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Anti-Terror operation enters day 3, forces deploy unmanned aerial vehicle to track terrorists JI NEWKS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

In a relentless effort to track down terrorists, who have taken refuge in the Dudu Basangarh forests, the search operation by security forces is underway for the third consecutive day in J-K's Udhampur.

Security forces are using an unmanned aerial vehicle to track down the terrorists, who are hiding, taking cover of thick vegetation.

ADGP Jammu Anand Jain, accompanied by senior officers from the CRPF and Indian Army also arrived at the scene to oversee and monitor the search operation firsthand.

The focus remains on tracing two groups of terrorists, comprising a total of six to seven individuals, as reported by the Jammu & Kashmir Police.

FIR Registered in Kashmir over "Doctored" video of Amit Shah

AGENCIES SRINAGAR, APR 30

Jammu and Kashmir police has registered an FIR in connection with an alleged doctored video of Union Home Minister Amit Shah

A police complaint was filed by BJP leader Altaf Thakur against a social media user for uploading the video of Home Minister.

"This is to inform you one mischievous person under the name of Illyas Mir Magami @ Magamiillyas has uploaded a dubbed and fake video of Shri Amit Shah where in it is stated that Centre is going to remove the reservation of SC and ST people in J&K, which is totally baseless and far CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Govt proposes new explosives law, to repeal old act

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, APR 30

The government is planning to replace the existing Explosives Act of 1884 with a new law to further promote ease of doing business in the

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has sought views on the proposed draft Explosives Bill 2024.

Explosives include gunpowder, nitroglycerine, nitroglycol, di-nitro-toluene, and picric acid. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

the past nine years.

Land sinking in Ramban

In a community hall, homeless families of Pernote village share tales of horror, grief

RAMBAN, APR 30

A man puts his entire savings of life to built a house which for the person and his family becomes a dream house, even if it consists of only one room, but these dreams have been shattered here in the community hall at Maitra area of Ramban district where dozens of families from Pernote village are living a life in 'exile'.

Though the exile is not man made or forced by any cruel power on the earth but natural as their continuous sinking.



entire village is diminishing in this community hall ing of land. The administratory 500 souls. ing from the earth due to with no hope of return- tration and locals are still old to young, women to pletely or partially due to the area which was home storey houses, men, everybody is stay- the unprecedented sink- to 74 families with over

Talking to news agency, ing to their homes, which surprised and clueless as Shamasdin Katoch, a From rich to poor, from have got damaged com- to what has happened to victim whose two three-

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I won't allow religion-based reservation as long as I alive: PM

TELANGANA, APR 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday assured that 'I won't allow religion-based reservation as long as I am alive".

Addressing a massive poll rally at Zaheerabad in the district in support of BIP candidates for Zaheerabad BB Patel and Medak Raghunandan Rao . Modi said instead of worrying about SC, ST, and OBC, them of their reservation. They made a laboratory of appeasement, removing the reservation rights to Muslims.

Dr. Baba Saheb's sentiments, he said, the Conthis, Modi question?

Congress started robbing gress party activated their

"In Telangana, people of the Lingayat and Maratha community have 26 castes who are demanding to be included in the BC, but the

dirty tricks, spreading fake videos over reservation rows across the country. Telangana Congress

of OBCs and giving them and the Chief Minister (A Congress does not want Revanth Reddy) himself to include the Lingayat, This unconstitutional are implicated (fake video) Maratha, and 26 castes act, reservation based in this. Can we expect into the BC list, but they on religion, goes against people holding constitu- included Muslims in the tional posts to behave like BC list overnight," said

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Ramban land subsidence

CS reviews relief, restoration measures

JAMMU, APR 30

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday convened a high level meeting to review the measures initiated for relief and rehabilitation in the area affected by the recent land subsidence in Ramban district.

The meeting, among others, was attended by ACS Jal Shakti, Principal Secretary Home, Principal Secretary PDD, ADGP tary Health, Deputy Com- in person and virtually.



L&O, Divisional Commis- missioner Ramban, MD sioner Secretary FCS&CA, R&B Jammu (South) and

sioner Jammu, Commis- KPDCL, Chief Engineer enquired from the divi- for the affected populasional and district admin-tion. He asked about the Secretary Revenue, Secre- other concerned officers istrations about the relief status of transit and restoration measures

The Chief Secretary being carried out by them

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Three-day wet spell ends, MeT predicts dry weather till May 05

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APR 30

The flood threat that was looming across Kashmir following the three-day incessant rainfall has come to an end as the weather conditions improved on Tuesday, bringing respite to the people, who were apprehensive of the deluge again after the gap of ten years in Jammu and Kashmir.

However, the threat that loomed large for the past precautionary measure continued to remain cut few days also prompted the divisional administration to order a day-long school closure and sus-



in order to prevent any off as the major roads and untoward incident.

Though the weather conditions improved in lar movement for pension of class-work as Kashmir today, the Valley

highways continued to remain closed for vehicu-

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ECI reschedules polls for Anantnag-Rajouri seat, voting now on May 25

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APR 30

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday rescheduled the parliamentary elections for Anantnag-Rajouri seat and has announced that the constituency will go for polls on May 25, 2024 instead of May 07, 2024.

According to the statement issued by the ECI, a copy of which lies with the news agency, Sanjeev March, 2024. Kumar Prasad, Secretary



ECI, has stated that the fication for 3rd Phase & Kashmir for shifting the Election Commission of was issued on 12th April, India had announced the 2024 and the Poll Day was schedule for General Elec-scheduled on 7th May, Parliamentary Constitution to the Lok Sabha vide 2024. Various representaits Press Note dated 16th tions have been received

from different political "Accordingly, the noti- parties of the UT of Jammu date of poll of election from 3-Anantnag-Rajouri ency (PC) of Jammu

Phase 1 turnout at 66.14%, phase 2 66.71%: EC

JI NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APR 30

A voter turnout of 66.14 to vote. The turnout for per cent was recorded in registered third-gender held in 88 constituencies. phase one and 66.71 per voters stood at 31.32 per cent in phase two of the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission said on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the Congress, CPI-M and TMC questioned the EC over the final voter turnout figures for the first two phases of the Lok Sabha polls, 11 days after the first round of polling on April

Officially sharing the

the elections, 66.22 per cent. cent of male and 66.07 female electors turned up

stood at 69.43 per cent. elections held on April the delay in announcing out was recorded at 66.99 per cent, while the female turnout stood at 66.42 per per cent of the registered third-gender voters came out to vote.

went to poll, while in mir, Uttarakhand, Kerala phase two elections were and West Bengal.

In the second phase of ed a higher turnout of count. women voters. These Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagacent. As many as 23.86 land, Puducherry, Tamil West Bengal.

In the second phase panel said in phase one of turnout was 69.64 per a higher women voter noted.

turnout. These are Assam, In phase one, 102 seats Bihar, Jammu and Kash-

The EC made it clear According to the poll that the final turnout will panel, out of 21 states only be available post-In the 2019 polls, the and union territories counting with the countturnout in the first phase which went to polls in ing of postal ballots and its the first phase, 11 record- addition to the total vote

Postal ballots include 26, the male voter turn- are Arunachal Pradesh, postal ballots given to service voters, absentee voters – those above 85 years of age, persons with disabilities, those Nadu, Uttarakhand and on essential services and voters on election duty.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha where 13 states and UTs postal ballots received are turnout figure, the poll polls in phase two, the went to poll, six registered given to all candidates, it

Daily accounts of such

POCSO charges among 20 cases against Independent candidate from Anantnag-Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APR 30

20 cases, including one ritory. under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, reg-

This is the maximum Pulwama district.

from the constituency. According to the affi-

davit filed by Sheikh Imran Sheikh, an Inde- along with his nominapendent candidate from tion papers, the cases are Jammu and Kashmir's registered in nine differ-Sabha constituency, has districts of the union ter-

The first criminal case istered against him over was registered in 2015 in commit suicide and any the intention of protecting Pampore police station of

number of cases against One of the criminal Indian Penal Code (IPC). (theft in dwelling any of the 20 contestants cases filed last year against

Anantnag-Rajouri Lok ent police stations in five mitting sexual harass- tional charges, including ment upon a child) of the POCSO Act.

Most of the cases regis-

the 37-year-old candidate tered against Sheikh are include charges under sec- under section 420 (cheattion 11 (enticing a child for ing and dishonestly inducpornographic purposes or ing delivery of property) giving gratification there of the IPC but several of for) and section 12 (com- these cases have addiunder section 201 (hiding or destroying evidence Sheikh has also been of a crime, knowing or against Sheikh, who hails booked in 2022 under believing that the offense from Anantnag district, section 309 (attempt to has been committed, with act towards the commis- the offender from punishsion of such offence) of the ment) and section 380

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In Srinagar, Jhelum crosses danger mark

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APR 30

Even as rain has stopped in Kashmir, the water level in the Jhelum crossed the "flood declaration" mark in Srinagar on Tuesday morning.

The rains stopped across the valley at around midnight.

According to the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, the Srinagar this morning at announcing a flood alert, at Pampore in Pulwama are expecting the at Ram Munshi Bagh in district.



