During the meeting, not sufficient to uplift the Samba 'B', Pawan Kumar

suffered for the last seven said that the income slab of Ramgarh.

that has been fixed to get While addressing the the OBC reservation certificate should be scrapped for the benefit of the OBC

> To strengthen the OBC Wing, the Party's Provincial President Jammu S. Manjit Singh announced

category people.

Accordingly, Ex-Capt Sat Pal was announced as District President whereas Zorawar Singh He said that the grant- President of Rajpura, Ram ing of 8% reservation is Paul as Block President of On the other hand, he Punnu as Block President

## JKMS organised convocation for elementary wing

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JAMMU, MAR 22

JKMS, celebrated Kindergarten Graduation with a lot of zeal and enthusiasm. The students celebrated the new beginning of their school journey by their first step towards a tomorrow filled with hopes and possibilities.

The event commenced with the arrival of the Special Guests the esteemed members of the School Management. Mr. Sanjeev Gupta Chairperson JKMS, Mrs. Rajni Gupta Director JKMS, Mr. Apurv Gupta Dean Academics JKMS who graced the event with their presence to bless and encourage the students on their Graduation Ceremony.

The programme began with the solemn tradition of lighting the lamp to evoke the blessings of the Goddess Saraswati followed by the mesmering welcome song presented by the students. Mrs. Aarti Gupta Principal JKMS in her welcome note extended a warm welcome to the galaxy of guests gathered to grace the occasion highlighting the vision of the tor JKMS said on the occaschool and role of parents and teachers in the student's learning process.

The performance of the students enthralled hopes . May God Bless followed by the singing of the sizeable number of these tiny graduates as the National Anthem.

the audience during the they continue their educoordination and confidence of the students tion of young graduates tors. wherein the delighted tiny tots dressed in Graduation Robes and Caps walked the stage. They were felicitated with certificate of Graduation by

Mrs. Rajni Gupta Direcsion that it is an exciting milestone for our children as it is their first step towards the future full of

the esteemed Members of

the School Management.

ongoing programme. The cation in the main stream of the school.

It was indeed a joyous clad in vibrant attires left and memorable day for everyone in awe. The not only the little ones but most important part of also a proud moment for the day was the felicita- the parents and the men-

> The School Management complimented the graduates on their achievement and also congratulated the teachers for their dedication and hard work in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities.

The programme ended with the Vote of Thanks given by Mrs. Sonia **Kapoor Coordinator JKMS** 

#### **Tiny Scholars School Kathua** organizes Workshop on NEP 2020



JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MAR 22

On 23 March, 2024, 40

ed in a workshop on 'NEP- lamp. NEW EDUCATION POLICY. 'Aao Baat Karein, offered a LINE. platform for faculty memmore about NEP.

DEEPIKA CHAWALA and Nanda our Respected Managing

Director Mrs. Manisha Gupta MA'AM, who always organised such informative workshops for the faculty members and betterment of faculty and students of Tiny Scholars students. Our Coordina-School, Kathua participat- tors also enlightened the

One Day Training was The workshop was con- conducted for the teachducted & facilitated by ers on NEP- NEW EDU-DR. DEEPIKA CHAWALA, CATION POLICY. The Counselling Psychologist, Versatile Guest speaker Motivational speaker, Par- was invited to provide the enting coach, NLP, CBT, training. The workshop Prime tele counsellor for was organised by EDU-

Several videos were also bers and students to learn shown to the teachers to questions to be asked in The workshop began the classroom according with the Lamp light- to the main agenda. The ning that was enlight- whole event was organened by our Guest DR. ised by Mrs. Poonam

## AIJMS urges community to get unite to restore ownership rights on custodian land

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

All India Jat Maha Sabha (AIJMS) extended its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) Government and the ous efforts undertaken by attaining the OBC status. Central Government, led the Sabha, including orga-

Singh, President of AIJMS of the Jat Maha Sabha. and former Mayor along

said that behind every credited the success to that while this victory success there was a long the entire Jat Maha Sabha marks a significant milestruggle. He highlighted team, along with those stone, the journey of Jat Gen Secy. Vijay Kumar the relentless efforts of who fought relentlessly Maha Sabha is still incomthe Jat Maha Sabha in across the country for plete. "Now, the commuadvocating for reserva- the OBC status. He also nity members need to tion benefits under the acknowledged the invaluget united once again to OBC category over the last able contributions of the secure ownership rights more than ten years. He women brigade, who also of the custodian land allo-



Ch Manmohan Singh community successfully Border Reservation. Ch Manmohan Singh obtained OBC status. He

Ch Manmohan emphaby Prime Minister Naren- nizing Maha Sammelans, sized the significance of dra Modi, for considering Mahila Adhiveshans, OBC reservation would and fulfilling the long- meetings with the Back- prove advantageous for standing demand of the ward Classes Commission, the children of our com-Jat Maha Sabha regarding Lt Governors, Chief Secre- munity in the upcom- Shakti of the community the OBC status for the Jat taries, Divisional Commising years, particularly in sioners, Deputy Commis- accessing opportunities In this regard a meeting sioners, and officials at the within government jobs, for their ownership rights. was held here at Kunjwani Centre, demonstrating the medical and engineering area today, Ch Manmohan unwavering determination stream and other educational purposes.

