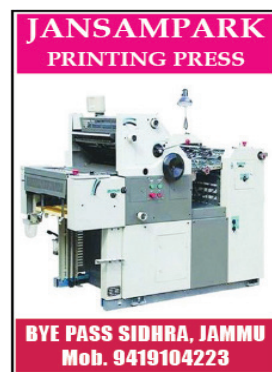




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Lady killed, 2 injured as mini bus turns turtle in Jammu outskirts

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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 period.

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 heroin-like-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.

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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.

With Lal Singh's entry, it will not be a cake walk for Jitendra Singh from this seat which he enjoyed during 2019 general elections.

As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Dr. Jitendra Singh is a two-time and incumbent MP from this seat and was a giant killer in 2014 elec-



tions when he had defeated Congress stalwart Ghulam Nabi Azad with a margin of around 60000 votes. With this achievement, he was able to get a place in council of ministers of Narendra Modi government in first term and continued to enjoy the same treatment after winning the seat during 2019 elections.

Originally hailing from Malohri area of district Doda, Jitendra Singh's political journey took a jump after 2008 Amarnath land row when he emerged as a strong face of the agitation and played the most important role of making people aware about the purpose of agitation. Being a strong communicator, Jitendra

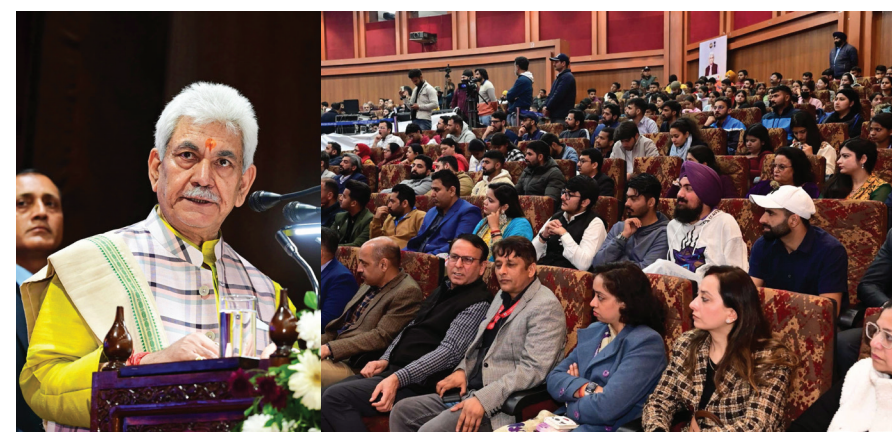
Singh never looked back and enjoyed great support from party leaders, both at the centre and in the state.

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 former Congressman who had left the party in 2014 after Ghulam Nabi Azad was preferred over him to contest the Lok Sabha elections, had joined BJP in August 2014 and had contested successfully the Assembly elections in the same year. He is a two-time MP from

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Bihar Diwas celebrated in Raj Bhawan



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 22

Jammu Kashmir Raj Bhawan hosted Bihar Diwas celebration today. Senior officials, Students and the residents of Bihar living in J&K UT were the special invitees on the occasion.

While addressing the guests, the Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of Bihar on the auspicious day.

He said since ancient times, Bihar was known as the centre of spirituality, education and made

significant contribution to all aspects of vibrant art and culture of the country.

The Lt Governor also paid homage to the great personalities of Bihar and remembered their valuable contribution to India's freedom movement and the building of modern India.

J&K's 3 vital roads in JK claim nearly 2,000 lives in five years

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAR 22

In Jammu and Kashmir, three vital roads have claimed nearly 2,000 lives in the past five years.

The National Highway and the roads leading in Chenab Valley and Pir Panjal ranges have claimed at least 1986 lives in road accidents from 2019 to 2023.

According to the official figures available with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), in Chenab Valley at least 113 persons lost their lives in accidents in 2019.

In 2020, the road accidents in the region claimed 64 lives followed by 91 deaths in 2021, at least 81 in 2022 and 114 persons lost their lives in 2023.

The official figures reveal that from the National Highway, at least 211 persons were killed in 2019 in roads accidents followed by 178 in 2020, at least 271 in 2021, over 261 in 2022 and 234 in 2023.

Likewise, from the Pir Panjal range, at least 109 persons were killed in road accidents in the year 2019, at least 56 died in 2020, 65 were killed in 2021, 74 in 2022 and 64 in 2023.

On the roads of Chenab Valley, National Highway and Pir Panjal, a total number of 433 persons were killed in road accidents in 2019.

Similarly, in 2020 at least 298 persons were killed in road accidents in these areas.

The official figures also reveal that in 2021 at least 427 persons were killed in road accidents followed by 416 in 2022 and 412 in 2023.

According to the government report, there is a huge rise in road accidents in India and claim at least 19 lives per hour.

PM Modi arrives in Bhutan on Two-Day state visit; receives red carpet welcome



AGENCIES
THIMPHU, MAR 22

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

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

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PM Narendra Modi receives Bhutan's highest honour

AGENCIES
THIMPHU (BHUTAN), MAR 22

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

As per ranking and precedence established, the Order of the Druk Gyalo 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 of neglecting Dogra rights

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 22

Choudhary 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 community.

As per the news agency Singh highlighted concerns over the lack of local employment opportunities in highway con-



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

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Visit Udhampur to see real development: Dr. Jitendra Singh Challenges critics

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 22

Dr. Jitendra Singh, BJP's nominee for the Udhampur parliamentary seat, kicked off his election campaign by addressing 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 firsthand.

As per the news agency accompanied by Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat, Singh emphasized that detractors who claim



development has not occurred fail to recognize the tangible advancements taking place. He cited examples such as improved access to education, illustrated by the

enrollment of local children in medical colleges and enhanced connectivity via expressways linking to Delhi.

He highlighted his role in facilitating the instal-

lation of Maharaja Gulab Singh's statue at Lakhampur, 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 the youth of Kathua, Doda, and Udhampur.

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 Mudavakat, 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 Court.

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 official.



He added that after the start of the facility, experts from AIIMS will provide medical consultation to

the doctors of district level health centers on the cases under treatment.

"The patients from

remote areas, visiting district hospitals will be benefitted a lot with the facility," they said adding that there will be a provision as well to refer the patient to AIIMS if required.

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,

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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 allocation of Ballot Units (BUs), Control Units (CUs) and VVPATs for all the six assembly segments of the Kupwara district for the upcoming parliamentary elections 2024 on Friday. The process was overseen by District Election Officer (DEO), Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan in presence of AROs, Dy.DEO Kupwara and Political party representatives. The first randomization was aimed to allocate Ballot Units, Control Units, and VVPATS, for all the six assembly constituencies of the district as there are a total of 611 polling centers in the district for upcoming Lok Sabha Elections. Randomization

was shared with AROs and political parties.

The District Election Officer, on the occasion, emphasized that the objective of randomization is to ensure transparent and impartial elections, devoid of human interference, facilitated by dedicated software.

Prior to the randomization, political representatives were briefed about the process, regarding the implementation of necessary measures to uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

Second phase of randomization will entail further randomization for the allocation of EVMs to individual polling stations. This meticulous approach underscores the commitment to conducting free and fair elections in the district.

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 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 at Aghar Jitto Katra, leaving behind the injured in serious condition.

Subsequently Case 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 constituted a special team to trace out the accused at the earliest.

Special team laid Nakas in and around the Katra town to arrest accused persons. After meticulous track-following, with the help of technical team & consistent hectic efforts, team

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

During the search, all the 04 accused persons namely Sunil Sharma @ Sunilu S/O Parshotam Sharma 2. Himanshu Sharma @ Rajju S/O Ramesh Sharma 3. Rohit Kumar @ Rotu S/O Parshotam Sharma 4. Mukesh Kumar @ Mukeshu S/O Kushal Chand 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 that such barbaric act done by Criminals is rarest of the rare, Such Criminals a black spot on our social fabric. She further stressed that investigation shall incorporate each and every evidence to ensure justice is done in this heinous act at an earliest.

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.

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

The last day for filing 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 milestone in its electoral preparations with the successful completion of the first level of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) randomization for the upcoming Parliamentary Elections 2024 under the supervision of Returning Officer, Abhishek Sharma.

The event, held in the presence of senior officials and representatives from various political parties, focused on allocating 493 Ballot Units, 493 Control Units and 511 Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units for all three assembly segments viz; 69-Ramgarh, 70-Samba, and 71-Vijaypur.

He emphasized on the primary objective of the randomization process to ensure transparent, free and fair elections, devoid of any human intervention by utilizing dedicated soft-

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

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

The subsequent phases of randomization will determine the specific allocation of EVMs to polling stations in the upcoming stages of preparation.