"Fortunately the water water level of the Jhelum around 8 am. The water level at Sangam in south touched the 18-foot mark level of the Jhelum also Kashmir's Anantnag has , the designated level for crossed the flood mark started receding and we

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Secy DLSA inspects facilities for inmates Degree College Bemina, ICAI organize at Palash, Phulwari, OSCs in Ramban

RAMBAN, APRIL 30

As per NALSA's annual calendar of activities for the month of April, 2024 and on the directions of Chairman, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ramban, Ranbir Singh Jasrotia, Secretary, DLSA, Anjana Rajput today visited One Stop Centre (OSC), PALASH, Children home for Boys, and Phulwari, Children Home for Girls under Mission Vatsalya.

bers of the Juvenile Justice provisions and standards Board, Shah Nawaz and Anjum Shafi, Case workers and educators of the asked the stakeholders to everyone was made aware one stop centers, Monika initiate measures to pro- about the availability of Devi and PLVs of district vide best facilities to the the National Helpline Ramban were also present children residing in these number 181 for women,

The main aim of the inspection was to assess it was revealed that the in distress and NALSA the functioning of the OSCs have provided a Helpline number 15100, OSCs and to review facili- range of services and facil- which also offers assisties provided to children ities to multiple persons in tance to women in need.



was also reviewed.

The Secretary DLSA

Superintendent of residing in the help centhe past few months. The PALASH Saleem, Mem- ters. Compliance to legal services include counselling, legal aid, medical assistance, self-help, etc.

> In addition to this, which provides round the During the inspection, clock support to women

one-day 'CMA Super 50' Convention

SRINAGAR, APRIL 30

Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial (AAAM) Degree College Bemina Srinagar, in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India "CMA Super 50" Convention,

The event was presided over by Prof. Yasmeen Ashai, Director Colleges, J&K who served as the Chief

In her address, Prof.

Ashai emphasized the crucial role of skill acquisition in navigating today's competitive job market and improving employability and career prospects. She also highlighted the substantial funds dedicated to fostering academic excellence and innovation in the Higher Education Department of Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Simnani, Principal AAAM Degree College Bemina Srinagar chapter CMA and guished guests.

commitment of going Kashmir, shed light on the beyond traditional academic pressing issue of the scarcity curriculum to provide stu- of cost accountants in Kashdents with opportunities for mir compared to the rest of personal and professional the country. development.

Dr. Aabida Akhtar, Head (ICAI), organized a one day of the Department of Comdiverse nature of the department's courses and its sigvibrant community of students, scholars, and alumni nationally and internation-

> Bibhuti Bushan Naik, Vice President, Institute of Cost Accountants of India, reaffirmed his commitment to empowering Kashmiri students with access to quality education and skill development opportunities through various certificate courses

emphasized the college's the first cost accountant of

The primary aim of the program was to offer a transformative opportunity merce, highlighted the to female students by granting them free admission to the CMA course. Additionnificant impact, noting the ally, male students were supported with a significant 75% fee waiver for the same serving in various capacities course, aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge in taxation.

The event also included

the felicitation of meritorious students who had completed their CMA, as well as those who had brought laurels to the college in various events. Notable attendees included Central Council Member CMA M.K. Anand, tailored to meet job require- Secretary NIRC, CMA Santosh Pant, Chairman NIRC Additionally, Bashir S.M Mittal, faculty members, Ahmad Masoodi, Chairman students, and other distin-

Vaccination camp held for Hajj pilgrims of Doda



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, APRIL 30

The immunization and vaccination camp for Hajj-2024 Pilgrims was held today here in OPD Block of Government Mediother places.

istration were present on the occasion.

The DC took stock of the vaccination process and inspected the arrangements put in place to facilitate the Pilgrims of the district.

The Deputy Commissioner expressed satisfaccal College here and two tion over the vaccination program for Hajj pilgrims Deputy Commissioner, and extended his best Harvinder Singh along wishes to them for their with Chief Medical Offi- pilgrimage. As many as cer Dr. Om Kumar, District 63 people of the district Immunization Officer Dr. Doda have been selected Varsha Sharna, Medical for Hajj 2024 and were Superintendent Dr. Tan- vaccinated at different veer and other Senior vaccination counters officers of District Admin- designated at GMC Doda, SDH Bhaderwah and SDH Gandoh.

GDC Pulwama observes 'International Day of Immunology-2024'

JI NEWS SERVICE

PULWAMA, APRIL 30

of Indian Immunology emphasized on the criti- healthcare. Society today celebrat- cal role that immunology of Immunology 2024' on the theme 'Immu- guarding public health. nity Through the Ages: Navigating the Science (Division of Basic Sciof Aging and Immunolcampus, here.

Haris Izhar attended the Khalid gave a detailed event as patron.

a detailed introduction tive session in which Dr. interactive session. about the International Khalid answered student 2024 and contribution of importance of gut micro- host institution Immunologists worldwide biome in ageing. in developing life-saving that transform the land- sity of Kashmir) delivered Biochemistry). scape of modern media a lecture on 'Immunodicine.

ing pathogens and safe-

Dr. Khalid Hussain

Prof. Irfana, Vice- which was followed by cal Biochemistry was the Principal (Govt. Degree an interactive session in rapporteur of the event. College Pulwama, J&K) which students put forth The Department of Bio- formally welcomed the their queries pertaining day was an interactive technology, Government resource persons of the to various immunologi-Degree College (GDC) event. In her welcome cal diagnostic techniques Shah Ubaidullah of the Pulwama under the aegis address, Prof. Irfana and their importance in

Dr. Khalid and Dr. ed 'International Day plays in combating emerg- Manzoor Ahmad Mir were felicitated by the Vice-principal of the host Institution.

Third lecture was delivences, SKUAST-K J&K ered by Dr. Ishraq Hussain ogy', at the Conference India) delivered a lecture (Professor, Division of Bio-Hall within the college on 'Role of gut microbi- chemistry, SKUAST-K, J&K ome on immunity during India). He deliberated on Principal, Prof. (Dr.) aging'. In his lecture, Dr. the topic 'Immunosenescence'. Dr. Ishraq began account on the role of gut his talk with a discussion Dr. Niyaz Ahamd microbiome in health and on various factors lead-Naikoo, Organizing Sec- disease. The lecture was ing to immunosenescence retary of the event gave followed by an interac- which was followed by an

Dr. Ishraq was felici-Day of Immunology queries regarding the tated by Principal of the cates and cash prizes.

Earlier, the proceed-Dr. Manzoor Ahmad ings of the day were startvaccines, and pioneering Mir (Head, Department ed by Dr. Iqra Hameed groundbreaking therapies of Bioresources, Univer- (Lecturer, Department of with a vote of thanks by

The final session of the

quiz on Immunology. Dr. department of Biotechnology moderated the quiz. Six teams from various institutes of J&K participated in the quiz competition and team from Govt. Degree College Pulwama was adjudged with rank 1st, Govt. Degree College Shopian adjudged with rank 2nd and Islamia College of Science and Commerce adjudged with

The other teams stood as runner ups. All participating teams were felicitated by the Patron of the host Institute Prof. (Dr.) Haris Izhar with certifi-

rank 3rd.

Certificates were also distributed among the registered participants.

The event concluded Dr. Shah Ubaidullah fol-Dr. Qudsia Rashid, from lowed by refreshment to agnostics in Healthcare' the Department of Clini- all the participants.

Lok Sabha Elections-2024: SVEEP programme held for young voters at GDC, GHSS Doongi

JI NEWS SERVICE

RAJOURI, APRIL 30

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme was organized today here at Government Degree College (GDC) Doongi and Government Higher Secondary School (GHSS) Doongi to encourage young voters to actively participate in elections.

Hosted under the guidance of District Election Officer, Om Parkash Bhagat and Nodal officer SVEEP Prof. Mohammad Iqbal Raina, the programme commenced with welcome address by Dr. Jaipal Singh, Principal

Dr. Khalid Reyaz and Prof. Iqbal Ahmed Raina, Nodal Officer for SVEEP, addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of voter registration ing the future of nation by faculty members and and informed the young and encouraged them students of GDC Doongi voters about various to actively participate and GHSS Doongi.



The speakers emphasized sion's website. the role of youth in shap-

aspects of electoral pro- in upcoming elections. cess. The students were The students were also sensitised about the signif- informed about the online icance of exercising their voter registration facility democratic rights and and were guided on how need to make informed to register as voters using decisions while voting. the Electoral Commis-

The event was attended

JKTPO organises workshop on ODOP promotion at Doda JI NEWS SERVICE

DODA, APRIL 30

The Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPO), in furtherance to its efforts to promote ODOP (One District One Product) and enhance the export potential of same, today organized a workshop for the stakeholders here in the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner's office.

Deputy Commissioner, Harvinder Singh, along with JKTPO representatives Jeeten Kumar, Suchant Sharma, CPO Doda, Manish Sharma, CAO, Anil Gupta, other officers and farmers attended the

The event was part of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP), aimed at obtaining organic certification for Rajmah and lavender, the key ODOP products of the Doda district.

The JKTPO, under the guidance of Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce department, and following the directions of Chief Secretary of J&K, is actively working to build capacity, generate awareness about various interventions, and create forward linkages to fetch better remuneration for farmers, entrepreneurs, and

3 days' painting exhibition DLSA Samba organises sensitization programme begins at Kala Kendra



JAMMU, APRIL 30

Culture and Tribal Affair, boost cultural institu- the J&K Art Fest. Suresh Kumar Gupta, at tions, applauding the Kala Kendra in presence relentless efforts of the Dean of ITM Gwalior and of distinguished artists Kala Kendra Society in this special guest at the event,

casing 60 paintings by was to provide a plat- porary artistic expresfive artists namely Arnavi form for emerging artists sion. Sharma, Shruti Sharma, to showcase their works University of Jammu.