In addition to the OBC with community members asserted that after years status, Ch Manmohan lauded the government for of tireless struggle, Singh mentioned that the fulfilling the long pending today marks a significant collective efforts of the Jat demand of the Jat com- achievement as the Jat Maha Sabha also secured

However, he stressed underscored the numer- left no stone unturned in cated to the Jats since their

migration in Jammu and Samba districts from 1947, 1965, and 1967," he added. Ch Manmohan Singh,

while reaffirming his commitment to continue advocating for the rights and welfare of the Jat community, has pledged to pursue the issue of ownership rights with equal fervor. He appealed to the Jat community members include the Mahila to strengthen the Jat Maha Sabha to continue the fight

Among those who were present include Maj. Harnam Singh, Col Shiv Choudhary, Col R.L Gangaal Chairman AIJMS Nowshera, Kuldeep Nathyal Retd Chief Engg., Master Bhajan Singh Chairman AIJMS Jammu Urban, Sunil Choudhary CA President AIJMS Jammu Urban, Kamal Randhawa and Ram Paul Vice presidents, Sudarshan Choudhary Surveyor, Capt Gopal Sandhu, Sukhdev Choudhary, Capt. Jeet Singh, Kala Choudhary and many

## Democracy being frozen by BJP: Congress

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 22

Congress today hit out at the BJP Govt. for freezing 11 accounts of the congress party on filmsy grounds in the midst of elections and appealed to the people to reject BJP this time to save democracy. Addressing a press con-

ference at PCC HQ here today JKPCC president Vikar Rasool Wani along with Working President Raman Bhalla, Sr. Vice President & Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary (Org) Narinder Gupta, DCC Th. Manmohan Singh, said that BJP has been freezing democracy, not only bank accounts of Congress party. He said that for a delay in filing of details of 14.49 lac only congress party's eleven accounts of exempted from paying added. 210 Cr. have been seized while 115Cr. have been huge penalty or drastic and Chief Spokesperson already transferred from action for a small mistake Mr. Ravinder Sharma vevisar but have donated our accounts to the Govt. of delay of filing returns while giving further detail huge amounts for what, accounts by IT depart-

leaders, on other hand

bond scheme.

President Jammu Urban money while ruling party freedom and democracy. electoral bond schemer has collected thousands of All these tactics of BJP to was launched to collect crores through unconstitu- win the elections by hook & loot money and more tional and illegal electoral

income tax, why such

Rasool Wani said when future generations will all political parties are repent and curse us, he

**IKPCC Sr. Vice President** they have seized our country is going to loose has woken up. He said and future generations.

& crook are dangerous for skeletons are coming up democracy and if people from the cupboard He Giving details, Vikar don't wake up now, our said 35 pharms/Co. have donated 1000 Cr. through bonds while 17 of such Cos. were facing investigation for spurious drugs like syrup, BP & Ramdeof our donations from said that only this, the IT he questioned. The con-MP's/MLAs tune of 14.49 department has given a gress leaders appealed to On one hand BJP Govt. lac only. He asked people notice for the FY 1993-94 the media to take these has let loose all agencies to wake up and throw when Shri Sita Ram Kesri details & issues to the against opposition top BJP out of power, other- ji was our treasurer. After common people to decide wise common man of the 31 years IT department the future of our country

## NIT Srinagar hosts interactive session with IIT Delhi faculty member for Mechanical Engineering Students

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAR 22

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar on Friday organized an interaction session for its students with Prof. Naresh Varma Datla faculty at (Department of Mechanical Engineering at (Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.

The event was coordities, and research work IIT Delhi.



nated by Dr. Ved Prakash duce students to the tically posed questions tude to Prof Datla for Sharma. It was aimed diverse research activities regarding PhD and MTech to provide a platform and opportunities avail- programs, application for students to explore able at the Department of procedures, and intern-dedication to fostering MTech, PhD opportuni- Mechanical Engineering, ship opportunities at IIT

The session witnessed

Delhi.

Prof. Adnan Qayoum, The interaction pro- active participation from HOD, Mechanical Engi-

this interaction Program and also appreciated his academic exchange and collaboration between the two institutions.

In his talk, Prof. Datla

patiently addressed each query, providing guidance and valuable advice to aspiring researchers. It served as a catalyst for fostering meaningful collaborations between NIT Srinagar and IIT Delhi, paving the way for future endeavors in academia and research.

Mechanical Engineering at NIT Srinagar extends its sincere gratitude to Prof. Naresh Varma Datla for his invaluable contribution to the success of the interaction program. Such initiatives play a pivotal role in nurturing talent, fostering innovation, and promoting academic excellence.

The Department of

## BJP can impose President's rule in Delhi: Omar Abdullah on Kejriwal's arrest

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expressing concerns over government.

According to the news the last." agency, Omar further the democratic process. within the party. He sug-norms.