The list of all EVMs post-randomization has been handed over to representatives of all political parties present, ensuring transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

ADC Samba, Suresh C Chander; Nodal Officer EVM, Nodal officer Training Management, Nodal Officer SVEEP, DIO NIC, DIO and other officials were present on the occasion.

Awareness programme on SVEEP held across Samba



JI NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MARCH 22

As per the directions of Chief Electoral Officer J&K and District Election Office Samba, a day long awareness campaign was held in the district for the awareness of voters under SVEEP 4 programme, an initiative of ECI for stronger democracy with greater participation of the electors.

Various ELCs, VAFs, Anganwadi Workers, officials from Revenue, Rural Development and Education department were mobilised along with local

BLOs to sensitise all sections of society.

DNO SVEEP made a synchronous strategy along with AROs of all three ACs which resulted in mass mobilisation and identification of target areas where voter turnout was comparatively less. Special focus was made for the youth, women, old age voters and tribals.

Such activities will continue on a day to day basis till the poll day so that maximum participation is ensured and electors are facilitated and encouraged for strengthening the democratic process.

IEI Jammu Centre celebrates World Water Day



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAR 22

The Institution of Engineers (India), Jammu Local Centre celebrated the World Water Day on 22nd March 2024 with theme "Water for Peace", the event was attended by Engineers from various Departments, Organizations and Senior Engineers along with Members of the Committee of IEI, Jammu Local Centre.

On this occasion, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Divisional, Commissioner, Jammu was Chief Guest & Sh. Hamesh Manchanda, Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Jammu was the Guest of Honour, and Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, Chairman, IEI Jammu Centre, Er. Sachin Tickoo, Honorary Secretary, IEI Jammu were among distinguished audience in attendance.

At the outset, Prof. (Dr.) Bhawna Sharma, FIE; said water has the power to either foster peace or ignite conflict. When water is scarce,

polluted, or access is unequal, tensions can escalate between communities and nations. Public health, prosperity, food systems, energy, economic productivity, and environmental integrity all hinge on a well-managed water cycle. She appealed to everyone to take action and said that all of us can make a difference by changing the way we use, consume and manage water in our lives.

While speaking on the occasion Sachin Tickoo, MIE, Honorary Secretary said when we cooperate on water, we create a positive ripple effect - fostering harmony, generating prosperity and building resilience to shared challenges. We must act upon the realization that water is not only a resource to be used and competed over - it is a human right, intrinsic to every aspect of life. This World Water Day, we all need to unite around water and use water for peace, laying the foundations of a more stable and prosperous tomorrow.

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 observed by polling parties as well as the contesting candidates.

Speaking on the occasion, DEO apprised representatives 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, DIO, Showkat Hussain, representatives of political parties and officers and officials of Election Department Shopian were present.

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) scheduled by the Election Commission of India (ECI) for all the eight Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District was conducted here on Friday at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

The randomization process was held under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat in presence of the various representatives of Registered Recognized Political Parties, Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), Deputy DEO and other Officers of District Election Authority.

During the process randomisation of Ballot Units, Control Units and VVPATs for 08 Assembly Constituencies of Srinagar District was carried out. Each AC was allocated with required number of EVMs along with 40% Extra (as reserve) for use during the upcoming Polls.

The District has a total of 929 Polling Stations and the Assembly segment wise allocation of EVMs for conduct of Lok Sabha Elections includes 163 EVMs for 19-Hazratbal, 176 for 20-Khanar, 179 for 21-Habbakadal, 191 for 22-LalChowk.

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

All the process was video recorded as per the laid guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

Prior to the randomisation process, the DEO Srinagar briefed the representatives of the Political parties about the First Randomisation process ensuring their confidence in the uprightness of the process and encouraging that all requisite measures have been enacted to uphold the sanctity of the polls in free, fair and transparent manner as per the guidelines of Election Commission of India.

The DEO said that the EVM randomization facilitated by dedicated software is to ensure transparent, free and fair elections devoid of human interference.

He further elaborated that following the randomization, EVMs will be securely transferred to designated Strong Rooms of the respective constituencies under rigorous security and surveillance.

The representatives of political parties including CPIM, Bharatiya Janata party, Indian National Congress, Peoples Democratic party and J&K National Conference attended the first phase of the randomization process.

JKBS urges 'economic-cum-employment 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.

First Phase of EVM randomization successfully conducted at Ganderbal

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MARCH 22

The first phase of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) randomization for Lok Sabha Elections 2024 today took place at the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal. The randomisation was held in presence of Assistant Commissioner Revenue Ganderbal/Assis-

tant Returning Officer (ARO) Ganderbal, M Alaf, and Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kangan/ARO Kangan, Nuzhat Qureshi; besides representatives of recognized National and local political parties, this crucial phase focused on the fair allocation of ballot units, control units, and VVPATs for two assembly segments within the district.

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 and back to the institute. Awareness slogans were enchanted by students during the rally to create awareness among the pedestrians and commuters. A Cleanliness

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 Dr Jamsheed Ahmad from the college premises. The event was executed by Ms. Purnima, Prof Rahul Assistant Professors Environmental Sciences GDC Doda

One Week Faculty Development Program on Skill Development concludes at CUJ



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 22

The UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at Central University of Jammu successfully completed a comprehensive Faculty Development Program (FDP), under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain. It was designed to offer an in-depth orientation and sensitization on Skill Development, aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's objectives.

During the Valedictory Session, chief guest Prof. Suram Singh, Dean Academics, congratulated the organizing team and highlighted University's commitment to implementation and promoting skill development in contemporary education.

Prof. Rishi Raj Sharma of Guru Nanak Dev University, Gurdaspur, was guest of honor and joined virtually in the event. He congratulates the whole team of MMTTC Central University Jammu for successfully organizing the FDP.

Dr. Neelika Arora, Director of UGC-MMTTC, Central University of

Jammu, in her welcome address, informed that for this FDP we receive 130 registrations from Faculty members of various educational institutions from 63 universities across the country. 60% of the participants were male and 40 % were females. 68% of the participants were at Assistant professor Level. About 60% of the participants are teaching in professional programmes. Out of which about 50% are from Hotel & Tourism Management and 30 % from Engineering & Technology background.

Dr. Akshay Kumar, Deputy Director of UGC-MMTTC, Central University of Jammu presents a brief background about the theme of FDP. He also informed that The FDP was extended into 16 sessions and 16 esteemed resource persons from various institutes and of various fields deliver their precious talk to the participants.

Formal vote of thanks to all the guests and participants was presented by program coordinator Dr. Amit Gangotia, who concludes the FDP with the presenting the token of gratitude to the chief Guest of the event.

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 District Development Commissioner Rajinder Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Deputy District Election Officer Dr. Anirudh Rai, Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Ranjeet Singh Kotwal, District Panchayat Officer Dr. Preeti Sharma, Nodal Officer SVEEP, Chief Education Officer Geetu Bangotra and other officers/officials were present on the occasion.

While briefing the media, the DEO informed that the initiative aims to



educate the public on the significance of systematic voters' education and electoral participation (SVEEP) to foster informed decision-making during elections. She emphasized the critical role of voters in democracy, urging increased turnout for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Highlighting the objectives of SVEEP, the DEO stressed the importance of widespread awareness and urged citizens to exercise their voting rights for a robust democracy. She called upon individuals to actively engage in spreading awareness within their communities to strengthen democracy and improve socio-economic conditions.

She directed officers to ensure comprehensive outreach efforts, targeting every household for information dissemination and voter enrollment.

Emphasizing the importance of Pwd, Women, First time, Old age voters and youth participation, she urged officers to work diligently to enhance voter turnout and ensure error-free electoral rolls for the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections.

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.

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

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 Kathua.

The training aims to prepare staff for deployment in 63- Bani, 64-Billawar, 65-Basohli, 66-Jasrotia, 67-Kathua (SC), and 68-Hiranagar assembly segments for the first phase of Lok Sabha Elections-2024 scheduled to be held on 19th April 2024.

The training sessions were conducted by a team comprising District and Assembly Segment Master Trainers. They provided theoretical and practical insights into different stages of the election process, briefing the participants about their roles and responsibilities regarding the conduct of



the election.

The functioning of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) was explained thoroughly, followed by a hands-on training session to familiarize the staff with EVM & VVPAT operations. The significance of conducting mock polls was also emphasized, and all necessary procedures pertaining to the polling process were demonstrated.

The training was conducted under the supervision of all respective Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) of the concerned assembly segments who presided over the session.