The Principal Secretary of artwork displayed by admired the exhibited art- IMFA students, showcasworks, appreciating their ing the vibrant art scene Three days' painting exhirich portrayal of human of Jammu and Kashmir. bition began today with emotions and experienc- He announced an upcomits formal inauguration es. He highlighted various ing collaboration between by Principal Secretary, initiatives being made to IMFA and Kala Kendra for

Mohinder Singh Boani, regard. Dr. Javaid Rahi, provided insights into the Organized by the Kala Secretary Kala Kendra exhibited works in terms Kendra Society, Jammu, Society, stated that the of Modern Art, enriching the exhibition is show- objective of this event the discourse on contem-

Later, a catalog of Insha Sharma, Pariyanka in the professional gal-modern art paintings, pre-Choudhary and Reetika leries. Professor Shohab pared by Milan Sharma, Rani, from the Painting Inayat Malik, Principal Head of the Painting department of Institute of Music and Department at IMFA, was of Music and Fine Arts, Fine Arts, Jammu, com-released by the Principal mended the high caliber Secretary.

on NALSA Scheme-2018, J&K Victim Compensation Scheme - 2019 for police officers, Legal Aid Counsels



Under the able aegis of JK Legal Services Authority and as per the Action Plan issued by J&K Legal Services Authority, guest of the program. (JKLSA) for the month

Scheme of 2019 for the of DLSA Samba so that Samba presented a Counsels of DLSA Samba. a time bound manner.

The Chairman District Legal Services Authority Samba was the Chief

In his Special address, of April, 2024 and also the Chief Guest stressed under the insightful upon as to how the rehadirections and supervibilitation of the Victims of Chairman, District is must. He also discussed Legal Services Authority the role of Police Officers Samba, (also Pr. District in providing initial sup-& Sessions Judge Samba), port to the victims of District Legal Services crime for getting Com-Authority, Samba on pensation under these on "NALSA (Compensa- the Police Stations contion for Women Vic- cerned must make it mantims/survivors of Sexual datory to share the copy chal presented Vote of efitted from the program Assault and other Crimes) of FIR in all the Offences thanks on the occasion and wished for more such Scheme,"2018 and J&K covered under the above whereas Dr. Surinder program to be held in

Superintendent of Police, in his address, explained how the Criminal Justice System has got shifted witnessed by SDPOs, from the concept of penology to victimology Post and Probationary and he also assured that Sub-Inspector(PSIs) Offision of Adnan Sayeed, the Sexual Assault Crime these Schemes will be cers of LADCs Samba, implemented in District Legal Aid Counsels, Staff Samba in its true spirit.

Advocate District Court also mae between the the Resource Person who pants so as to clear the Tuesday organized a Schemes. He urged that delved into the depths doubts of participants. Sensitization Programme all the SDPOs and SHOs of the provisions of both the All the participants schemes.

Victim Compensation said Schemes to the office Choudhary, Addl. SP, future.

Police functionaries of Victims of these crimes formal welcome address. the District and Legal Aid can get compensation in The proceedings of programme were conducted Vinay Kumar, Senior by Tania Pargal, Advocate District Legal Services Authority, Samba.

> The programme was SHOs, Incharge Police and PLVs of DLSA Samba. Rahul Singh Sambyal, A healthy interaction was Complex, Samba, was speakers and the particiexpressed immense sat-Ms. Rekha Kapoor Nis- isfaction and being ben-

artisans. **Area Development** Officer accorded warm farewell

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA APRIL 30

Department of Agriculture, Doda accorded a grand farewell to Neeraj Sharma, Area Development Officer on his retirement today.

Neeraj Sharma began his journey with the department in 1988 and steadily climbed the ranks, holding various roles from Junior Agriculture Extension Officer to District Agriculture Officer. His commitment and dedication to the field of agriculture in Doda is evident throughout his career, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

On the occasion, speakers highlighted his significant contributions and numerous achievements. They praised his unwavering work ethic and passion for agriculture, acknowledging how his leadership and guidance had benefited the department and the farmers of Doda.

Director JKEDI chairs weekly review meet, assesses progress made under repayments, recovery of loans

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30

Director Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), Rajinder Kumar Sharma today chaired a weekly review meeting at Bari Brahmana campus here to assess the progress made under repay-

The meeting was attended by all District Nodal officers (DNOs) of JKEDI and in-charge officers of concerned sections through virtual mode

employment schemes.



cessful entrepreneurial growth.

The Director took a endeavours. He also highfrom across the UT of J&K. thorough analysis of lighted the critical role of During the meeting, recovery data, high-teamwork in realizing the the Director exhorted lighting the progress institute's commitment upon DNOs to put in extra achieved in all districts towards providing effecefforts to meet set targets of J&K. He stressed on tive guidance and mentorin stipulated time. He also the importance of col-ship. The holistic review instructed the officers to laborative spirit among of the recovery and repayincrease the outreach to JKEDI employees to meet ment status underscores foster entrepreneurial and exceed the expecta- the institute's dedication ecosystem in line with tions set forth in guiding to transparency, accountvision and mission of the the youth towards suc- ability and sustainable

Advisor Bhatnagar reviews progress of major health projects

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30

Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of ongoing major health projects across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Secretary progress of various proj-Secretary Health and Syed Abid Rasheed; works within the specified Mission Director NHM, timelines so that the proj-Nazim Zai Khan; Director General Codes, Fayaz for public use. Ahmad Lone; Director

During the meet-



project executing agencies ects can be fully functional

The Advisor further tigious projects.

comprehensive details the execution of these ity while executing these from the respective proj- public-worthy projects to projects.

meet the evolving health-While reviewing the care needs of the local populace. He highlighted PWD, Bhupendra Kumar; ects, the Advisor urged the the need for concerted efforts from all stakehold-Medical Education, Dr. to complete all ongoing ers to overcome obstacles and ensure the successful realization of these crucial health projects for the general public's good.

Similarly, the Advisor General Budget, M.Y. Ittoo; directed the concerned sought updates on other Engineer-in-Chief, Tanvir officers to work in projects and instructed Mir; Chief Engineer R&B tandem and coordination the officers to chart out Jammu/Kashmir; Director to ensure that problems a coherent path forward Health Services Jammu/ and issues are promptly to ensure the timely and Kashmir; senior officers resolved for the timely seamless completion of of JKPCC; and other con- completion of these pres- these health projects. He asked them to accelerate Addressing the officers, the implementation pace, ing, Advisor Bhatnagar Advisor Bhatnagar empha- optimize resource allocaassessed each major ongo-sized the paramount tion, and uphold transing project and sought importance of expediting parency and accountabil-

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

DEO Shopian reviews arrangements for Home Voting & Postal Voting



JI NEWS SERVICE SHOPIAN, APRIL 30

The District Election Officer, Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb today reviewed officers and Magistrates conduct of Home Voting arrangements. and Postal Voting process in the Zainpora Assembly

voters shall exercise their duct of elections. franchise at their homes

17 polling parties have been made to ensure facilitating old aged, spearrangements with Nodal home voting under cially-abled persons and proper protocol, security, employees to cast their for hassle free and smooth magisterial and observer

Nodal Officer, Home respectively. Voting and Postal Ballots Constituency of the Anant- intimated the meeting presence of Booth level nag-Rajouri Parliamentary regarding the process of agents of political parties Constituency in a meeting home and postal voting. for overseeing the election He also informed that all It was intimated that logistical and manpower

The postal voting centre other concerned.

has been established at Mini Secretariat, where 306 electors shall cast their vote from May 01-03.

DEO reviewed security, transport and magisterial arrangements, and instructed concerned citizens to ensure effective coordination for the smooth and successful conduct of postal and home voting.

In order to make the in 48 locations in the AC- ongoing election process Zainapora, the voting of more inclusive, home which shall be held from voting and postal voting has been effectively planned in the district for vote at ease at their homes and facilitation centres

> DEO also instructed the process.

The meeting was 225 voters, mostly old arrangements have been attended by ADC Shopian, aged and specially-abled made for seamless con- AROs, concerned Nodal Officers, Magistrates and

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

General, Police, Expenditure Observers for Srinagar PC hold interaction with contesting candidates

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APRIL 30

In order to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of General Lok Sabha Elections in O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (PC), the General Observer for the Constituency, Mukul Kumar along with Police Observer, Sandeep Singh Chauhan and Expenditure Observer, Sambit Mishra Tuesday held a joint meeting cum interaction with the Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here.

Returning Officer (RO) ry Constituency, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat was present in the meeting.

SSP PCR, Showkat Hussain; SP Security, Kashmir, Sheikh Faisal; Nodal Officer Permissions, Zahoor candidates voiced their Ahmad Mir; Nodal Officer MCC, Dr. Ilyas Ahmad; Nodal Officer for MCMC, Ahsan Ul Haq Chishti; Nodal Officer, Expenditure, Javaid Maqbool and sive interaction with the Code of Conduct and



Srinagar Lok Sabha Seat and their representatives, contesting candidates for and discussed threadbare various vital aspects and their representatives related to the conduct of Lok Sabha elections in the Constituency.

Discussions were also 02-Srinagar Parliamenta- held regarding enforcement of Model Code of Conduct, maintenance of expenses by the candidates during election.

The candidates and representatives of various concerns and sought clarifications on various issues and the same were clarified during the interactive session.

On the occasion, the other concerned officers General Observer stressed were also present in the upon the candidates to Observers held an extent to provisions of Model

contesting candidates for other guidelines of Election Commission of India to ensure smooth, fair and transparent conduct of the briefed the Observers polling on Srinagar Lok about implementation of Sabha Seat. He also urged the Model Code of Conthem to uphold the sanctity of the election process and Monitoring Commitduring the election cam- tee, Expenditure Monipaign and safeguard the toring mechanism and democratic spirit.

> candidates about maintenance of expenditure regabout opening a separate bank account for various election related expenses.

He further said that a limit has been fixed for all expenses such as posters, banners, vehicles, prints firming their collaboraand electronic advertise- tion to ensure a smooth ments, public meetings, and successful conduct of meeting. At the outset, the ensure strict adherence tents and all such expenses made by the candidates under permissible limits of Constituency.

which a record is to be maintained during the election process.