National Conference Vice misuse of constitutional President Omar Abdullah provisions to subvert the use this as an excuse to example. what they perceive as impose President's rule in growing "authoritarian- New Delhi. Arvind Kejriism" within the ruling wal is not the first in such timents, condemning a case and he will not be

He urged the Aam Aadmi gested that Kejriwal's Party to remain vigilant arrest is indicative of this and warned against the anxiety, labeling it as a stain on democracy. Omar also highlighted

and PDP Chief Mehbooba will of the people. "If past instances of opposi-Mufti have spoken out Aam Aadmi Party is ada- tion leaders being targetvehemently against the mant on keeping Arvind ed, citing the detention recent arrest of Delhi Chief Kejriwal as Chief Minister of Jharkhand Chief Min-Minister Arvind Kejriwal, from jail. The Center may ister Hemant Soren as an

PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti echoed similar sen-Kejriwal's arrest as an act of political vendetta. She He also criticized the warned against the danraised concerns about BJP's purported confi- gers of arbitrary arrests the possibility of the dence in winning over and expressed apprehen-BJP exploiting Kejriw- 400 seats in the upcom- sions about the ruling paral's situation to impose ing elections, juxtaposing ty's intentions, cautioning President's rule in Delhi, it with what he describes that such actions could thereby interfering with as evident nervousness undermine democratic

## Kejriwal's arrest testified no one above law: Kavinder

Discusses upcoming LS poll strategies

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 22

Senior BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday maintained that the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister is testimony to the fact that no one is above the law.

In a sharp rebuke to Keiriwal following his arrest on corruption charges, the BJP stalwart leader (ED) against him. emphasized that no individual, regardless of his or is unacceptable for any her position or influence, public servant to disreshould be considered above the law.

actions and stressed the was innocent then why votes in the upcoming Lok importance of upholding he expressed disinterest the rule of law in a demo- towards respecting the

Kejriwal serves as a stark reminder that the law flawless then why did the of the land is ultimate Delhi Government backcriticizing AAP leader for same? He said that these nine-summons issued by gamut. **Enforcement Directorate** 



Kavinder said that it

gard the law and undermine the principles of jus-The senior BJP function-tice. He questioned that scores of summons? He brought in by Kejriwal was

Earlier, the former this time.

deputy chief minister chaired a meeting of Booth Presidents and Shakti Kendra Pramukhs of Ward No. 2. He discussed the strategy of the party to be implemented on ground to ary condemned Kejriwal's if the Delhi Chief Minister fetch maximum number of

Sabha polls. Kavinder asked the party workers to remain "The arrest of Arvind said if the liquor police disciplined during the poll times following all the guidelines religiously claiming that the same is authority," he said while tracked and scrapped the vital for the phenomenal outcome of the election. allegedly flouting legal questions are bound to He praised the party activprocedures and attempt- haunt the AAP leader as ists for doing commending to evade accountability everything does not seem able work at the grass roots by giving two hoots to the to be right in this whole level to ensure that BJP crosses the 400-seat mark

#### **Forest Division** organizes series of plantation drives

JI NEWS SERVICE NOWSHERA, MAR 22

Nowshera

Nowshera Forest Division organized a series of plantation drives at the forest block level, with Block Forest Officers convening meetings with local participants to stress the importance of World Forestry Day 2024, themed "Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World." Mrs. Shweta Deonia, Divisional Forest Officer of Nowshera, celebrated World Forests Day on this theme under the guidance of Sandeep Kumar, Conservator of Forests West Circle Rajouri. Dr. Rakesh Verma, Range Officer of Sunderbani, addressed participants, emphasizing the conservation of medicinal and aromatic plants both in-situ and ex-situ, as well as their protection using locally available materials. Additionally, Anil Bhagat, RO of Nowshera, and Sudesh Kumar, RO of Lamberi, conducted plantation drives and created fire breaks with public participation. Mrs. Shweta also demonstrated innovative methods to combat forest fires and promote the use of locally available materials for creating livelihood opportu-

## SMVDU students participated at Startup Mahakumbh-2024



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JAMMU, MAR 22

SMVDU and JKEDI organized a three-day visit of students to participate in the Startup Mahakumbh at iconic Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from

March 18-20, 2024 In its first-of-its-kind event bringing together the entire startup ecosystem of India including startups, investors, incubators and accelerators, and industry leaders from several sectors fifteen students along with Ph.D. scholar Manish Kumar of School of Business interacted with leading innovators, of the country. The mega event is a collaborative effort of ASSOCHAM, NASSCOM, Bootstrap Incubation & Advisory Foundation, TiE and Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA).

The Startup Mahaof over 2,000 startups, (JKAS).

1,000 investors, 100 unicorns, 300 incubators and accelerators, along with 3,000 delegates, 3,000 prospective entrepreneurs, and more than 50,000 business visitors nationwide. Students from Computer Science, Electronics and Communication Engineering and School of Business had the opportunity to showcase their ideas to the prominent investors, innovators, and entrepreneurs. The five startups from Jammu and Kashmir including SMVDU-TBIC graduated incubates Nentoir Technologies and Branding Elves seized the spotlight on the grand occasion. On the concluding day Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi visited the venue and

The visit was an outcome of the collaborative efforts of SMVDU TBIC and Director JKEDI, kumbh boasts a turnout Rajinder Kumar Sharma

addressed the audience.