District Election Officer Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas who oversaw this crucial training, highlighted its importance in the election process. He called upon the master trainers to ensure that polling personnel are well acquainted with all aspects of their duties and responsibilities.

Nodal Officer for Training and Chief Planning Officer Kathua, Ranjeet Thakur, mentioned that the training of all polling personnel being engaged in Lok Sabha Elections will be completed within four days.

CS reviews functioning of ARI, Trainings Department

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 22

Chief Secretary, Atal 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.



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As part of the randomization process, the first randomization report of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) was handed over to all recognized political parties. This step ensures transparency and allows political parties to verify the fairness of the selection process.

Among the attendees were Deputy District Election Officer Mohd. Saleem; District Informatics Officer, Narinder Singh; SDM Surankote (ARO) Farooq Khan; SDM Mendhar (ARO), Imran Rashid Kataria; Superintendent ITI (Nodal Officer) Talat Mehmood and representatives from recognized political parties.

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

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DODA, MARCH 22

District Election Officer Doda, Harvinder Singh today conducted a thorough inspection of election strong room at Government Degree College (GDC) Doda here. The inspection aimed to ensure all necessary arrangements were in place, including camera surveillance, security deployment, setup of Electronic Voting Machines

(EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines. Accompanied by the ACR Doda and Tehsildar Doda, along with other officials, the DEO visited Tehsil office to evaluate preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The assessment encompassed the installation of CCTV cameras, provision of power supply and other essential facilities required during the electoral process.

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Udhampur-Doda LS seat...

Udhampur-Doda seat, which he won in 2004, by 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.

After distancing himself from BJP when he went 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 Sangathan 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 whereas Jitendra Singh had got over seven lakh votes.

But this time, with the efforts of Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) President Vikar Rasool Wani and others, he has joined back the grand-old party and is 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 fierce one.

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, whatever votes he will be able to fetch will make a dent to Congress party. His party has already announced that they are fighting against INDIA alliance.

After delimitation Reasi district is no more part of this

constituency and votes have also decreased this time. 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 number of votes in Kishtwar district is 175844, Doda district has 304866, Ramban has 219106, Udhampur has 419789 and Kathua has 502994. (Data courtesy: Chief Electoral Officer J&K)-(KNO)

PM Modi arrives in...

First' Policy.

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 to Bhutan.

"On the way to Bhutan, where I will be attending various 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 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 partnership 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 welcome 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-the-art 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)

PM Narendra Modi...

Thimphu.

He also attended a cultural programme at the Tenedrelthang Festival Ground in the presence of Bhutan King. (Agencies)

Lal Singh accuses...

confidence in the electorate's ability to discern truth from falsehood.

Singh announced his intention to file nomination papers on March 27 in order to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha elections-(KNO)

Jammu AIIMS soon...

Dr Shakti Gupta said, "telemedicine facility is set to start from next week, probably by Tuesday."

"This will be benefitting people from rural and remote belts to a larger extent through medical consultations," he said.

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.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh lauds Indian Govt's decision to abrogate Art 370 in J&K at Geneva Convention

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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.

Speaking in his address at UN, the senior BJP leader said "Since the constitutional reforms in 2019, there has been a significant decline in terrorist incidents in the region. From 2004 to 2014, Jammu and Kashmir experienced a total of 7,217 terrorist incidents. However, thanks to the reforms, terror incidents have decreased by over 70%. This improvement underscores the effectiveness of the government's actions in restoring



peace and stability to the region."

"Moreover, on the socio-economic front, the reduction of poverty in Jammu and Kashmir from 40.45% in 2005-2006 to a mere 2.81% in 2022-2023 is a testament to the optimal utilization of development funds. The recent interim budget for 2024 allocated a substantial \$14 billion for Jammu and Kashmir, further demonstrating the government's commitment to the region's prosperity,"

he added.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh said over the past nine years, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a remarkable revolution in infrastructure with development, including the establishment of new medical colleges, tunnels, railway lines, and civic infrastructure. These advancements have been achieved while preserving the rich cultural heritage of the region, he added.

However, it is essential to acknowledge that not all

parts of Jammu and Kashmir 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 occupation.

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 concluded.

People from disadvantaged sections biggest 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 J&KUT Ritika Trehan while continuing her door-to-door 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-



oped country by 2047. She slammed the opposition, particularly the Congress, saying it lacked the courage to take on the BJP ideologically or on the basis of principles. She said every country across the world is now keen to forge a deeper relationship with India under the influence of PM Modi Govt. She said fulfilling the dreams of crores of women, poor and youth is his mission.

Ritika claimed, "I have visited various parts of J&K and have realized that BJP

will win all five parliamentary seats in J&K and Modi will become the Prime Minister for a third consecutive term". She said when the Modi government came to power for the first time in 2014, 60 crore people had no bank accounts, 10 crore people had no access to toilets and three crore people had no electricity connections. The Modi government has given all of them access to banks, toilets, free food, electricity and gas connections, she said. Not only

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 related to the Triple Talaq resolved. She said people from disadvantaged sections like SCs, STs and OBCs are the biggest beneficiaries of his government's welfare schemes as she accused the previous Congress dispensations of neglecting them and never appreciating their role in the country's progress.

SMVD Gurukul holds 32nd Governing Council Meeting

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KATRA, MARCH 22

The 32nd meeting of the Governing Council of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul, Charan Paduka was held here today at its academic premises at Charan Paduka, Katra.

The meeting presided by Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council for the Gurukul, was attended by Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board; Alok Kumar Maurya, Additional CEO; Padma Shri Prof. Vishwamurti Shastri, Pawan Kumar, Controller of Examination, CSU; Satish Kumar Sharma, Joint CEO, SMVDSB and Administrator of Gurukul; Mahesh Sharma, FA/Chief Accounts Officer; Gopal Dass Sharma, Head Pujari, Bhawan; Dr Dhananjay Mishra, Principal; and Dr.

Devendra Rijal, Vice Principal of the Gurukul.

The Chairman and other Members of the Governing Council while expressing satisfaction regarding over-the-year growth of the institution and its functioning emphasized the need for making continuing endeavors to develop it as a centre of excellence. The Chairman desired that a 15 years roadmap be devised for future growth of Gurukul both physically and academically for comprehensive learning experiences and academic excellence.

He exhorted that up-gradation of Gurukul to post graduation level be also explored aiming to further empower students with advanced knowledge and skills to excel in their chosen fields. He said that the up-gradation will not only enhance the academic reputation of SMVD Gurukul but positively contribute to the educational landscape in



the region.

The Chairman while reviewing outstanding achievements of the students of SMVD Gurukul in academics and co-curricular activities underscored that the students must prepare for annual activities diligently in advance, aligning with the curriculum not only to attain optimal outcomes but also for their holistic development.

The meeting also noted participation of faculty and students at different Platforms, including in-house events & those at

State, Zonal as well as at National Level.

The Governing Council, while approving the annual budget of Gurukul for financial year 2024-25 also concurred with the projected need for expansion of residential and academic blocks of SMVD Gurukul. This decision would address the future residential and academic requirements of the students after enhancement of their intake capacity from 20 to 30 students from the session 2023-24. After extensive deliberations the Governing

Council also resolved to take further strides of expansion in alignment with NAAC accreditations.

On the occasion, the Chairman, SMVD Gurukul also inaugurated 08 Smart Classrooms and a Computer Lab. While acknowledging the significant 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 underscoring that such initiative undoubtedly leaves a positive impact on the community as a whole.

After the conclusion of the meeting, the Members, Governing Council

also inspected the proposed site for expansion at SMVD Gurukul.

Earlier, Mahamandleshwar while addressing the students and faculty highlighted the importance of imparting sanskars in 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 achievement of students not only showcases their dedication and hard work but also testament to the dedication of teachers and collective success of their institution.

He expressed gratitude towards the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, JK-UT who is also Chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board for his patronage towards such institutions which has kept alive the Vedic and Sanatan traditions in the modern era.

The Members were presented with the Rudraksha plant on the occasion

SMVDU Sports Teams shine at Goonj 2024



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Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) secured an overall third position among more than 10 participating institutions in Sports events held at the "Goonj 2024" hosted by the University of Jammu on 19th -20th March, 2024. SMVDU women football team stood first in the sports event whereas the volleyball men team won the third position. The event saw university teams participating in football, volleyball, basketball, kho-kho and kabaddi. The other sports teams of

university also displayed appreciable performance in the tournament. The teams were accompanied by the Sports coaches of the university Mr. Sumit Sharma and Mr. Balbir Singh. Deputy registrar, student welfare was also a member of the participating contingent. Prof. (Dr.) Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU congratulated the winning teams for bringing laurels to the university. Vice chancellor appreciated the efforts of the Sports Wing headed by Dr. Parvez Singh Slatia and encouraged to participate in such events for showcasing the talent of university students.