The Police Observer also sought cooperation of the contesting candidates in ensuring hassle free election campaigning in the Constituency. Earlier, the Returning

Officer O2-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency duct, Media Certification other aspects of electoral The Expenditure process to monitor any Observer explained to the violations throughout the constituency. He also elaborated on the process isters and informed them simplified with regard to granting of permissions for election campaigning/ rallies being carried out by the contesting candidates.

The meeting concluded with stakeholders reafthe upcoming elections in **02-Srinagar Parliamentary**

LS Elections-2024 2 more candidates file **Nomination** Papers for Baramulla PC

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, APRIL 30

To contest the General Lok Sabha Elections-2024 from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency (PC), two more candidates filed their nomination papers today at the office of the Returning Officer (RO), Minga Sherpa, here today.

Muzaffar Hussain Dar, an independent candidate from HMT Srinagar and Hilal Ahmad Wagay, an independent candidate from Hajin Sonawari filed their nomination papers before the RO for 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency. A total of 4 candidates have so far filed their nomination papers till 30th April to contest election from 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency. The last day for filing of nomination papers in PC is May 03, 2024 up to 03:00 PM.

DC Sgr conducts night tour of city

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APRIL 30

In order to take first hand assessment of the situation which has arisen due to incessant rainfall, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, on Monday late night undertook a whirlwind tour of various areas of Srinagar City to inspect the measures taken in the prevailing

weather situation to pre-

vent flood like situation in

accompanied by SDM East, SDM West, Senior departments.

Authority (DDMA), vis- them timely assistance. ited different areas of the pora Humhama, Mehjoor spots, besides taking mea- any flood like situation.



Nagar, Jawahar Nagar, sures for water logging Kursoo Rajbagh, Zero of inundated low lying bridge and other adjoin- areas. The DC asked the ing areas to take stock of concerned to ensure that Besides, Additional the preventive measures all dewatering and pump-Deputy Commissioner undertaken to ensure ing stations are operation-Syed Ahmad Kataria and effective flood manage- al particularly at essential Additional Deputy Com- ment system. He also installations including missioner Dr Khalid Hus- inspected I&FC Control hospitals, Power stations, sain Malik, the DC was Room, Ram Munshibagh. Ration stores, besides in

passed several directions and bylanes. Officers from Irrigation & to the concerned Officers Flood Control, R&B, SMC, for immediate compli- DC was informed that PDD, UEED and other ance with regard to the sufficient number of The DC, who is also avoiding any flood like kept reserved to deal the Chairman District situation and reaching out with any exigent situa-Disaster Management to the public to provide tion in the district. He

City including Jehangir directed to put in place being laid at vulnerable Chowk, Residency road, all requisite men and spots as a preventive TRC, Rambagh, Hyder- machinery at vulnerable measure to deal with

During the tour, the DC inner habitations, lanes

On the occasion, the measures to be taken for sand bags have been was also informed that The Officers were also these sand bags are

Kupwara admin refutes fake news uploaded by some news channels, portals

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, APRIL 30

District Administration uploaded by some news in Kupwara district, channels and a newspaper portal today.

Com, today mentioned in their headlines "5 in landslides and flash uploaded or published, J&K", which is totally baseless.

sioner Kupwara, Ayushi doing so.

Sudan, said that the headlines run by both the news channels are fake, fabricated and Kupwara today refuted misleading as there is the fake news reports no flood related deaths Issuing a strong

rebuttal of the fake The online portals news, DC said that no of 'The WEEK' news flood related deaths magazine and NDTV. have occurred in Kupwara district. It is expected that

killed, several injured before any news is floods in Kupwara of facts should be verified.

However, the online Portal of said news In a statement issued magazine and news today, Deputy Commis- channel have failed in

NORTHERN RAILWAY Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

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vww.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to							

lectronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate form certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25

WTAT inspects Water Testing Lab at DODA



JI NEWS SERVICE DODA APRIL 30

Water Testing Assessment Team (WTAT), led by cer explained that the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. team is responsible for Om Kumar visited Water identifying all sources Testing Lab here to evalu- of drinking water within ate the quality of drinking the municipal jurisdicwater and identify potentions of Doda, Bhadertial contaminants or haz-

ing process and engaged from designated sites

with the lab's staff to ensure compliance with

The Chief Medical Offiwah and Thathri. This includes public taps, During their visit, the bore wells, reservoirs, CMO and his team closely and private wells. The monitored the water test- team will collect samples

established protocols.

and maintain a detailed chain of custody to ensure proper recordkeeping and compliance with regulatory standards. Comprehensive testing will be conducted to identify any potential health risks.

The team conducting the water quality assessment included Jag Mohan (Assistant Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti), Umar Anayat (Epidemiologist), Sanjeev Rana (In-Charge Legal) and Shabir Ahmed (In-Charge Sanitary Inspector).

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE Corrigendum of Tenders through E-Procurement system

on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items: S. Tender Corrigendum for Tender Description 62245132 ST. Channel MCP 125 X 65 X 7000 mm as per Drg. No. RB 03104. Thickness of Flange: 3.1mm, Thickness of Web: 5.3mm. 808(PART-3)-1989 Material Confirming to IS 2062/92 GR-B with copper content 0.25% TO 0.35%. "Required length of S.T Channel should be 7 meter but 6 meter length is also acceptable subject to Cutting edge of Flanges and web

should be at 90 degree and straight respectively

without any waviness in any portion of channel"

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NOTE - Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. The firm, who desires to participate against e-tenders, is advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt, of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted Tender Notice No. 01-B/2024-2025 Date: 30.04.2024 1292/2024

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Dy. CEE/GSU/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.							
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2024-25	Electrical work in c/w creation of two new TRD depots, Tower Wagon Siding & Shed and staff quarters at Dasua and Katra stations over Firozpur division.	55,75,755.15p	1,11,500/-	06 Months	21.05.2023 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in	
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Empowering Rural Women: SGWF launches skill development initiative in Vardhman Ludhiana

JAMMU, APR 30

Synergetic Green Warriors Foundation (SGWF) is proud to announce the launch of a groundbreaking initiative aimed at empowering rural women in Vardhman Ludhiana through skill development in knitting and karotia techniques. Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Sonia Verma, Director of SGWF, a team of dedicated women has been dispatched to Vardhman Ludhiana to spearhead this transformative pro-

gram.

"Empowering Rural equip women in rural of focus due to their rel-moral imperative but also communities with the evance to the local econ- a strategic imperative for tools and knowledge nec- omy and the potential sustainable development. essary to enhance their for income generation. By providing women with livelihoods and socioeco- By imparting these skills access to skills and oppornomic well-being. Recog- to women in Vardhman tunities, we can unlock nizing the importance of Ludhiana, SGWF aims to their potential as agents supporters who have sustainable livelihoods in create opportunities for of change and drivers of fostering inclusive growth economic empowerment progress within their comand reducing poverty, and entrepreneurship, SGWF is committed to pro-thereby fostering self-relividing women with access ance and resilience within will work closely with to training and resources the community. that will enable them to



The initiative, titled fully to their communities. initiative, stating, "We Knitting and karotia believe that investing Women through Skill techniques have been in the empowerment Enhancement," seeks to identified as key areas of women is not only a

The team from SGWF local stakeholders, includ-Dr. Sonia Verma, Direcing community leaders harness their potential tor of SGWF, expressed and government officials,

munities."

and contribute meaning- her enthusiasm for the to ensure the success and sustainability of the program. Through collaborative efforts and community engagement, SGWF aims to create a supportive environment where women can thrive and realize their full potential.

> tude to all partners and contributed to the realization of this initiative. Together, we can build a more equitable and prosperous future for women in Vardhman Ludhiana

SGWF extends its grati-

BJP celebrates 7th Foundation Day of Nanaji Deshmukh Library

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

Jammu and Kashmir BJP's Nanaji Deshmukh Library and Documentation Department, under its

Incharge Prof. (Dr.) Kulbhushan Mohtra, celebrated 7th Foundation Day at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

MP, Lok Sabha, Jugal Kishore Sharma, Major General Govardhan Singh Jamwal, Padamshree Awardee Mohan Singh Salathia, former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, BJP General Secretary & former minister, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, BJP senior leader Chander Mohan Sharma, former Mayor Rajinder Sharma, were the prominent personalities of the civil societv and the party, who pre- lot. sented their views on the importance of a library and the documentation department of any institution or organization. They congratulated Prof. (Dr.) Kulbhushan Motra for his efforts in establishing and running the library and maintaining it successfully.



leaders, scholars, intellectuals and historians, on this occasion, said that the library set up in the premises of the BJP headquarter, is not only meant for the party activists but anyone can come and utilize it for that the Nanaji Deshmukh study purposes and com- Library and Documentapetitive tests. He said that tion Department is a treathe library is equipped with books on varied subjects, contained in books and it which are helping people will benefit the students,

Jamwal, while speaking on the written material under the occasion, shared his one roof. experience of serving the motherland while working in Indian army and stressed that focused and dedicated library was a challenging during the last over 6 years, work takes one to heights job but Prof. (Dr.) Mohtra many scholars have done of success. He said that a put best efforts to come out research work through the library is an institution in with this, which is today, books of the library.

lished from time to time.

Mohan Singh Salathia spoke on promoting dogri, adding that libraries can play crucial role in promotion of Dogri language. Kavinder Gupta, said

sure of historic events book lovers, scholars as Govardhan Singh they will find too much of

Manyal, in his address, said choice in the books availthat the setting up of new able here. He said that

Chander Mohan Sharma recalled the days of historic agitations of Praja Parishad, Jana Sangh and BJP and said that the Nanaji Deshmukh Library has large number of books which narrate important events in the history of Jammu and Kashmir in particular.