# PM Vishwakarma Scheme

**GPJ organizes Certificate** 

**Distribution Function under** 

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

in which certificates were distributed to the trainees Arun Bangotra Principal

from SBI Bank conducted an awareness session for loan scheme under PM Government Polytechnic Vishwakarma Scheme and Bikram Chowk Jammu also informed students organised Certificate Dis- on how to apply for loan tribution Function under under this scheme. While PM Vishwakarma Scheme speaking on the occasion, several trainees expressed their gratitude towards of Two batches in Tailor the administration of the (Darzi) and One Batch of college for the success-Carpenter (Suthar) Trade ful and smooth conduct on the successful comple- of their training. Other tion of the Basic Skilling presents on the occasion Training under PM Vish- were Sh. Inderjeet Singh wakarma Scheme. Er. Workshop Superintendent, Sh Raj Kumar HOD Government Polytechnic Mechanical Engineering. Jammu highlighted the Sh Manjeet Singh HOD basic objectives of the Electrical Engineering, scheme by recognition Sh. Sukhdeep Singh HOD of artisans through PM Civil Engineering/ SPoC, Vishwakarma Certificate Smt. Sakshi Kapahi Lecas well basic training of turer I&C, Sh. Paramjot five to seven days and Singh Demonstrator Civil advanced training of 15 Engineering, Ms. Raddays, stipend, providing hika from NSDC and Sh. modern voucher toolkit Amit Kapoor Instructor, of Rs 15000 free of cost Sh. Sunil Sharma, Smt. to trained Vishwakarma's Surekha Rani Smt. Sanbesides linkage with credit gojeta Mehra, staff of based soft loans and mar- Government Polytechnic keting support for expan- Jammu, and various vishsion of their business. wakarma's were also pres-On the occasion the staff ent on the occasion.

## CUJ celebrates Social Work Day 2024

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JAMMU, MARCH 22

The Department of Social Work at Central University of Jammu celebrated World Social Work Day 2024, commemorating the global efforts in promoting social justice and societal well-being. This year's theme, 'Buen Vivir: Shared Future for Transformative Change', resonated deeply with the mission of the department to foster positive

tions including painting, guest of honor. rangoli, on-spot phoof Social Work, Central the Department of Social University of Jammu, Work, Central University the event captivated par- of Jammu. The panel- ity in society, advocating ering support.



Ms. Sunita, Head of the Department of Social Work at Padma Shri change within communi- Padma Sachdev Govt. work, ranging from the College for Women and The day-long event Alumni from the Departshowcased a myriad of ment of Social Work, Centalents and creativity tral University of Jammu, essential qualities to their through various competi- graced the occasion as the pivotal role in societal

A pivotal highlight of

ticipants and spectators lists, Dr. Ranvir Singh, Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Mr. Fateh Lal Bheel, and Ms. Sunita Bhagat, delved into diverse aspects of social genesis of the Buen Vivir, social inclusivity and professional social worker's upliftment.

Dr. Ranvir Singh shed tography, talent show, the event was the panel light on the genesis of the and certificates, acknowldance, poetry singing, discussion on the theme Buen Vivir, emphasizing edging their talent and and debate. Spearheaded "Role of Professional the importance of col- dedication. Dr. Bhat Iqball by Mr. Jaspreet Singh and Social Worker: Shared lective action and com- Majeed concluded the coordinated by Ms. Khal- Future for Transforma- munity empowerment in event with heartfelt words ida BI, Research Scholars tive Change," chaired by fostering transformative of gratitude, expressing from the Department Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of change. Dr. Bhat Iqbal appreciation to all attendpassionately discussed the imperative of inclusiv-

that uphold the rights and dignity of all individuals, especially marginalized communities. Mr. Fateh Lal articulated the essential qualities that social workers need to excel in their professional lives, emphasizing empathy, resilience, and a commitment to social justice. Ms. Sunita Bhagat underscored the pivotal role of social workers in the upliftment of society, highlighting their contributions to addressing pressing social issues and promoting sustainable development. The culmination of

nities for rural communities.

for policies and practices

the event witnessed the recognition of outstanding participants with gifts ees for their enthusiastic participation and unwav-

## Kejriwal arrest: BJP 'rattled' by INDIA bloc; it'll strengthen alliance, says Tony

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAR 22

Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary, Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Suchetgarh on Friday claimed that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest shows that BJP Govt is rattled by the strength of the INDIA bloc and asserted that this would strengthen the alliance further in the Lok Sabha polls.