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

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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 Technology and its applications."

The workshop commenced today at the Computer and IT Bhaderwah Campus, drawing nearly 200 participants from various educational institutions, departments of Bhaderwah Campus, officials and jawans from the Indian Army, and the teaching and non-teaching staff.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu, Prof. Umesh Rai, commended the Bhaderwah Campus for organizing this workshop on such a crucial topic. His message echoed the importance of fostering knowledge and expertise in drone technology.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, Mr. Harvinder Singh (IAS), Deputy Com-



missioner Doda, extended his congratulations to the Bhaderwah Campus for orchestrating such an event on a topic of paramount importance. He elaborated on the myriad benefits that drone technology offers in the contemporary era, emphasizing its significance in various sectors.

The Rector of Bhaderwah Campus and Patron of the workshop Prof. J. P. Singh Joorel in his message conveyed his appreciation to the Department of Computer Science & IT for spearheading this workshop. He underscored the workshop's role in equipping participants with valuable insights into drone technology. "This workshop promises to be an enriching experience, providing participants with valu-

able insights and practical knowledge in the field of drone technology," he added. Sunil Kesar (JKPS), Superintendent of Police (SP) Operation Doda, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. He delivered a comprehensive discourse on the importance of drone technology, particularly in addressing security concerns. He emphasized the pivotal role drones play in current circumstances and highlighted their significance in ensuring safety and security.

Dr. Jattinder Manhas, the Convener of the workshop, provided a detailed outline of the workshop's agenda through an insightful presentation. He emphasized that the workshop covers a diverse range of topics, including Introduction to Drone

Technology, Drone Hardware and Software, Safety and Regulations, Hands-on Drone Flying Sessions, Applications in Agriculture, Aerial Photography and Videography, Search and Rescue Operations, Infrastructure Inspection, Environmental Monitoring, 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-Convener 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. Mary's 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 Convener, Rahul Kumar, Ritika Mahajan Co convener, Satbir Singh, Vishal Gupta and others were present on the occasion. BJP leaders were warmly received by the church authorities and the congregation, who appreciated the gesture of solidarity and fraternity. 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 expressed commitment towards the vision of 'Developed India by 2047. While interacting with the Christian community, Ashok Koul said Jesus Christ has been a



source of inspiration for humanity. He also urged the people to follow the teachings and preaching of Jesus Christ for peace, harmony and progress of the society. Ashok Koul has underlined the minority community's growing connection with the BJP by citing the party's ideology and the last ten years of good governance. During the social spark abhiyaan, Ashok Koul highlights that PM Modi has underscored his government's commitment to the mottoes of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' and development for all without any discrimination.

Kavinder Gupta recalled the sacrifices of Jesus Christ and stated "may the thoughts of the Lord Christ keep inspiring people." He emphasized the BJP's commitment to the principles of inclu-

sivity and respect for all religions. He asserted that today, we are here to celebrate the social sampark these universal values with our Christian brothers and sisters," he said, adding "India's strength lies in its diversity, and it's essential that we respect and celebrate the rich tapestry of faiths that make up our nation."

Rekha Mahajan said social solidarity with the public from all segments of society are a testament to our dedication to strengthening the bonds of brotherhood and understanding among all communities in Jammu and Kashmir. Rekha emphasized that the outreach to the St. Mary's Garrison church in Jammu South is part of a broader initiative by the BJP to strengthen inter-community dialogues and foster a spirit of harmony

and understanding across different religious and cultural groups in the region. Rekha Mahajan recounted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has maintained a special bond with the Christian community which is evident by his historic visit to the Vatican City --the first by an Indian Prime Minister in over two decades. The socio-economic upliftment of all the minorities including the Christian community has been ensured by imparting quality education and subsequently providing them with job opportunities.

Rikki Gupta conducted the proceedings of the programme and noted that PM Modi's governance ensures the comprehensive development of every community in India. Rahul Kumar presented a vote of thanks.

LG Electronics unveils LG Objet Collection with MoodUP™ Refrigerator

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LG Electronics, India's leading consumer durable brand, in collaboration with India's famous fashion designer duo Gauri and Nainika has launched LG MoodUp™ refrigerator. The company launched its new collection with this refrigerator during Lakme Fashion Week. The collection is inspired by the 1.7 lakh color combinations of LG MoodUp™. LG MoodUp™ not only reflects your mood or personality but also brings luxury to your lifestyle and enhances your everyday life. LG MoodUp™ utilizes advanced technology and is a beautifully designed product that gives you a feeling of personal luxury. As Indians increasingly look for customized solutions to bring convenience to their lives, LG MoodUp™ takes refrigerator customization to the next level.

LG has introduced a groundbreaking product in the history of the electronics category, taking technology and beauty to new heights. The door of this new fridge has an LED panel with the help of which you can change the colors according to your mood and can also listen to your favorite music to create the atmosphere of your choice in the house.

MoodUp™ French Door Refrigerators are carefully designed to provide

a seamless combination of style and functionality, catering to the diverse preferences of modern families. Attractive, bright, sturdy and full of sophisticated design, this refrigerator is an example of beauty and enhances the aesthetic appeal of any kitchen. Its innovative MoodUp feature allows users to customize the exterior lighting of the refrigerator as per their mood and create a personalized ambiance in their homes.

Commenting on the launch, Hwang Youngmin, Director Home Appliances & Air Conditioners, LG Electronics India said, "We are very excited to introduce our newest product, the MoodUp™ French Door Refrigerator, in collaboration with Gauri and Nainika at Lakme Fashion Week. Vibrant, bold, full of life and optimistic, our shared vision of optimism is reflected in this amazing product that truly captures the essence of 'Life is Good'. The refrigerator combines modern technology and style, reflecting LG's commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of Indian consumers. customize With customizable features and innovative functionality, MoodUp™ refrigerators deliver unmatched convenience and performance and redefine the consumer experience."

In this regard, Gauri and Nainika said, "We are excited to collaborate with LG MoodUp™ this Fashion



Week. The collaboration goes beyond the various vibrant colors inspired by their new concept refrigerator. The modern and sleek design of the refrigerator is in line with the ethos of Gauri & Nainika Fall Winter 2024 collection with its timeless luxury and beauty. Innovation and sophistication have been seamlessly incorporated into the refrigerator. The synergy between the beauty of Fridge and the story of Gauri and Nainika fashion emphasizes the shared commitment to marry design with timeless beauty. ,

Show stopper and Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu said, "It was such an exciting experience to walk for Gauri and Nainika at Lakme Fashion Week. I LG MoodUp™ I am truly honored to be a part of the launch of the refrigerator and be the showstopper in Gauri and Nainika's glamorous fashion show. It was truly amazing to see their new collection inspired

by the 1.7 lakh color combinations of LG MoodUp™ refrigerators. Just as beauty and innovation seamlessly blend in fashion, LG MoodUp™ The refrigerator celebrates the intersection of technology with style."

Development is a continuous process and the LG MoodUp™ refrigerator meets the ever-evolving expectations of the market. It allows you to create ambiance as per the mood of your home with its beautifully mesmerizing colors. It is not just a tool but a living canvas of your creativity, which blends with the ambiance of your home.

The new LG MoodUp™ refrigerator has been designed with sophistication in mind. It has been provided with four doors to facilitate maximum storage. One feature that sets it apart from the crowd of other refrigerators is the presence of LED panels on its doors. With over 1.7 lakh exciting color

combinations, it allows consumers to change the colors as per their taste, mood and personality. It's all intuitively controlled from the LG ThinQ app. This modern twist on customization elevates the kitchen experience.

Additionally, this refrigerator has the Instaview feature, which is a smart addition to its designing. By double knocking on the door of the fridge, its Instaview function illuminates the inside of the fridge. This gives users the opportunity to peek inside the fridge and see the contents without completely opening the door of the fridge. The combination of modern technology and thoughtful design makes this refrigerator stand out from the crowd of other fridges. It offers attractive beauty as well as great functionality.

The built-in Bluetooth speaker in this fridge gives an unmatched experience to the consumer. You can connect this speaker to any external device and listen to the music of your choice. This speaker comes in multiple modes, like bounce mode and flow mode, making it perfect for hosting your home party.