Prof. (Dr.) Kulbushan Mohtra, on this occasion, presented a brief note on the books available in the library and said that many people visit the library to Dr. Devinder Kumar find the material of their

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

In a community...

said, "The biggest pain for me in this incident is that my family has lost our dream house and we have nowhere to go. I keep visiting the area and keep looking enter as the area is still sinking."

"We have only two demands at this point of time. One land and the other is land at a safer place where people can build their new homes," Katoch added.

On April 25, cracks started developing in their houses and when people observed these cracks, they had no other option but to flee from the area by putting their belongings, some immovable and few movable, behind and saving their lives. The local administration came to their rescue and moved them to a safe place down at Maitra community hall on a temporary basis and the to rebuild their dreams.

But this is not going to be easy for them at all as the full restoration. rebuilding phase may take years and they have to look

people have become homeless.

Another victim, Mohan Lal Bhagat, told KNO, "Those placed people. who have families can understand our pain and they help, losing home is not easy.". KNO

I won't allow...

the Prime Minister.

the Constitution on a grand scale in his third term, he Sub-District have been done via Mahore, Reasi besides urged the people of Telangana to ensure a resounding establishment of a reliable link will also be done at an other related things will remain unchanged. KNO victory for him in the upcoming elections.

He reiterated his guarantee to work tirelessly day and night to fulfill the dreams of every common citizen in the country.

Modi reiterated his commitment to fighting corruption and ensuring the safety and security of all citizens.

"In the last 10 years, the country has seen how far a measures thereof. KNO stable and decisive NDA government can take the country forward, he said there was a time when the world was progressing, but Congress had trapped India in the quagmire of corruption.

Making a Scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Modi alleged that the money collected from industrialists and contractors in Telangana through RR Tax is being sent to Delhi, he claimed.

While referring to the blockbuster Telugu film titled 'RRR', he said this RRR film brought India's name to the forefront worldwide but this RR tax is bringing shame to ply today as well as the restoration work is going on. to India. There is widespread discussion about this RR tax in Telangana.

Launching his fiery attack against the Opposition parties, Modi remarked strongly, "Congress has found a new way to loot you - inheritance tax. Under their rule, areas. 55 percent of your lifetime earnings won't go to your children, but to their vote bank supporters

Beware of the dangerous intentions of both parties -BRS and Congress, he said that. BRS looted Telangana and now Congress is following the same suit. The Conmovement today. gress suppressed files of the Kaleshwaram scam they once promised to investigate."

"Congress and BRS are two sides of the same corruption coin and this was evident in the Delhi liquor scam, where BRS members were involved with a party allied with Congress, " said Modi.

each other," he added.

CS reviews...

accommodations provided to the families relocated towards my two houses and fields where one can't even in Pernote area of Ramban district. He asked for making adequate arrangements of bedding, food, drinking water, electricity, medical aid, sanitation and other is compensation for the damage caused to homes and amenities at the transit accommodations. He called for making joint efforts to bring immediate relief to the affected people as per the norms of the government.

He also sought inputs from the divisional and district administrations about the status of services operational in the affected area. He asked the officers to explore the possibility of establishing road link with the cut-off areas on war-footing basis for ensuring smooth supplies besides catering to medical emergencies.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the damage caused stay was increasing with no hope of the area getting to power and water infrastructure besides assessing the back to its original shape. They didn't have an iota of status of health services and ration distribution through idea of magnanimity of the crisis developing which different healthcare facilities and Fair Price shops forced them to move out permanently from their homes respectively in the area. He called upon the concerned and get settled at some other place where they will have to take up requisite steps to restore the infrastructure simultaneously making alternative arrangements till its

The meeting also held deliberations on rehabilitafor temporary shelters before thinking of something big. tion of the affected population. The Divisional Com- lack of fair opportunities for the contesting candidates 40.8 mm, Verinag in south Kashmir 65.6 mm, Nowgam At present district administration is providing food, missioner and concerned DC was tasked to prepare in the said Parliamentary Constituency which may Handwara in north Kashmir 63.4 mm and ski resort of accommodation and other things required and there a proper rehabilitation plan considering the ground affect poll process," Prasad said. is no dearth of anything. But the biggest issue is that situation. They were even asked to take SDRF and Red Cross on-board for providing instant succor to the dis-

The local administration informed about the meacan feel it as well. I can't express in words what we are sures being taken for the affected people. It was facing. Though the administration is providing all the informed that around 90 families having nearly 413 souls have been relocated by the administration in safer locations. Besides, transit accommodations were established at three locations including Panchayat Ghar and two community halls situated in village Pernote.

It was also revealed that the arrangements for move-Exuding confidence that he will celebrate 75 years of ment of Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) to and from Gool

> Moreover, it was informed in the meeting that the administration is carrying out study of the area through Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Geological Survey of India (GSI), to ascertain the causes behind the land sinking in Ramban and recommend the preventive

Three-day wet spell...

the second straight day.

According to the news agency, the officials said that all the major highways and roads have remained closed for the second straight day.

The officials said that the stranded vehicles from Banihal towards Jammu and Nashri towards Srinagar were allowed to ply, but the fresh traffic was not allowed

The men and machinery have been pressed to restore the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway at several places including Dalwas, Mehad and Magarkote, the officials said, adding that restoration work is going on in these

However, they said that the other roads including Mughal Road, Bandipora-Gurez, Sadhna Top Road, Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri (SSG) Road and Bhaderwah-Chamba Road continued to remain closed for vehicular

Meanwhile, Director Meteorological department, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has predicted a sigh of relief for the people, saying that the weather conditions are expected to remain dry from tomorrow till May 05.

He told KNO that while the weather would remain mostly dry from May 01-May 05, the possibility of after-When action was taken against this scam, members noon thundershowers cannot be ruled out. Furtherof this corruption racket came together in support of more, he added that there is forecast of light rains again on May 06.

Pertinently, the class work in all the schools remained

suspended for a day as precautionary measure due to the threat of floods that loomed large for the past

The water level in river Jhelum and other streams spell in Jammu & Kashmir.

The water was flowing close to the flood declarawater level started receding.

At 8:00 PM, the water level in river Jhelum was flow-Munshibagh and 11.78 ft in Asham.

The other tributaries like Vishow Nallah at Khudwani, was flowing at 4.78 while Rambiyara Nallah at Wachi was flowing at 0.75m. According to the details, Lidder Nallah at Batkoot was flowing at 0.31m while Doodhganga Nallah at Barzulla and Sindh Nalla at Doderhama were flowing at 1.36m and 1.62m respectively. KNO

ECI reschedules...

& Kashmir, due to various logistic, communication and natural barrier of connectivity turning out as hindrance in campaigning which in turn tantamount to mm of rainfall, the tourist resort of Pahalgam received

He however, stated that the commission after considering report from UT administration as well as analyzing the ground situation prevailing in the said constituency, has decided under Section 56 of Representation of People Act, 1951, to revise the date of poll in the said Parliamentary Constituency in respect of ongoing General Election to Lok Sabha, 2024.

The elections for the constituency will now be held on May 25th, 2024.

Meanwhile, the chief Election officer, J&K, Pandurang Kondbarao Pole told KNO that only the poll date has been rescheduled, but there will be no change in any other issues, saying that the contesting candidates and

POCSO charges...

house) of the IPC.

The other two cases are booked under sections 454 (offence in respect of lurking house-trespass or housebreaking in order to commit offence) and section 419 (cheating by personation).

Seven of the 20 cases against the Independent candidate have been registered in Saddar police station in Anantnag with six of those filed in 2022.

Banihal area of Ramban district, Ram Munshi Bagh area of Srinagar district as well as Qaimoh area of Kulgam

According to the affidavit, charges have not been framed in court in any of the cases against Sheikh so far.

The affidavit also showed that both he and his spouse have PAN cards but none of them has filed income tax returns for the past nine years.

Shiekh has claimed that he works as a labourer and has an income of Rs 12,000 but has not specified whether it is his monthly or annual income. He has declared

lative declared value of Rs 4 lakh. There are two other candidates - both Independents may be prescribed. who have criminal cases registered against them. Sajad Ahmad Dar from Kulgam had a case registered

Interestingly, he also owns two vehicles with a cumu-

against for rioting in 2014 but charges have not been framed so far.

Dalip Kumar Pandita had a case under sections 353 and 506 of the IPC registered against him in 2019 for alleged intemperate behaviour with the complainant in the case. (Agencies)

In Srinagar, Jhelum...

water level to recede in next few hours," they said, adding that they are maintaining a high alert to keep an eye on the situation across the valley.

The authorities have advised residents of the lowand Nallahs increase due to the incessant three-day wet lying areas and along the embankments of the river and streams in central Kashmir to be vigilant.

Due to heavy rains in the past three days several lowtion mark at several places in the intervening night of lying residential localities were inundated in Kashmir. Monday-Tuesday, but as soon as the rains stopped, the The schools have been shut across Kashmir on Tuesday due to the bad weather.

The crucial highways Srinagar-Jammu, Srinagar-Leh ing at 14.53 ft in Sangam, 4.39m in Pampore, 17.34 ft in Road and Mughal road connecting Kashmir to Poonch are closed due to landslides occurring at multiple points along the routes. The border district of Kupwara was cut off from the rest of the valley for the second day due to flood waters inundating roads.

> ment suggested that light rainfall with thunder was likely at fewer places in the region on Tuesday. The weather is likely to improve from Wednesday. "From May 1 to 5, we expect generally dry weather

The forecast issued by the Meteorological Depart-

with afternoon thundershower activity at a few places,"

Meanwhile, in the last 24 hours Srinagar received 23.6 Gulmarg 21 mm.

FIR Registered...

from facts," Thakur stated in the complaint. " I request you to kindly act swiftly against the person and arrest him for spreading wrong information as the act has a potential to trigger resentment and protest by the SC and ST community of J&K," it added.