Reacting to the developments since last night, Tony said, "This is vendetta politics, it has become very clear that the senior BIP leadership is rattled by the INDIA bloc which is a very an alliance of seats it is a janbandhan (people's alli-

"It has become very the Congress Party is going to get the mandate in this election," Tony said, adding that the unity would increase going for-

Hitting out at the BJPled government, he said from that," he alleged.



they first arrested former Iharkhand chief minister and JMM leader Hemant Soren and have now arrested Kejriwal. They have also "let loose ED, CBI and strong alliance. This is not Income Tax behind several other leaders", which shows the mindset of the BJP leadership, he said.

He said Kejriwal's arrest clear from this step that will not hamper the chances of the INDIA bloc and it will fight more unitedly. "We know why this is being done. This is a conspiracy among INDIA bloc parties and an attempt to derail us when we are getting the trust of the people. They want to divert attention

#### NISD Beauty & Designing Institute organizes an empowering session with students



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NISD Beauty & Designing, Makeup, Hair Styling, social media. and Hair Dressing interact era dominated by social

automatically.

and confidence in pre- world of competition.

Only BJP can fulfill aspirations of J&K people: Langer

senting themselves to the public eye. They emerged equipped with the necessary tools to navigate the ing Institute Canal Road, competitive landscape of Jammu branch recently the beauty and fashion organized an empowering industry in the digital sessions where students age, ensuring their prefrom various disciplines paredness for success in such as Fashion Design- the ever-evolving world of

On this media interwith media professionals. action NISD Beauty & This initiative aimed to Designing Institute direcbolster their confidence tor Ms. Manju Bala said and inner abilities, crucial our institute not just for thriving in the modern provides training to students but we also care about their future plan-The interactive session ning after completion of provided students with this course. We strongly practical insights into believe that if you are not leveraging social media on social media in today's Platforms effectively to social media based era, it showcase their talents means you are not exist. It and skills. Through dis- is very important to know cussions, workshops, and that how to face camera, hands-on activities, stu- how to give interview and dents learned the nuanc- how to present yourself es of creating compelling on different social media content, building a per- Platforms like Instagram, sonal brand, and engag- Facebook, Youtube and ing with online audiences lots of others. Today's press interaction of our By embracing media students is just for boostinteraction, students ing their confidence, and gained valuable exposure make them ready for new

#### Large number of men & women joins AAP in a meeting at Akhnoor Town, Jammu

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A meeting was organized by said that AAP is the only Sh. Romesh Lal Bhagat, Vice solution of all evils in the President, District Jammu country in general & J&K in Rural, at Akhnoor Town, particular. Jammu on 21st March, 2024. ing was Adv. Arvind Bandral, President Legal Cell, Sr. leaders said that the AAP the Delhi UT & given a new years.

concept of governance in politics-i,e; "governance to serve & not to rule", They

The meeting further lays The Chief Guest of the meet- stress for awareness among the masses about the policies & programmes of AAP Jammu Province. Large being implemented in Delhi number of Men & women & Punjab and that the BJP joins AAP in the meeting at once called Delhi Model Akhnoor Town, in presence as bunch of REWARIES, is of Sr. AAP leaders S/Sh. now itself talking of vari-Adv. Arvind Bandral, Adv. ous policies of freebees Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, like "KISSAN NIDHI, LADLI Suresh Bhagat & Ashni BEHNA, Rs.450 per LGP Matoo. Welcoming new cylinder, free Ration @ 5kg entrants into Party fold, the per family to 80 crores etc are the open instances as has taken its birth to the ser- to how the poor people are vice of common man, the being befooled and exploitworkers, laborers, youths & ed timely for political gains exploited class of the soci- at the time of elections. ety. They congratulated They further laid stress to Delhi & Punjab people for aware the masses about the their wisdom & foresighted- false promises made to the ness who voted Kejriwal to people in 2014 which never people, who has, because saw the light of the day his visionary pro- people and that the debt over the politics & programs, revo-nation has swelled to three lutionized & galvanized times high during last nine

#### GCW, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organises a Rang Mahotsav to celebrate the Festival of Holi

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Padma Sachdev Government College for Mahotsav to celebrate

the Festival of colors. Principal, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev, GCW, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, recognized and applaudorganising the festival of

colors. of the college, attracted diverse crowd, comprising students and faculty members. In addition,

isfying the taste buds of attendees. With an array of stalls, the showcasing Department of Com-traditional handicrafts merce, Padma Shri and exquisite clothing is also involved in the festival. The event served as a Women, Gandhi Nagar, platform for local entre-Jammu organises Rang preneur's to showcase their talents and products, fostering a sense of Prof. S.P. Saraswat, community and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region. In a delightful display

graced the occasion. He of unity and camaraderie, everyone joined in ed the efforts of Depart- the traditional custom ment of Commerce in of playing with colors, spreading laughter and happiness throughout The event, held in the campus. The vibrant the lush green grounds atmosphere echoed with laughter, music and the spirit of togetherness. The event encapsulated the essence of Holi, sym-Rang Mahotsav, a tra-bolizing the triumph ditional color play, the of good over evil and festivities expanded the arrival of spring. It to a delightful array of served as a reminder of stalls offering a variety the rich cultural heritage of mouthwatering deli- that the college commucacies, spicy chaats to nity cherishes and celtraditional sweets, sat- ebrates.