There are many other interesting features included in this refrigerator, which make it a perfect appliance. MoodUp™ refrigerators come with a variety of intelligent features like smart alarm color system which

includes door open alert, welcome light and night-time mood light. These increase both convenience and safety in the kitchen. With InstaView technology for easy viewing of fridge contents, pull-out racks for convenient storage, and advanced temperature management to prevent food spoilage, this refrigerator offers unmatched functionality for modern families. Does. The MoodUp™ refrigerator is integrated with the LG Think™ app to remotely control and monitor it. This provides user convenience and peace of mind. Door Cooling+ technology ensures uniform cooling across every shelf. Hygiene Fresh+ technology reduces bacterial activity and keeps foods fresh for longer periods.

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

The launch of LG Objet Collection with MoodUp™ refrigerators further strengthens its leadership position in providing users with innovative solutions as per the needs of Indian consumers. Discover the great combination of style and functionality with the MoodUp™ refrigerator. Now this refrigerator is priced at Rs 4,49,999 in India Available at a price of INR Rs. 4,49,999.

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



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Hindu nationalist BJP leader Gauri Raju Chandel, speaking to journalists in Jammu today, said that the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024 will bury the opposition Mahagathbandhan in the pages of history, and there will be no mention of any opposition party, as Modi's popularity is reaching new heights.

Chandel said that the entire country has made up its mind ever since the grand temple of Lord Shri Ram was built in Ayodhya, and all across the nation, the surge of Rama and Modi is being felt. The people have stated in a survey that they have brought Lord Rama to the temple, and they will make the great Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who has proudly represented the country's Sanatan (Hindu)

culture and heritage, the Prime Minister once again in 2024. Today, every citizen is a Modi supporter, and no one is worthy of being Prime Minister of the country except him. Mr. Modi's leadership has contributed greatly in correctly identifying the nation's identity.

Chandel claimed that the Aam Aadmi Party, Congress Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, and the Mahagathbandhan have lost their identity and the trust of the people, and the complete electoral defeat of all the opposition parties is a foregone conclusion. Chandel said that this time around, the Sanatan Hindu population of the country has rallied around Prime Minister Narendra Modi like a rock, and this time in the Lok Sabha elections, Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi will lose their seats and will face a humiliating defeat.

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-Incharges Balbir Ram Rattan and Zorawar Singh Jamwal. Parliamentary Constituency Convenor & former Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta and Constituency Incharge for Pravasi Workers Anil Rakwal, were also present in the meeting.

Threadbare discussions were held on every aspect related to the smooth and result-oriented working of the media cell on regular basis to serve as bridge between the party candidate and the people of the Lok Sabha constituency



spread over a large area and housing the population of different sections and faiths. The issue of effectively countering the false propaganda of the opposition parties and also expose the INDI Alliance for its hate and negative propaganda to mislead the people to gain their support was also discussed in length.

Media Cell team also decided to highlight the peace, progress and development achieved under the able leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, during the last

about ten years of good governance.

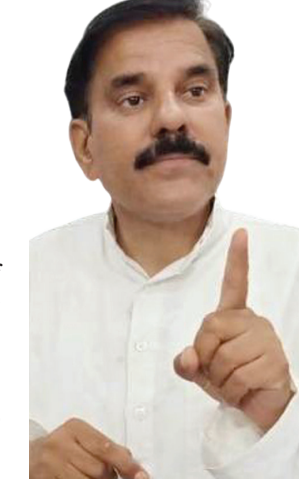
To seek the 'Ashirwad' (blessings) of the people in the form of votes for the party candidate for the Jammu-Reasi Parliamentary Constituency, the team will put its best efforts to present the true picture of the massive development and the changes seen by them in their lives after availing the benefits of various welfare which has been extended in the UT by the concrete efforts of the sitting MP, now the BJP candidate for the third consecutive term.

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

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Accusing the ECI of playing second fiddle to BJP, Mr Harsh Dev Singh Ex Education Minister and Panthers leader led a massive protest outside Nirvachan Bhawan today. Thousands of party workers including a large number of female activists of the party staged dharna in front of CEO, Election Deptt and raised slogans of "ECI-BJP Gathbandan Murdabaad", "Election Commissioner Murdabad", "Jamhooriyat ke Kaatil Murdabaad", "BJP ke ishare par naachne wale officers sharam karo, sharam karo" Bahut Jaleel Party (BJP) Murdabaad, Murdabaad". The protestors who were manhandled, threatened, abused and assaulted by the Police refused to relent and sought resignation of ECI working on the dictates of BJP. Over two dozen party workers were detained by the Police.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Harsh Dev said that the ECI had unconstitutionally and undemocratically deprived the people of J&K to have democratically elected govt of their own. And when JKNPP party filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court with the letter taking cognizance of the same and directing the conduct of Assembly Elections in J&K, the ECI and its political master along with some BJP Leaders and their agents hatched a conspiracy to freeze the name as well as symbol of the party. Needless to mention that BJP leaders and their agents persuaded and prevailed upon the ECI to denotify the name of JKNPP and scrapping its symbol and that too after the issuance of Election notification. Never in the history of democratic Jurisprudence do we find any such example where the "Election Watchdog" has acted so prejudicially



against any recognized party and destroyed it completely at the behest of the ruling party. Most shocking was the fact that no personal hearing was given by the ECI before taking the most contemptuous, unconstitutional decision.

Seeking the review of the order for enabling the Panthers Party to contest present elections in accor-

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 will sacrifice our lives but refuse to bow before the authoritarian despots and dictators who are crushing dissent in the country and in the UT.

Singh said that NPP would continue its peaceful agitation on the streets and road besides seeking legal remedy against the saboteurs of democracy and destroyers of rule of law.

02 missing persons traced out and reunited with their family by police station Jhajjar Kotli, Jammu

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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. Damsal 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 Damsal, 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

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The Management Conclave 2024 entitled, "Sambandh" themed "Growth with Sustainability" organised by the School of Business, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University. The Chief Guest of the inaugural function Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU highlighted the importance of linking the academic programs with corporate in today's world. He emphasised on imbibing entrepreneurial traits within students for economic growth and corporate development. Prof. Ashutosh Vashistha, Dean, Faculty of Management highlighted the relevance of Indian ethos in working

environment and corporates. Prof. Supran Kumar Sharma, Coordinator of the program described the different management principles to be followed to enhance teamwork. Prof. Jyoti Sharma, Head, School of Business laid down emphasis on how such programs help in transition of students from classroom learning to experiential learning. The six plenary sessions were conducted in which experts delivered talks on different aspects of the requisite theme. The different experts include Mr. Ashutosh Bajaj, State Head at Reliance Jio, who talked about sustainable growth in the field of corporate sector and further discussed the



involvement of technology and AI in the current business scenario that contributes to societal upliftment. The next expert, Mr. Vidya Bhushan, Co-founder and COO, Dalchini Technologies, Delhi, pointed towards critical thinking

that may lead to design innovations and reiterated that questioning anything and everything will help to survive in the market for long. Mrs. Kanika Nag, Digital Marketer, IBM, Bangalore, highlighted the requirement to maintain

individual life philosophy with a suggestion to be kind towards the environment and the people around. Mr. Vinod Prakash Baxla, GM, HR, PowerGrid Jammu, SBBB, IIM Jammu enlightened students on circular economy, mitigation and adaptation. The sixth

development with an emphasis on India becoming a carbon neutral power generator by 2050. Mr. Naren Karunakaran, Consultant, SBBB, IIM Jammu highlighted the contribution of the power sector in the economic devel-

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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 panellists in the panel discussion. Dr Deepak Jain, Organising Secretary presented concluding remarks of the panel discussion.

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



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VIJAYPUR, MAR 22

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded enhancement of reservation quota to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) people in Jammu and Kashmir up to 27%.

As per a press release, a meeting was chaired by the Former Minister at Vijaypur in which the OBC members of the Party were present.

During the meeting, the leaders discussed the present political situation and the granting of 8% of reservation to the OBCs in Jammu and Kashmir, while terming it unjust with the community which suffered for the last seven

decades.

While addressing the meeting, the Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh highlighted the contribution of the OBCs including the Jatts to the country and in defending its borders.

He however expressed his dissatisfaction over the reservation quota i.e., 8% and demanded that the quota must be enhanced up to 27% in Jammu and Kashmir at par with the other states of the country.

He said that the granting of 8% reservation is not sufficient to uplift the living standard of the OBC people, including Jatts because they have a huge population, and the reservation must be granted as per the population ratio.

On the other hand, he said that the income slab

that has been fixed to get the OBC reservation certificate should be scrapped for the benefit of the OBC category people.

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

Accordingly, Ex-Capt Sat Pal was announced as District President OBC of Samba District, whereas Zorawar Singh was announced as Block President of Rajpura, Ram Paul as Block President of Samba 'B', Pawan Kumar as Block President of Vijaypur, Balbir Kumar as Block President of Bari Brahmana, Kala Ram as Block President of Parmandal, and Pawan Kumar alias Punnu as Block President of Ramgarh.