After the complaint a case was registered in police station Magam Budgam on Monday under section 505(2) (statements conducing to public mischief') and 171 G (false statement in connection with an election) of Indian Penal Code. According to the FIR, it has been reliably learnt that a post has been shared on social media platform 'X' (previously Twitter) containing the fake/ doctored video of Union Home Minister of India, with an intention to spread misleading information for creating disharmony among communities and different sections of society. The investigation has been initiated and entrusted to Sub-Inspector, the FIR read.

Govt proposes new...

The draft bill seeks to increase fines for violation of Sheikh is accused of committing criminal offences in provisions. It has also proposed to further streamline the process of grant of licences.

The proposed Explosive Bill 2024 said that the Central Government shall prescribe the authority competent to grant, suspend or revoke a licence and to perform certain other functions under the new act.

At present Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is the authority for granting licences for the manufacture, possession, use, sale, import and export of any explosive.

The new bill also proposes that the licensing author-Rs 50,000 cash in hand, while his wife holds Rs 10,000. ity would specify in the licence about the quantity of explosive that a licencee can manufacture, possess, sell, transport, import or export, for the specified period, as

> If a licencee manufacturers, imports or exports in violation of any provisions the draft bill proposes three years imprisonment or a Rs 1 lakh fine or both. In the existing Explosives Act, the prison term for violation is three years, and a Rs 50,000 fine.

> Similarly, for the possession, use, sale or transport of any explosive in violation of the provisions of the new bill jail term of up to two years or a fine of Rs 50,000 or both is proposed. In the existing law, the amount of fine is Rs 3,000. (Agencies)

Collaboration to equip students, faculty with essential domain tools: VC KU

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, APRIL 30

To cultivate a sense of entrepreneurship among ognised the youth, the Kashmir a University (KU) Monday resource instiannounced a strategic col-tute for entrelaboration with the Entre-preneurship, preneurship Development has committed Institute of India (EDII), to develop a tem in the region.

held discussions with Director General, EDII, Dr will offer mentorship Prof Nilofar Khan termed Sunil Shukla and Direc- and winter contact pro- the collaboration a "miletor, Department of Entre- grammes at its campus, stone" in the varsity's mispreneurship Education, with expert guidance sion to nurture entrepre-EDII, Prof Satya Ranjan and financial support for neurship and innovation Acharya, to enhance trainees, the spokesper- in Kashmir. entrepreneurial educa- son said. tion and support systems at the Kashmir University, marks a significant part- our students and faculty

ment issued

"EDII, recnational

abad campus recently son said in the statement. statement.

Additionally, EDII

Ahmedabad. The partner- sustainable entrepreneur- nership between the the efforts to formalise the ship aims to encourage a ial environment in Jammu Government of Jammu collaboration, which he dynamic start-up ecosys- and Kashmir while extend- and Kashmir, the Kashing faculty support, pro- mir University and EDII era of entrepreneurship Coordinator, NewGen viding entrepreneurship Ahmedabad, with the IEDC (Incubation Centre), training and designing shared goal of amplifying KU, Dr Sartaj Hussain who specialised courses for our entrepreneurial initiatives visited the EDII Ahmed- university," a spokesper- in the region," read the

KU Vice Chancellor,

"With this partnership, "This collaboration we are poised to equip

with the essential tools to succeed in the entrepreneurial domain," Prof

istrar, Prof Naseer Iqbal, expressed his satisfaction with

Khan addded.

believes "will herald a new and economic prosperity in the region".

Director General, EDII, Dr Sunil Shukla, said that EDII is delighted to support and strengthen the KU's commendable initia-

"This rewarding association will harness the creative potential of our youth, steering them towards significant entrepreneurial growth," he

Students of KNIT Green Model School deserve a lot: Shubham Kotwal



JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, APRIL 30

Young Journalist Er Shubham Kotwal appreciates the efforts made by the just an achievement, but also people's attention." students of Green KNIT an honour made by the the 100% success achieved is also a big deal for the them to stay away from by the students of Class school which falls far away the menaces like drugs

lated the School Adminis-

success. These schools

The young Journalist

VIII in the recent exami- from the eyes of the Hi-fi which are spoiling the nation, Kotwal congratu- areas to have such a great young generation are keeping them away from and their students deserve good education and a Kotwal said," It is not a lot more than this and bright future. Congratulating the students, their parents and the school Model School and its students of the school urged the other students administration includadministration. After get- with the teamwork of to focus on their academ- ing Director, Principal ting the information about the teachers for them. It ics like them and advised and Teachers, Shubham wished them best of luck for the future.

SC slams Uttarakhand SLA for its failure to take action against Patanjali



NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

The Supreme Court on the Court asked. Tuesday slammed the Uttarakhand State Licensits failure to take action orders. against Patanjali Ayurved for several years.

lah said, "SLA appears to want to you don't. have chosen to act against

you earlier. How do you explain inaction for years?' lah said.

'Why did you violate the

everything was in limbo?"

The SC said that the SLA ing Authority (SLA) for its powers only after its medicine.

Patanjali's misleading it clear that the licencing advertisements only after authority should be truth- Supreme Court warned we passed strictures and ful and candid if it wants Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev made strong observations any leeway from the Court. that it would impose a cost The Apex Court said compassion, then tell us, made in each advertisethat the 'SLA acted after that is the only thing that ment which claimed that we passed strictures and will save you! To say 'I Patanjali products would within 7-8 days you did all am too small a fry to take cure diseases. The top which was to be done by action' - that would also be court also directed Patan-

authorities who directed Medical Association (IMA) various newspapers.

you to conduct an inspec- against the campaign cartion? 'Why for 6 years, ried out by Patanjali and its founders Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balkrishna against the COVID-19 vacseems to have realised cination drive and modern

The Court today also The Top Court repritook exception to an intermanding SLA further said view given recently by the A Bench comprising that when you want to IMA president which alleg-Justice Hima Kohli and Jus-move, you move like light-edly criticised the Court tice Ahsanuddin Amanul- ning! And when you don't for "pointing fingers" at the association during the last The Court also made hearing of the case.

In November 2023, the "If you want sympathy and of Rs 1 crore per false claim honesty," Justice Amanul- jali not to publish such false advertisements in The Bench was hearing future. Thereafter, Ramdev orders of your superior a plea filed by the Indian tendered an apology in

SKPA Udhampur organized "Orientation Session" with newly appointed Prob Dy SsP



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With the joining of newly SKPA Udhampur on 29th

and officers of similar rank from other departments on request basis. Apart recruited Prob. Dy.SsP At from this, the Academy also conducts number of April, 2024 an Interaction specialized courses for Session with conducted the officers of the rank of with 45 reported trainee Constable to IGP & ADGP officers comprising of and in addition to this today in Indoor Block at sored by BPR&D are also to officers of the level of (DD Admn) made them reational activities.

DySsP, Sub- Inspectors familiar about the Indoor/ Outdoor curriculum and of this Institution were defined at length.

30-M and 15-F was held short term courses spon-mark of this academy and training programme has 1100 hours. At the outset conducted in this Acad- or laxity towards train- ingly and after imparting of the inaugural session, emy. They were told that ing will not be tolerated. quality training they are Shri Garib Dass, IPS Addl. they are enough fortunate Further, they were told going to cater the masses DGP Director SKPAU for landing in the police in coming days they will for which there should be welcomed all the officer department and serve notice and feel entire no manufacturing defect. trainees of 17th batch of the nation. Also as police transformation in their They are future lead-DySP Probationers to this officer shall have pride of habits, routine works and ers and image of entire Academy. While address- wearing the uniform and will be shaped up as offi- police family. More so, ing, they were told that maintaining its respect cers. They should focus Shri Rakesh Sambyal, CPO the Sher-I-Kashmir Police and sanctity. There after on their physical fitness of SKPAU, Ashish Gupta, Academy is the pre- Shri Rajinder Gupta, IPS top level which is impor- JKPS AD(Trainings/ R&D), mier training institution (DD Indoor), Shri Rajesh tant aspect of training and Shri Shanker Bhadur responsible for imparting Bali, IPS (DD Outdoor) and take keen interest in both Dy.SP, AD (Outdoor) were basic training of quality Shri Ramnish Gupta, JKPS indoor, outdoor and rec-

To achieve the professionalism and to come also administrative set up upto the satisfaction of general masses, the training plays very important In the concluding role and therefore keeping remarks Worthy Director in view the field requirestressed upon maintain- ments of Police in J&K ing of discipline of high- and the future challenges est order which is the hall ahead before Police, their any sort of indiscipline been planned accordalso present during the session.

7 Maoists killed in encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh AGENCIES

JAGDALPUR, APRIL 30

At least seven Maoists, including two female members, have been killed in an ongoing encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district here on Tuesday, officials said. Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P, said that a joint team of District Reserve Police Force and Chhattisgarh Armed Force personnel left from Abujhmad area of Narayanpur dis-

The encounter between the police party and the Maoists lasted for about an hour in the forest between village Tekameta and Kakur in the Abujhmad area of Narayanpur district this morning, he said. He said that during the search at the site after the encounter, the bodies of seven Maoist cadres, including two women, have been recovered so far and are being identified.

Bansuri Swaraj files nomination from New Delhi Constituency

NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Bansuri Swaraj on Tuesday filed her nomination papers from New Delhi Lok Sabha Constitu-

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva and other senior party leaders were present when Swaraj filed her nomination. Before

has done a lot of work; we fare scheme 'Ayushman of the BJP in Delhi. are seeking votes from the Bharat' will be implemance report card".



numbers of party workers schemes of the Modi govshe added.