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Sham Lal Langer, Convenor of BJP Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir, today underscored the unwaverprogress of the people in the Union Territory.

In a statement issued here today, Sham Langer emphasized that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have placed their hopes and aspirations in region. the BJP, recognizing it as

opment for All), empha-

Furthermore, Langer legacy. the sole entity capable of emphasized the BJP's

realizing their dreams. He unwavering resolve to transformative initiatives reiterated the BJP's dedi- safeguard national inter- undertaken by the Central cation to the principle of ests, contrasting it with Government, particularly "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas" the perceived opportunism those concerning Jammu (Together with All, Devel- of rival parties. He stated, and Kashmir, Sham Langer "BJP is the only party outlined the remarkable sizing the party's pledge which has the 'will and achievements realized ing commitment of BJP to deliver development spine' to protect national under the leadership of to the development and directly to the doorsteps of interest," condemning the Prime Minister Narendra the masses. He remarked, tendency of other parties Modi. Notable accom-"People have realized that to compromise principles plishments cited by him only BJP can fulfill their for electoral gain. Langer included the establishment dreams and aspirations," underscored the BJP's of premier institutions highlighting the trust commitment to provid- such as AIIMS, IIT, and reposed by the people in ing a "healing touch" to IIM, as well as infrastructhe party's vision for the the underprivileged and tural developments such as pledged to continue this

Drawing attention to the Jammu Airport.

bridges, hydroelectric projects, and the expansion of

## Cutting of Willow/ Robina & Poplar trees done under due process of law: Amar Singh College Administration

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SRINAGAR, MARCH 22

The Amar Singh College to pose grave safety conthat recently tree auction tors and staff. was conducted by the

issued after the College need for then administra- the campus witnessed Authorities faced severe tion to address the safety a number of instances the avenue had already criticism on the issue with challenges posed by the where trees got uprooted, several people expressing poplar trees. The matter highlighting the persistent trees were planted in 1965. their concern regard- was taken up with Social ing the felling of green Forestry Department in safety and well-being of avenue of college on social 2018-19 by then college the college community. media. Due to this, the col- authorities and the trees lege administration came were numbered by the bers living in the vicinity regarding the issue.

2014 floods in Kashmir 29/05/2019. the institution remained

ing structures and began bid list.

started uprooting in minor tion and Amar Singh Col-tration to take cognizance poration in 2019.

Authorities today clarified cern for the students, visi- was hampered due to from the poplars. lockdown and subse-Forest Development Cor- regarding safety and Covid-19 Pandemic. With poration within the Col- health concerns were the postponement of the lege premises and conse-received by the college process, the aged and quent upon that cutting of administration during weakened trees within Willow/ Robina and Poplar this period and are well the Amar Singh College trees was done under due documented in the college campus continued to records. These complaints pose grave safety threats. The clarification was underscored the urgent Over the last few years, danger they posed to the

The community memporation vide an Open these aged trees and also Divulging the details, it Auction Notice No. 499- represented their grievwas given out that during 510/CGM/N/SFC/S, Dated: ances before the district administration. The col-This notice issued by lege also received the comimmersed in water for General Manager North munication from Nodal aged the infrastructure of 202 poplar trees within DCS/SDM/GRIEV/19/1259-

windstorms and causing lege figured as 10th loca- of a grievance on LG Griev-

damage.

Typically, a poplar tree has a life span of around is renowned for its rich crossed the 60 years as the

These factors forced

the institution to take this extraordinary measure. However, it is pertinent to mention that the second across lot of lapses and concerned department of college complained a line of plants had already misinformation circulat- and put to auction by number of times about the been planted in time ing on the social media the J&K State Forest Corpotential threat caused by from the main gate to the Heritage Building in tree guards installed by social forestry department in 2018-19. The initiative was taken to compensate for the felled trees; indicaa long duration of time. J&K Forest Corporation officer Grievance cell tive of imminent cutting The deluge not only dam-sought bids for the cutting under the reference no: of poplars on the avenue during the period they trees severally. The trees listed 15 locations for auc- asking the college adminis- Forest Development Cor- further read.

damage to the surround- tion in said open auction ance portal regarding the the concerns expressed the difficult decision to health-related problems by civil society regarding remove these aged trees The bidding process caused by the pollen seeds the campus. We want to reassure everyone that we not only safeguards the Also, there were spe- are fully committed to cre- students, but also pro-Several grievances quent restrictions during cific instances with in the ating a green, sustainable, college where the big trees and safe environment for fell in the campus during our students. The safety wind storms, fortunately and well-being of our stuafter office hours, which dents, faculty, and visitors Singh College administracontained the extent of are our top priorities" read the official statement.

Amar Singh College 50 years the poplars on trees and plantations New Block to the Geology department consists of a

"In line with our commitment to increase green cover in campus we have plantation drive of 500 conifer and other trees ters, within its campus

Since student safety is

'We deeply appreciate of paramount importance, was made. This action tects property around the campus.

It is imperative to emphasize that the Amar tion remains deeply committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and visitors. We appreciate the across its campus. Particu- understanding and cooplarly, the area around the eration of all stakeholders during this process.