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 mesmerizing 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 school and role of parents and teachers in the student's learning process.

The performance of the students enthralled the sizeable number of



the audience during the ongoing programme. The coordination and confidence of the students clad in vibrant attire left everyone in awe. The most important part of the day was the felicitation of young graduates wherein the delighted tiny tots dressed in Graduation Robes and Caps walked the stage. They were felicitated with certificate of Graduation by the esteemed Members of the School Management.

Mrs. Rajni Gupta Director JKMS said on the occasion that it is an exciting milestone for our children as it is their first step towards the future full of hopes. May God Bless these tiny graduates as

they continue their education in the main stream of the school.

It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for not only the little ones but also a proud moment for the parents and the mentors.

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 followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Tiny Scholars School Kathua organizes Workshop on NEP 2020



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KATHUA, MAR 22

" On 23 March, 2024, 40 faculty members and students of Tiny Scholars School, Kathua participated in a workshop on 'NEP- NEW EDUCATION POLICY'. The workshop was conducted & facilitated by DR. DEEPIKA CHAWALA, the Counselling Psychologist, Motivational speaker, Parenting coach, NLP, CBT, Prime tele counsellor for 'Aao Baat Karein', offered a platform for faculty members and students to learn more about NEP.

The workshop began with the Lamp lighting that was enlightened by our Guest DR. DEEPIKA CHAWALA and our Respected Managing

Director Mrs. Manisha Gupta MA'AM, who always organised such informative workshops for the betterment of faculty and students. Our Coordinators also enlightened the lamp.

One Day Training was conducted for the teachers on NEP- NEW EDUCATION POLICY. The Versatile Guest speaker was invited to provide the training. The workshop was organised by EDU-LINE.

Several videos were also shown to the teachers to questions to be asked in the classroom according to the main agenda. The whole event was organised by Mrs. Poonam Nanda

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

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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 Central Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for considering and fulfilling the long-standing demand of the Jat Maha Sabha regarding the OBC status for the Jat community.

In this regard a meeting was held here at Kunjwani area today. Ch Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS and former Mayor along with community members lauded the government for fulfilling the long pending demand of the Jat community.

Ch Manmohan Singh said that behind every success there was a long struggle. He highlighted the relentless efforts of the Jat Maha Sabha in advocating for reservation benefits under the OBC category over the last more than ten years. He underscored the numer-



ous efforts undertaken by the Sabha, including organizing Maha Sammelans, Mahila Adhiveshans, meetings with the Backward Classes Commission, Lt Governors, Chief Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and officials at the Centre, demonstrating the unwavering determination of the Jat Maha Sabha.

Ch Manmohan Singh asserted that after years of tireless struggle, today marks a significant achievement as the Jat community successfully obtained OBC status. He credited the success to the entire Jat Maha Sabha team, along with those who fought relentlessly across the country for the OBC status. He also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the women brigade, who also left no stone unturned in

attaining the OBC status. Ch Manmohan emphasized the significance of OBC reservation which prove advantageous for the children of our community in the upcoming years, particularly in accessing opportunities within government jobs, medical and engineering stream and other educational purposes.

In addition to the OBC status, Ch Manmohan Singh mentioned that the collective efforts of the Jat Maha Sabha also secured Border Reservation.

However, he stressed that while this victory marks a significant milestone, the journey of Jat Maha Sabha is still incomplete. "Now, the community members need to get united once again to secure ownership rights of the custodian land allocated 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 Shakti of the community to strengthen the Jat Maha Sabha to continue the fight for their ownership rights.

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

Democracy being frozen by BJP: Congress

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JAMMU, MAR 22

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

Addressing a press conference 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 President Jammu Urban 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 210 Cr. have been seized while 115Cr. have been already transferred from our accounts to the Govt. accounts by IT department.

On one hand BJP Govt. has let loose all agencies against opposition top leaders, on other hand they have seized our



money while ruling party has collected thousands of crores through unconstitutional and illegal electoral bond scheme.

Giving details, Vikar Rasool Wani said when all political parties are exempted from paying income tax, why such huge penalty or drastic action for a small mistake of delay of filing returns of our donations from MP's/MLAs tune of 14.49 lac only. He asked people to wake up and throw BJP out of power, otherwise common man of the country is going to loose

freedom and democracy. All these tactics of BJP to win the elections by hook & crook are dangerous for democracy and if people don't wake up now, our future generations will repent and curse us, he added.

JKPCC Sr. Vice President and Chief Spokesperson Mr. Ravinder Sharma while giving further detail said that only this, the IT department has given a notice for the FY 1993-94 when Shri Sita Ram Kesriji was our treasurer. After 31 years IT department has woken up. He said

electoral bond scheme was launched to collect & loot money and more skeletons are coming up from the cupboard He said 35 pharms/Co. have donated 1000 Cr. through bonds while 17 of such Cos. were facing investigation for spurious drugs like syrup, BP & Ramdevisar but have donated huge amounts for what, he questioned. The congress leaders appealed to the media to take these details & issues to the common people to decide the future of our country and future generations.

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

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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 coordinated by Dr. Ved Prakash Sharma. It was aimed to provide a platform for students to explore MTech, PhD opportunities, and research work at IIT Delhi.

The interaction pro-



gram was aimed to introduce students to the diverse research activities and opportunities available at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi.

The session witnessed active participation from

students who enthusiastically posed questions regarding PhD and MTech programs, application procedures, and internship opportunities at IIT Delhi.

Prof. Adnan Qayoum, HOD, Mechanical Engi-

neering extended gratitude to Prof. Datla for this interaction Program and also appreciated his dedication to fostering 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.

The Department of 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.

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SRINAGAR, MAR 22

National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah and PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti have spoken out vehemently against the recent arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, expressing concerns over what they perceive as growing "authoritarianism" within the ruling government.

According to the news agency, Omar further raised concerns about the possibility of the BJP exploiting Kejriwal's situation to impose President's rule in Delhi, thereby interfering with the democratic process.

He urged the Aam Aadmi Party to remain vigilant and warned against the misuse of constitutional provisions to subvert the will of the people. "If Aam Aadmi Party is adamant on keeping Arvind Kejriwal as Chief Minister from jail. The Center may use this as an excuse to impose President's rule in New Delhi. Arvind Kejriwal is not the first in such a case and he will not be the last."

He also criticized the BJP's purported confidence in winning over 400 seats in the upcoming elections, juxtaposing it with what he describes as evident nervousness within the party. He sug-

gested that Kejriwal's arrest is indicative of this anxiety, labeling it as a stain on democracy.

Omar also highlighted past instances of opposition leaders being targeted, citing the detention of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren as an example.

PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti echoed similar sentiments, condemning Kejriwal's arrest as an act of political vendetta. She warned against the dangers of arbitrary arrests and expressed apprehensions about the ruling party's intentions, cautioning that such actions could undermine democratic norms.

Kejriwal's arrest testified no one above law: Kavinder

Discusses upcoming LS poll strategies

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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 Kejriwal following his arrest on corruption charges, the BJP stalwart leader emphasized that no individual, regardless of his or her position or influence, should be considered above the law.

The senior BJP functionary condemned Kejriwal's actions and stressed the importance of upholding the rule of law in a democratic society.

"The arrest of Arvind Kejriwal serves as a stark reminder that the law of the land is ultimate authority," he said while criticizing AAP leader for allegedly flouting legal procedures and attempting to evade accountability by giving two hoots to the nine-summons issued by Enforcement Directorate



(ED) against him.

Kavinder said that it is unacceptable for any public servant to disregard the law and undermine the principles of justice. He questioned that if the Delhi Chief Minister was innocent then why he expressed disinterest towards respecting the scores of summons? He said if the liquor police brought in by Kejriwal was flawless then why did the Delhi Government backtrack and scrapped the same? He said that these questions are bound to haunt the AAP leader as everything does not seem to be right in this whole gamut.

Earlier, the former

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 fetch maximum number of votes in the upcoming Lok Sabha polls.

Kavinder asked the party workers to remain disciplined during the poll times following all the guidelines religiously claiming that the same is vital for the phenomenal outcome of the election. He praised the party activists for doing commendable work at the grass roots level to ensure that BJP crosses the 400-seat mark this time.

Nowshera Forest Division organizes series of plantation drives

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NOWSHERA, MAR 22

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 Suresh 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 opportunities for rural communities.

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 Mahakumbh boasts a turnout of over 2,000 startups,

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 addressed the audience.