"However, if we speak Meanwhile , Aam on May 25 and the countabout Delhi, Chief Min- Aadmi Party has fielded ing of votes will take place ister Arvind Kejriwal Somnath Bharti from on June 4.

offered prayers and held a and because of that he Constituency. Bansuri is road show, in which large has not let the welfare the daughter of late BJP stalwart Sushma Swaraj. and leaders participated. ernment be implemented She is an advocate of the Talking the reporters in the National Capital Supreme Court and studafter filing the nomina- like Ayushman Bharat... ied Law at Oxford Unition, Bansuri said, "This is If people make me win versity. In 2023, Bansuri a National election, Prime then I am going to ensure was appointed as the co-Minister Narendra Modi that the people's wel- convener of the legal cell

Lok Sabha election in people with our perfor- mented in Delhi as well" the national capital will be held in a single phase

Admiral Dinesh Tripathi takes charge as new Navy chief

Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi assumed the command of the Indian Navy as the 26th Chief of Naval Staff

here on Tuesday. He succeeded Admiral R Hari Kumar who retired after a long and illustrious career in the Navy. Earlier Admiral Tripathi served as the Deputy Chief of Naval Staff. After taking over the command of the Navy, Admiral Tripathi said that he will work towards equipping the Navy with state-of-the-art technology and will always be ready to deal with all challenges while working on the

mantra of 'Nation First'. "I feel extremely proud and honoured to become the twenty sixth Admiral of the Indian Navy. My pretion, have made our Navy combat ready, reliable, well organised and a force for the future," the Navy Chief said.



endeavor to make the Indian Navy more self-reliant, strong and equipped with new technologies. I will always try my best to ensure that the Indian Navy serves both the maritime interests and maritime defence of our country.'

decessors, through their that he would strengthen included Fleet Operations hard work and dedica- the ongoing efforts of Officer of the Western 'Aatamnirbharta' towards Operations; Principal introducing new tech- Director, Network Centric nologies and becoming Operations and Principal He said, "It will be my national development New Delhi.

towards our collective quest for Viksit Bharat. Admiral Tripathi was commissioned into the

of the Indian Navy on July 01, 1985. A Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he has had a long and distinguished service spanning nearly 39 years. Prior to taking over as the Vice Chief

of the Naval Staff, he had served as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command.

He commanded the Indian Naval Ships Vinash, Kirch and Trishul. He also held various important operational and staff Admiral Tripathi said appointments which the Indian Navy towards Fleet; Director of Naval an important pillar of Director, Naval Plans at

Visiting UAE Minister meets EAM, FS Kwatra



AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

Visiting UAE Minister of Kwatra also met the UAE State for International Minister during which the Cooperation Reem Al two sides reviewed the Hashimy on Tuesday met entire gamut of the bilat-External Affairs Minister eral ties. S Jaishankar here during which the two sides discussed further steps in the Kwatra met MoS (Interbilateral Comprehensive national Cooperation) @ Strategic Partnership and mofauae Reem Al Hashimy also exchanged views on the regional situation, amid the continuing war in Gaza.

"Delighted to meet UAE and discussed avenues to Al Hashimy.

The EAM said on X:

"Discussed further steps exchanged perspectives on Agreement in 2022.

the regional and global situation."

Foreign Secretary Vinay

The MEA posted on X: "Foreign Secretary Vinay

in New Delhi today. "They reviewed the entire gamut of our multifaceted bilateral relations,

Minister of State for Inter- further deepen the Indianational Cooperation Reem UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership." The two countries in our Comprehensive signed the Comprehen-

Strategic Partnership. Also sive Economic Partnership

EDITORIAL

Rooftop solar scheme calls for immediate action

The vision of transforming Jammu into a solar-powered city, as envisaged by the then Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Council, stands at a critical juncture. Despite the ambitious target of installing grid-tied rooftop solar power plants on 50,000 residential buildings, the reality paints a starkly different picture. With less than 2000 buildings covered thus far, it's evident that the Rooftop Solar Scheme for Jammu city is struggling to gain momentum. At the heart of this sluggish progress lies the lack of sustained awareness campaigns. The success of such transformative initiatives hinges not only on policy decisions and infrastructure development but also on comprehensive efforts to educate and engage the community. A significant portion of Jammu's population remains unaware of the tangible benefits that rooftop solar power can offer. The objectives set forth by the Solar City Mission encompass more than just environmental sustainability. They promise economic prosperity through job creation and substantial savings on energy costs. However, the current lack of progress jeopardizes these aspirations. The potential for job creation, especially in skilled and semi-skilled sectors, remains largely untapped due to the sluggish implementation of the scheme. Moreover, the socio-economic benefits extend beyond immediate employment opportunities. The ripple effect of a thriving solar industry could stimulate growth in secondary and tertiary sectors, fostering a more robust and diversified economy for Jammu. It's imperative for all stakeholders, including government agencies, vendors, and the public, to reinvigorate their efforts towards realizing the vision of a solar-powered Jammu. Comprehensive awareness campaigns, leveraging various media channels and community engagement initiatives, are indispensable in driving mass participation and dispelling misconceptions surrounding solar energy. Additionally, streamlined processes for availing subsidies and incentives coupled with transparent communication channels, can enhance accessibility and encourage greater participation from residential building owners. The emphasis should be on simplifying procedures and ensuring that the benefits of the scheme reach those who need them the most. Furthermore, proactive engagement with local communities and stakeholders can address any existing barriers or concerns regarding the installation and maintenance of rooftop solar panels. Building trust and fostering a sense of ownership among residents are crucial steps towards fostering a culture of sustainability and renewable energy adoption in Jammu. As we stand at the crossroads of opportunity and challenge, it's imperative to reignite the momentum behind Jammu's Rooftop Solar Scheme. Beyond meeting energy needs, this initiative holds the key to unlocking a brighter, more sustainable future for the city and its residents. Let's seize this moment to collectively propel Jammu towards its renewable energy goals and pave the way for a greener, more prosperous tomor-

Will communal rhetoric help or hurt BJP?

SABA NAQVI

Party (BJP) – India's pre- ed. eminent party – that have tion. The first is the induction of politicians tainted by corruption charges resigned as an MP in 1996 were found in the diaries of hawala broker S K Jain by the Central Bureau of presented them as evidence against politicians, including Advani.

people's trust demands

the Bharatiya Janata scam, Advani was re-elect-

become visible in this elec- oneself from corruption charges and being what was then called 'a party with a difference' was big this is not an exception with the BJP's founders. but has become the rule. Even if we look at that It's reached an epidemic era as an age of relative in a party where one of innocence, there is someits architects, L K Advani thing bizarre about the smash-and-grab policies following allegations of that characterise the BJP's his involvement in the actions during the second Jain Hawala scam. Entries term of the Narendra Modi government.

The list of corruption-

accused leaders currently Investigation (CBI) that aligned with the BJP is long, but let's take two from Maharashtra: Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar Advani, who put the who split the National-BJP on India's political ist Congress Party (NCP) map with the Ram temple to support the BJP in the agitation, then said: "for state, and former chief a politician to command minister Ashok Chavan, who quit the Congress morality and the need to join the BJP. Until to maintain probity in recently, both Pawar and public life." (He would not Chavan were targeted by resign over criminal cases the BJP's entire ecosystem linked to the demolition (from workers to leaders of the 1991 Babri mosque to the IT cell) for being

as the BJP saw that as an corrupt. Now that they ideological movement). have switched sides that There are two strange By 1998, when his name ecosystem must support turns in the affairs of was cleared in the Hawala and work for them. Many ordinary workers in the BJP and the Sangh parivar The idea of distancing are uncomfortable, and some are disgusted. The same is the case with the many other controversial

The decision to induct corrupt politicians from other parties cannot be that of a political organisation that has a long-term vision in politics. These can only be the decisions of individuals with a shortterm plan for the party.

The BJP has transformed during the Modi era with other power centres in the party destroyed. The subjugation of state leaders is somewhat tragic in a party where everyone could once aspire to be heard and accommodated.

Communal polarisation

Anti-Muslim rhetoric is part of the BJP's journey, but the level of it during the current election campaign has hit a new low. This is the second turn in the affairs of the BJP.

Before the campaign

began, Modi was positioning himself as a world statesman particularly posturing over links with West Asia nations such as the United Arab Emirates the campaign began, Modi turned to making the most loaded Hindu-Muslim speeches of his prime ministerial career.

He has made rather

about the Muslim community getting (or snatching) resources should the Congress come to power. Other top figures in the BJP, including India's Home Minister Amit Shah who is in charge of law and by saying that should BJP Islamic law could come to

Such rhetoric at a time start of his career in mass minister after the 2002 communal riots, Modi had famously used the phrase pachees" while referring like Aurangzeb.

post-riot rhetoric.

One had imagined that and and Qatar. But once after posturing at the G20 summit as a respected world leader and then some months later standing at the Ram mandir consecration ceremony like the head priest of the outlandish suggestions nation, the prime minister would have left the rabblerousing to the troops.