"We are committed rich diversity of trees and to preserve the legacy of Amar Singh College and substantial measures in that direction have been undertaken. The construcalready notified a massive tion of a see-through gate is underway to offer public the unobstructed view of in the month of April. the heritage building, The college is establish- along with this enhanceing a micro forest-clus- ment we are integrating a modern state of the art to serve as vital "aeration fountain to augment aeslungs," contributing to thetic appeal of the instituimproved air quality and tion to create a welcoming environmental health on atmosphere for visitors", but also weekend the the campus. The notice 62, dated: 10-05-2019, were put to auction by campus", the statement the statement also men-

## **DEO Shopian** holds interaction with representatives of **Political Parties**



JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, MARCH 22

The District Election Officer (DEO) Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb chaired a meeting with the representatives permission. of various Political Parties Secretariat, here.

on Model Code of Con- MCMC, said DEO. duct, Election Expenditure

The representatives and spirit. were also apprised of poll ing candidates.

sion, DEO apprised rep-present.

resentatives that no one should make use of private property for campaigning without the consent of the owner, nor any rally or meeting be held without

Advertisements in elecof Shopian district at Mini-tronic media and print media shall be telecasted/ At the outset, thread- broadcast only after the bare discussion was held prior permission of District

The DEO also exhorted Monitoring, Advertisement upon that no official vehicertification, Campaigning, cle shall be used during Electronic Media usage and the election campaign. He other matters, and parties stressed for adopting the were asked to adhere to Election Commission of the poll related guidelines. India's guidelines in letter

The Dy. DEO, Shopday related standard oper- ian, Jahangir Ahmed, ating procedures to be DIO, Showkat Hussain, observed by polling par-representatives of politities as well as the contest- cal parties and officers and officials of Election Speaking on the occa- Department Shopian were

## RTO Jammu conducts safety audit of school buses

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

Motor Vehicles Department Jammu on the directions of Secretary Transport J&K, Niraj Kumar conducted safety audit of school buses at K.C Public School here.

The surprise inspection for safety audit of school buses was conducted by team of Regional Transport Office Jammu at K.C. exits, first aid kits, and after recent concern over Regional Transport Offi-Public School.

Bhagotra; comprising of trial ground Nagrota. as seat belts, emergency



ARTO HQ, Rehana Tabas- The team conveyed ing for compliance with the compliance report instructions or not. Simi-

overall maintenance of the safety of school buses The team was constitut- the vehicle. Also, more in the region, prompting Jammu Division to ensure ed by Regional Transport than 10 vehicles were the RTO to take proactive the safety of school chil-Officer Jammu, Pankaj inspected on road and at measures to address any potential risks.

> Earlier a circular regard-The safety audit comes conducted by Assistant also.

cers in various districts of dren in every nook and corner of the province.

Transport department sam along with M.V.Is to the school authorities ing safety of school chil- has again appealed to Vikas Srivats; Surinder about the deficiencies dren in school buses was all school authorities to Kumar and Jagandeep with regard to fitness also issued by RTO Jammu ensure strict implementa-Singh and M.V.T.A Taran- of vehicles, other docu- with the direction to imple- tion of all safety paramejot Singh who conducted ments besides mandatory ment the same in letter ters issued by the departsafety audit of more than parameters pertaining to and spirit. This surprise ment to promote safety 35 vehicles inside the safety of school children in inspection was also con- of school children. Any premises of school which each vehicle and directed ducted to check whether deviation or non-serious included thorough inspect to rectify the deficiencies the school authorities have approach on part of school tions of each bus, check- immediately and submit implemented the circular authorities will be dealt seriously which may lead safety regulations such within 10 days positively. lar drives have also been to seizure of school buses

## Samsung to Bring AI and Hyper Connectivity to Tech-savvy Indian Consumers: JH Han

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JAMMU MAR 22

Jong-Hee (JH) Han, Vice Chairman, CEO and Head of the Device eXperience (DX) Division at Samsung Electronics, visited Samsung BKC at Jio World Plaza, Mumbai for the first time since the store's opening and underlined the Company's commitment to the Indian market by bringing AI and hyper smartphones.

the background. With our of the Device experience tunity for Samsung. model of open collabora- (DX) Division at Samsung



and hyper-connectivity to all our consumers. India unveiled Samsung's 'AI for ence 'One Samsung'. This connectivity to its tech- is the next big playground All' vision at CES, show- entails Samsung's latest savvy consumers. He for AI and our flagship casing how AI will enable AI innovations and how also invited consumers Samsung BKC store is an people to experience their it powers the Company's to come and experience embodiment of our 'AI for devices more intuitively connected devices eco-Samsung's latest AI inno- All' vision and will show- and conveniently than system. The Company vations across its product case 'One Samsung'. At ever before. As part of its has been in India for over

portfolio, from televisions the various zones of the 'AI for All' vision, Samsun- 28 years, having begun and digital appliances to store, consumers can see gin January unveiled Gal- operations here in 1995. "AI will enable con- experience how smarter, S24 smart phone series. nected technologies to better experiences will Han said India is one of improve people's daily redefine how we live," said the biggest and fastest-the-art manufacturing lives while always remain- Jong-Hee (JH) Han, Vice growing markets globally ing non-intrusive and in Chairman, CEO and Head

tion, we want to bring AI Electronics.

our AI vision in reality and axyAI in its new Galaxy Samsung continues to and offers a huge oppor-

"India has a large popu-

lation of tech-savvy young consumers that inspire us to innovate. Here, thousands of young, enterprising youth work at our R&D centres to bring cutting edge technologies such as AI to the world. We are proud of them," said Han.