The visit was an outcome of the collaborative efforts of SMVDU TBIC and Director JKEDI, Rajinder Kumar Sharma (JKAS).

GPJ organizes Certificate Distribution Function under PM Vishwakarma Scheme



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JAMMU, MAR 22

Government Polytechnic Bikram Chowk Jammu organised Certificate Distribution Function under PM Vishwakarma Scheme in which certificates were distributed to the trainees of Two batches in Tailor (Darzi) and One Batch of Carpenter (Suthar) Trade on the successful completion of the Basic Skilling Training under PM Vishwakarma Scheme. Er. Arun Bangotra Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu highlighted the basic objectives of the scheme by recognition of artisans through PM Vishwakarma Certificate as well basic training of five to seven days and advanced training of 15 days, stipend, providing modern voucher toolkit of Rs 15000 free of cost to trained Vishwakarma's besides linkage with credit based soft loans and marketing support for expansion of their business. On the occasion the staff

from SBI Bank conducted an awareness session for loan scheme under PM Vishwakarma Scheme and also informed students on how to apply for loan under this scheme. While speaking on the occasion, several trainees expressed their gratitude towards the administration of the college for the successful and smooth conduct of their training. Other presents on the occasion were Sh. Inderjeet Singh Workshop Superintendent, Sh Raj Kumar HOD Mechanical Engineering, Sh Manjeet Singh HOD Electrical Engineering, Sh. Sukhdeep Singh HOD Civil Engineering/ SPOC, Smt. Sakshi Kapahi Lecturer I&C, Sh. Paramjot Singh Demonstrator Civil Engineering, Ms. Radhika from NSDC and Sh. Amit Kapoor Instructor, Sh. Sunil Sharma, Smt. Surekha Rani Smt. Sangojeta Mehra, staff of Government Polytechnic Jammu, and various vishwakarma's were also present on the occasion.

CUJ celebrates Social Work Day 2024

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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 change within communities.

The day-long event showcased a myriad of talents and creativity through various competitions including painting, rangoli, on-spot photography, talent show, dance, poetry singing, and debate. Spearheaded by Mr. Jaspreet Singh and coordinated by Ms. Khalida BI, Research Scholars from the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu, the event captivated participants and spectators alike.



Ms. Sunita, Head of the Department of Social Work at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. College for Women and Alumni from the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu, graced the occasion as the guest of honor.

A pivotal highlight of the event was the panel discussion on the theme "Role of Professional Social Worker: Shared Future for Transformative Change," chaired by Dr. Nancy Mengi, Head of the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu. The panel-

lists, Dr. Ranvir Singh, Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed, Mr. Fateh Lal Bheel, and Ms. Sunita Bhagat, delved into diverse aspects of social work, ranging from the genesis of the Buen Vivir, social inclusivity and professional social worker's essential qualities to their pivotal role in societal upliftment.

Dr. Ranvir Singh shed light on the genesis of the Buen Vivir, emphasizing the importance of collective action and community empowerment in fostering transformative change. Dr. Bhat Iqbal passionately discussed the imperative of inclusivity in society, advocating

for policies and practices 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 the event witnessed the recognition of outstanding participants with gifts and certificates, acknowledging their talent and dedication. Dr. Bhat Iqbal Majeed concluded the event with heartfelt words of gratitude, expressing appreciation to all attendees for their enthusiastic participation and unwavering support.

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

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JAMMU, MAR 22

A meeting was organized by Sh. Romesh Lal Bhagat, Vice President, District Jammu Rural, at Akhnoor Town, Jammu on 21st March, 2024. The Chief Guest of the meeting was Adv. Arvind Bhandral, Adv. Dalvinder Kumar Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat & Ashni Matoo. Welcoming new entrants into Party fold, the Sr. leaders said that the AAP has taken its birth to the service of common man, the workers, laborers, youths & exploited class of the society. They congratulated Delhi & Punjab people for their wisdom & foresightedness who voted Kejriwal to people, who has, because his visionary pro-people politics & programs, revolutionized & galvanized the Delhi UT & given a new

concept of governance in politics-i.e; "governance to serve & not to rule". They said that AAP is the only solution of all evils in the country in general & J&K in particular.

The meeting further lays stress for awareness among the masses about the policies & programmes of AAP being implemented in Delhi & Punjab and that the BJP once called Delhi Model as bunch of REWARIES, is now itself talking of various policies of freebies like "KISSAN NIDHI, LADLI BEHNA, Rs.450 per LGP cylinder, free Ration @ 5kg per family to 80 crores etc are the open instances as to how the poor people are being befooled and exploited timely for political gains at the time of elections. They further laid stress to aware the masses about the false promises made to the people in 2014 which never saw the light of the day and that the debt over the nation has swelled to three times high during last nine years.

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

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JAMMU, MAR 22

Department of Commerce, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu organises Rang Mahotsav to celebrate the Festival of Holi.

Prof. S.P. Saraswat, Principal, Padma Shri Padma Sachdev, GCW, Gandhi Nagar Jammu, graced the occasion. He recognized and applauded the efforts of Department of Commerce in organising the festival of colors.

The event, held in the lush green grounds of the college, attracted diverse crowd, comprising students and faculty members. In addition, Rang Mahotsav, a traditional color play, the festivities expanded to a delightful array of stalls offering a variety of mouthwatering delicacies, spicy chaats, sat-

isfying the taste buds of attendees. With an array of stalls, the showcasing traditional handicrafts and exquisite clothing is also involved in the festival. The event served as a platform for local entrepreneurs to showcase their talents and products, fostering a sense of community and promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

In a delightful display of unity and camaraderie, everyone joined in the traditional custom of playing with colors, spreading laughter and happiness throughout the campus. The vibrant atmosphere echoed with laughter, music and the spirit of togetherness. The event encapsulated the essence of Holi, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and the arrival of spring. It served as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage that the college community cherishes and celebrates.

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

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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 BJP leadership is rattled by the INDIA bloc which is a very strong alliance. This is not an alliance of seats it is a janbandhan (people's alliance)."

"It has become very clear from this step that the Congress Party is going to get the mandate in this election," Tony said, adding that the unity among INDIA bloc parties would increase going forward.

Hitting out at the BJP-led government, he said



they first arrested former Jharkhand chief minister and JMM leader Hemant Soren and have now arrested Kejriwal. They have also "let loose ED, CBI and Income Tax behind several other leaders", which shows the mindset of the BJP leadership, he said.

He said Kejriwal's arrest 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 and an attempt to derail us when we are getting the trust of the people. They want to divert attention from that," he alleged.

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

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JAMMU, MAR 22

Sham Lal Langer, Convenor of BJP Trade Cell, Jammu and Kashmir, today underscored the unwavering commitment of BJP to the development and progress 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 the BJP, recognizing it as the sole entity capable of

realizing their dreams. He reiterated the BJP's dedication to the principle of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas" (Together with All, Development for All), emphasizing the party's pledge to deliver development directly to the doorsteps of the masses. He remarked, "People have realized that only BJP can fulfill their dreams and aspirations," highlighting the trust reposed by the people in the party's vision for the region.

Furthermore, Langer emphasized the BJP's

unwavering resolve to safeguard national interests, contrasting it with the perceived opportunism of rival parties. He stated, "BJP is the only party which has the 'will and spine' to protect national interest," condemning the tendency of other parties to compromise principles for electoral gain. Langer underscored the BJP's commitment to providing a "healing touch" to the underprivileged and pledged to continue this legacy.

Drawing attention to the

transformative initiatives undertaken by the Central Government, particularly those concerning Jammu and Kashmir, Sham Langer outlined the remarkable achievements realized under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Notable accomplishments cited by him included the establishment of premier institutions such as AIIMS, IIT, and IIM, as well as infrastructural developments such as bridges, hydroelectric projects, and the expansion of Jammu Airport.

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

JINNEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MARCH 22

The Amar Singh College Authorities today clarified that recently tree auction was conducted by the Forest Development Corporation within the College premises and consequent upon that cutting of Willow/Robina and Poplar trees was done under due process of law.

The clarification was issued after the College Authorities faced severe criticism on the issue with several people expressing their concern regarding the felling of green avenue of college on social media. Due to this, the college administration came across lot of lapses and misinformation circulating on the social media regarding the issue.

Divulging the details, it was given out that during 2014 floods in Kashmir the institution remained immersed in water for a long duration of time. The deluge not only damaged the infrastructure but also weekend the trees severally. The trees started uprooting in minor

windstorms and causing damage to the surrounding structures and began to pose grave safety concern for the students, visitors and staff.