Samsung recently inaugurated the connected lifestyle experience store Samsung BKC where Earlier this year, Han consumers can experibe deeply committed to India with two state-ofplants, three R&D centres and one design centre that employ thousands of people.

## Lok Sabha Elections-2024: DEO Srinagar holds meeting with representatives of various Political Parties

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MARCH 22

The District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today convened a meeting with the representatives of different Political Parties at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

various guidelines set by Elections-2024 as per the place. the Election Commission of India for smooth and Commission of India (ECI). transparent conduct of

Srinagar briefed the partice elections in Srinagar Dis-Code of Conduct. ipants about the enforce-trict. ment of the Model Code mechanism.

activities to be taken by nism by the contesting Committee (MCMC). Political parties during political parties to uphold



The DEO discussed the upcoming Lok Sabha directions of the Election

the election process.

During the meeting, Ilyas Ahmad, who is des-(MCC), informed the participants about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) which has been put into

Highlighting the Do's and Dont's of the MCC, he The DEO urged the urged them to follow the the electoral process for Political parties to coop-rules and strict adherence and Internet websites. forthcoming Lok Sabha erate with the District to ethical campaigning Administration to ensure practices as per laid guide-At the outset, the DEO free, fair and peaceful lines of ECI under Model

Similarly, Deputy Direc-He emphasized the tor Information, Ahsan-ul of conduct, Media Certi- need for strict adherence Haq Chisti, who is desigfication and Monitoring to different ECI guidelines nated Nodal Officer, Media Committee(MCMC) and including Model Code of Certification and Monitor-Expenditure Monitoring Conduct, Media Certifica- ing Committee(MCMC) tion and Monitoring Com-spoke about various He underscored the mittee (MCMC) and Expen- aspects of the Media Cer- Officer, Javaid Maqbool Election Officer, Mir Imtiimportance of various diture Monitoring mecha-tification and Monitoring

democratic values during cal Party representatives toring, underlined the sigto obtain pre-certification nificance of the financial of their Political Adver- transparency in Election the Deputy Commissioner tisements before being campaigns. Sales Taxes Department, telecast/ broadcast on TV and Cable networks/ ignated Nodal Officer for Cable channels, Adver-Model Code of Conduct tisements to be displayed in the Cinema halls, Radio must be incurred as per including FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, Advertise- the political party reprements in Newspapers, sentatives to meticulously use of bulk SMS/recorded voice messages and Advertisements on Social media

> He informed the representatives of political tive of different Political parties that a dedicated MCMC Office has been set up at DEO Srinagar office for facilitation of stakeholders. Besides, the Political parties can approach MCMC through email

mcmcsgr@gmail.com. The District Treasury Khanday, who is designated Nodal Officer for Elec- and other concerned offi-He stressed the Politi- tion Expenditure Moni- cers.

He urged the political parties that utmost care should be exercised during election expenditure and ECI norms/ guidelines/ instructions. He also urged maintain the accounts and submit daily expenditure reports to the Expenditure observer.

Besides, representa-Parties, the meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ARO/ERO- Zadibal), Dr Khalid Hussain Malik, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ARO/ERO-Hazratbal), Syed Ahmad Kataria, Deputy District yaz Ul Aziz, Other AROs,

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

## First randomization of EVMs held at Jammu



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MARCH 22

In view of upcoming the first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) was confor 11 Assembly Constituencies of Jammu district.

The process was carried out in the presence of representatives of various political parties.

the randomisation was for a seamless vote.

handled by District Informatics Officer, Sanjeev

Kapoor. The event was marked parliamentary elections, by the presence of representatives from political parties, who observed the process alongside Assisducted today at the Distant Returning Officers. trict Headquarters here Deputy District Election Officer Rameshwar Kumar was also present at the occasion.

For the poll date, April 26, Jammu has reserved an extra 40% of Ballot District Election Officer, Units and 39% of VVPATs Sachin Kumar Vaishya, as a precaution. With 1488 oversaw the proceedings, polling stations ready, the while the execution of district is well-prepared National College of Education celebrated World **Water Day** JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAR 22

National College of

**Education Purkhoo** Camp Domana celebrated world water day on 22nd March 2024. This day is celebrated to raise awareness among masses regarding sustainable management of water resources. In our country surface water and ground water are the main resources of fresh water. This year's theme was "Water For Peace". More than 3 billion people worldwide depend upon water that crosses national borders. Yet only 24 countries have cooperation agreement for all the shared water.