Several grievances regarding safety and health concerns were received by the college administration during this period and are well documented in the college records. These complaints underscored the urgent need for then administration to address the safety challenges posed by the poplar trees. The matter was taken up with Social Forestry Department in 2018-19 by then college authorities and the trees were numbered by the concerned department and put to auction by the J&K State Forest Corporation vide an Open Auction Notice No. 499-510/CGM/N/SFC/S, Dated: 29/05/2019.

This notice issued by General Manager North J&K Forest Corporation sought bids for the cutting of 202 poplar trees within the campus. The notice listed 15 locations for auction and Amar Singh Col-

lege figured as 10th location in said open auction bid list.

The bidding process was hampered due to lockdown and subsequent restrictions during Covid-19 Pandemic. With the postponement of the process, the aged and weakened trees within the Amar Singh College campus continued to pose grave safety threats. Over the last few years, the campus witnessed a number of instances where trees got uprooted, highlighting the persistent danger they posed to the safety and well-being of the college community.

The community members living in the vicinity of college complained a number of times about the potential threat caused by these aged trees and also represented their grievances before the district administration. The college also received the communication from Nodal officer Grievance cell under the reference no: DCS/SDM/GRIEV/19/1259-62, dated: 10-05-2019, asking the college administration to take cognizance

of a grievance on LG Grievance portal regarding the health-related problems caused by the pollen seeds from the poplars.

Also, there were specific instances with in the college where the big trees fell in the campus during wind storms, fortunately after office hours, which contained the extent of damage.

Typically, a poplar tree has a life span of around 50 years the poplars on the avenue had already crossed the 60 years as the trees were planted in 1965.

These factors forced the institution to take this extraordinary measure. However, it is pertinent to mention that the second line of plants had already been planted in time 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; indicative of imminent cutting of poplars on the avenue during the period they were put to auction by Forest Development Corporation in 2019.

"We deeply appreciate the concerns expressed by civil society regarding the campus. We want to reassure everyone that we are fully committed to creating a green, sustainable, and safe environment for our students. The safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and visitors are our top priorities" read the official statement.

Amar Singh College is renowned for its rich trees and plantations across its campus. Particularly, the area around the New Block to the Geology department consists of a rich diversity of trees and plants.

"In line with our commitment to increase green cover in campus we have already notified a massive plantation drive of 500 conifer and other trees in the month of April. The college is establishing a micro forest-clusters, within its campus to serve as vital "aeration lungs," contributing to improved air quality and environmental health on campus", the statement further read.

Since student safety is

of paramount importance, the difficult decision to remove these aged trees was made. This action not only safeguards the students, but also protects property around the campus.

It is imperative to emphasize that the Amar Singh College administration remains deeply committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and visitors. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of all stakeholders during this process.

"We are committed to preserve the legacy of Amar Singh College and substantial measures in that direction have been undertaken. The construction of a see-through gate is underway to offer public the unobstructed view of the heritage building, along with this enhancement we are integrating a modern state of the art fountain to augment aesthetic appeal of the institution to create a welcoming atmosphere for visitors", the statement also mentioned.

DEO Shopian holds interaction with representatives of Political Parties



JINNEWS 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 observed by polling parties as well as the contesting candidates.

Speaking on the occasion, DEO apprised rep-

representatives 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, DIO, Showkat Hussain, representatives of political parties and officers and officials of Election Department Shopian were present.

RTO Jammu conducts safety audit of school buses

JINNEWS 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 Public School.

The team was constituted by Regional Transport Officer Jammu, Pankaj Bhagotra; comprising of ARTO HQ, Rehana Tabasam along with M.V.Is Vikas Srivats; Surinder Kumar and Jagandeep Singh and M.V.T.A Taranjot Singh who conducted safety audit of more than 35 vehicles inside the premises of school which included thorough inspections of each bus, checking for compliance with safety regulations such as seat belts, emergency



exits, first aid kits, and overall maintenance of the vehicle. Also, more than 10 vehicles were inspected on road and at trial ground Nagrota.

The team conveyed to the school authorities about the deficiencies with regard to fitness of vehicles, other documents besides mandatory parameters pertaining to safety of school children in each vehicle and directed to rectify the deficiencies immediately and submit the compliance report within 10 days positively.

The safety audit comes

after recent concern over the safety of school buses in the region, prompting the RTO to take proactive measures to address any potential risks.

Earlier a circular regarding safety of school children in school buses was also issued by RTO Jammu with the direction to implement the same in letter and spirit. This surprise inspection was also conducted to check whether the school authorities have implemented the circular instructions or not. Similar drives have also been conducted by Assistant

Regional Transport Officers in various districts of Jammu Division to ensure the safety of school children in every nook and corner of the province.

Transport department has again appealed to all school authorities to ensure strict implementation of all safety parameters issued by the department to promote safety of school children. Any deviation or non-serious approach on part of school authorities will be dealt seriously which may lead to seizure of school buses also.

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

JINNEWS SERVICE
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 connectivity to its tech-savvy consumers. He also invited consumers to come and experience Samsung's latest AI innovations across its product portfolio, from televisions and digital appliances to smartphones.

"AI will enable connected technologies to improve people's daily lives while always remaining non-intrusive and in the background. With our model of open collabora-



tion, we want to bring AI and hyper-connectivity to all our consumers. India is the next big playground for AI and our flagship Samsung BKC store is an embodiment of our 'AI for All' vision and will showcase 'One Samsung'. At the various zones of the store, consumers can see our AI vision in reality and experience how smarter, better experiences will redefine how we live," said Jong-Hee (JH) Han, Vice Chairman, CEO and Head of the Device eXperience (DX) Division at Samsung

Electronics.

Earlier this year, Han unveiled Samsung's 'AI for All' vision at CES, showcasing how AI will enable people to experience their devices more intuitively and conveniently than ever before. As part of its 'AI for All' vision, Samsung January unveiled GalaxyAI in its new Galaxy S24 smart phone series. Han said India is one of the biggest and fastest-growing markets globally and offers a huge opportunity for Samsung.

"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 consumers can experience 'One Samsung'. This entails Samsung's latest AI innovations and how it powers the Company's connected devices ecosystem. The Company has been in India for over 28years, having begun operations here in 1995. Samsung continues to be deeply committed to India with two state-of-the-art manufacturing plants, 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

JINNEWS 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.

The DEO discussed various guidelines set by the Election Commission of India for smooth and transparent conduct of the electoral process for forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

At the outset, the DEO Srinagar briefed the participants about the enforcement of the Model Code of conduct, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee(MCMC) and Expenditure Monitoring mechanism.

He underscored the importance of various activities to be taken by Political parties during



the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 as per the directions of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The DEO urged the Political parties to cooperate with the District Administration to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections in Srinagar District.

He emphasized the need for strict adherence to different ECI guidelines including Model Code of Conduct, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee(MCMC) and Expenditure Monitoring mechanism by the contesting political parties to uphold

democratic values during the election process.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner Sales Taxes Department, Ilyas Ahmad, who is designated Nodal Officer for Model Code of Conduct (MCC), informed the participants about the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) which has been put into place.

Highlighting the Do's and Dont's of the MCC, he urged them to follow the rules and strict adherence to ethical campaigning practices as per laid guidelines of ECI under Model Code of Conduct.

Similarly, Deputy Director Information, Ahsan-ul-Haq Chisti, who is designated Nodal Officer, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee(MCMC) spoke about various aspects of the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC).

He stressed the Politi-

cally Party representatives to obtain pre-certification of their Political Advertisements before being telecast/ broadcast on TV and Cable networks/ Cable channels, Advertisements to be displayed in the Cinema halls, Radio including FM channels, audio visual displays in public places, Advertisements in Newspapers, use of bulk SMS/recorded voice messages and Advertisements on Social media and Internet websites.

He informed the representatives of 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 Officer, Javid Maqbool Khanday, who is designated Nodal Officer for Election Expenditure Moni-

toring, underlined the significance of the financial transparency in Election campaigns.

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

Besides, representative of different Political 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 Election Officer, Mir Imtiaz Ul Aziz, Other AROs, and other concerned officers.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 First randomization of EVMs held at Jammu



JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 22

In view of upcoming parliamentary elections, the first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) was conducted today at the District Headquarters here for 11 Assembly Constituencies of Jammu district.

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

handled by District Informatics Officer, Sanjeev Kapoor.

The event was marked by the presence of representatives from political parties, who observed the process alongside Assistant Returning Officers. 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 Units and 39% of VVPATs as a precaution. With 1488 polling stations ready, the district is well-prepared for a seamless vote.

National College of Education celebrated World Water Day

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.