Instead, we are hearing daily speeches about Muslim appeasement, painted about the possible snatching of mangalsutras order, have also chosen to by some entities (Muslims invoke fear of the Muslim or Congress, or both?), statements have been be defeated, Sharia or made about Muslim reservation that's not legally Mughal emperor Aurangwhen there is no major zeb has been brought into communal conflagration the conversation. At a rally in the country. At the in Karnataka's Belagavi, the PM said that Rahul kings but kept quiet about atrocities by Nawabs, Nizams, Sultans, and Bad-"hum paach-hamare shahs, and Muslim rulers

There has been some offense taken and com-Twenty-two years have plaints have gone to the passed, and Modi has Election Commission of never lost an election. India, but it's also become darkly comical and hys-

Particularly so when we recognise that there have been occasions when attempts at polarisation have not brought electoral rewards for the BJP. The Delhi assembly election of 2020 that took place in the shadow of the anti-CAA protests and some jarring rhetoric by BJP lawmakers was one occasion when wild scenarios are being the national party lost badly to the state party, Aam Aadmi Party. In the assembly election last year, Karnataka was the very state where the BJP was defeated by the Congress despite the former possible today, and even raising multiple Hindutva

On June 4 we will learn whether the induction of the corrupt and the escalation of a communal politics in Gujarat, as chief Gandhi insulted Hindu rhetoric will help or hurt

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Celebrating the universal language of dance

RAJDEEP PATHAK

in Assam, India, as a Guinness World Record was set for the largest ers. Over 11,000 dancers from different communities and backgrounds came together to perform Modi. It was a spectacular display of cultural diverbring people together and foster a sense of emotional

Vibhushan awardee Vyjayspectators with her ethereal Bharatanatyam performance in Ayodhya. In this rich mosaic of human es as a timeless gem, casting its spell across gen-

of creativity, infusing the soul with unbridled joy. n April 14 last year, A graceful interplay of history was made rhythm and emotion, it offers solace from the burdens of modern life, intertwining threads of gathering of Bihu danc- happiness into the fabric of existence.

Welcome to the rhythm of life, as we celebrate the 'International Dance Day' the traditional dance of on April 29th every year, Assam, watched live by since 1982. Dance helps to Prime Minister Narendra change lives. The 'Navras', which is used to express joy, sadness, love, anger sity and unity. This event and many other emotions, was a shining example of is a way of celebrating life how cultural diversity can and creating a sense of community. This Day serves as a tradition and innovation

bonding and appreciation platform aimed at fosterof one another's culture ing awareness regardanthimala Bali, enchanted ognize the significance of dance and extend support towards its cultivation.

We are all aware of Yo-Yo Ma's 'Silk Road Ensemble', expression, dance emerg- a musical group founded by the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, where musicians from erations and captivating China, Iran, India and hearts through the ages. Spain come together and it embodies a symphony a bridge between cultures linguistic barriers.

and promote understanding between people from different backgrounds. Through cultural collaboration, this is a forum for the exchange of ideas,

across borders.

Also, the 'OneBeat' ing the intrinsic value of initiative, which brings passion, the 90-year-old mission is the aspiration U.S. Department of State mances celebrate the Indian classical dance tions tap to the beats. actor-dancer and Padma that Governments and - aims to promote cul- African-American cultural forms and is today a leadinfluential figures will rec- tural exchange and create experience and explore ing institution that trains versal language of dance a global community of musicians. 'OneBeat' has brought together musicians from countries such as Syria, Russia and Cuba, to name a few, not only providing a platform for musicians to share their music but also creating new collaborations that Beyond mere movement, use their music to create transcend cultural and

to create new works that reflect their cultural tradi-

love, loss and identity. 'National Ballet of Cuba' is a dance company that promotes intercultural dialogue through its per-

universal themes such as

Dance also helps in pro-style that combines elemoting intercultural dia- ments of classical ballet logue. Dance companies with Afro-Cuban and Spanworldwide come together ish dance traditions.

Back in India, 'The Kalakshetra Foundation', students in various forms of Indian classical dance, Not only this, the including Bharatanatyam, Kathakali and Kuchipudi.

Similarly, the 'Nrityagram Dance Village', near Bangalore, which was create a better world for formances. Founded in founded in 1990 by Pro- all. 1948 by Alicia Alonso, one tima Gauri, a renowned of the most famous balle- Indian classical dancer, is rinas of the 20th century, a unique institution that it is known for its unique offers a holistic approach

to dance training, focusing not only on dance techniques, but also on aspects such as yoga, meditation and Indian mythology. The institute has gained global recognition and has collaborated with many international dance companies to create new works that blend Indian classical dance with contemporary dance forms.

We cannot miss Bollywood dance, which has become a global phenomenon and has created a platform for people from different backgrounds to come together and celebrate India's vibrant tions and explore common of the many foundations culture. Using different themes. One such example and institutions that exist dance styles from Indian is the 'Alvin Ailey Ameri- to popularize Indian clas- classical forms to ballet; can Dance Theater', which sical dance forms - Chen- to cabaret; to hip-hop, More recently as part of dance and facilitating the together musicians from has been promoting divernai-based dance school, break dance and so on the 'Raag Seva' in a breath- widespread promotion of around the world to col- sity and inclusion through founded by Rukmini Devi each step encompasses a taking display of timeless the dance community's laborate and create new dance for over 60 years. Arundale in 1936, sought unique rhythm and style grace and unwavering endeavours. Central to its music - was funded by the The company's perfor- to revive and promote involving different genera-

> As we celebrate the uniand its ability to unite people, it is also important to acknowledge the Guru-Shishya Parampara and celebrate the beauty of dance and its ability to

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The Power of the Human Mind

eons ago lived, Suddhodana, chieftain of the Sakyan republics. He was captivated with the thought of magnetic potential of the perpetuating the dynasty. However, his battle fatigued son Siddhartha, was not ensnared by happened to read the the Mara of trappings of maiden effort of a civil power, carnal pleasures and a family life.

Siddhartha eschewed violence, cast away royal a 'Facebook friend' of the clothing and adorned ochre robes in search of him to be interviewed by the quintessential truth a few T.V. channels. and was to become Buddha after intense tapas. Upon attaining enlightenment, the Compassionate One a recovered alcoholicdissected the bewilder- doubted the sincerity ing characteristics of the of the Facebook friend. human mind. He was soon In disgust, he 'blocked' to quantify in a plain sail- and then 'unblocked' the ing manner, "We are what gentleman, perhaps more we think and our thoughts to quell the pangs of his shape our lives."

resplendent with enno- in to the entreaties of the some close relatives to the bling thoughts if the prana 'Facebook friend'. Soon an perils of alcoholism.

levels are low. The prana level increases (through yoga, pranayama, meditation and Sudarshan Kriva) and at that moment an individual realises the human mind.

Once there was a Good Samaritan, Sudhakar. He servant called the Magic of the Mind. This gentleman, with trepidation, became mandarin and persuaded

However, the thought process of the public functionary- who was own conscience. Finally much later did he realise The human mind is not in sheer vexation he gave that Sudhakar had lost



amazing pattern emerged and the administrator was the bureaucrat was ossified invited by several media and looking at life through houses and estimable instithe prism of tunnel vision. tutions to deliver lectures as to how he combated and conquered the battle against the bottle. Only reading the book penned cart. by the bureaucrat, which

he could empathise with the disciple a couple of the woman's husband who times to fetch water to was fighting a grim battle quench his thirst. But to against alcoholism. There the dismay of the tutee on was a sudden transmuta- each occasion the water tion in the mind of the remained dirty and turgid. public servant and went While the devotees were on to guide the husband fidgety and distraught, on how to attain sobriety.

Realisation and awareties that shine the light water from the lake and on the amazing power of offered it. the human mind. Several centuries ago, Gautama drank the water. He was to Buddha was travelling say, "You did nothing. The with a group of disciples. The Compassionate One water was purged of the The autarchic mind of felt thirsty and desired impurities. Let your mind some water to quench his settle all the dust accuthirst. He asked a disciple mulated over a period of to fetch some water from time." This is the amazing One day, after a series of a nearby lake. The enthupower of the human mind. interviews, the function- siastic disciple rushed to Just let it settle down. ary received a distress call the lake but was horrified (The writer is the CEO of from a lady, who had hap- to find the water turgid as Chhattisgarh East Railway pened to listen to one of a farmer had just crossed Ltd. and Chhattisgarh East his interviews and was also the lake on his bullock

He returned back views are personal)

captured his triumph over remorsefully as he could not fulfil the wish of the On receiving the call, holy Master. Buddha sent Buddha remained patient. Eventually, the devotee ness are two iconic quali- animatedly brought fresh

> Buddha smiled and mud settled down and the

West Railway Ltd. He is a faculty of the Art of Living;

3-Day painting exhibition of 5 artists inaugurated at Kala Kendra

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Three Day 'Painting Exhibition' was inaugurated today by Suresh Kumar **Gupta Principal Secretary** Culture and Tribal Affair at Kala Kendra amidst a gathering of distinguished artists and painters.

Organized by the Kala Kendra Society, Jammu, the exhibition showcases 60 paintings by five artists, namely Arnavi Sharma, Shruti Sharma, Insha Sharma, Pariyanka Choudhary, and Reetika Rani, all rently on display.

to provide a platform for develop the first floor of announced that the exhito showcase and sell their bition will remain open to work in both national and visitors until May 2nd.

Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar Gupta Malik, Principal of the provided insights into the Parveen Kumar.



expressed his admiration Institute of Music and for the exhibited artworks, Fine Arts, Jammu, comfrom the Painting depart- noting their rich portrayal mended the high caliber ment of the Institute of of human emotions and of artwork displayed by Music and Fine Arts, Uni- experiences. He under- IMFA students, showcasversity of Jammu, are cur- scored the government's ing the vibrant art scene art paintings, prepared commitment to boost cul- of Jammu and Kashmir. Dr. Javaid Rahi, Secretural institutions, applaud-He announced an upcomtary of the Kala Kendra ing the relentless efforts of ing collaboration between at IMFA, was ceremoni-Society, stated that the Kala Kendra Society. IMFA and Kala Kendra for ally released by Prinobjective of this event was Gupta revealed plans to the J&K Art Fest. Secretary J&K Cultural emerging artists to show- Kala Kendra on the lines of Academy Sanjeev Gupta case their works in the a National art Gallery and also spoke on the occasion of several prominent professional galleries. He create avenues for artists and appreciated the young

Mohinder Singh Boani, international markets. Dean of ITM Gwalior and Prof. Shohab Inayat special guest at the event,

exhibited works in terms of Modern Art, enriching the discourse on contemporary artistic expression.

A catalog of modern

by Milan Sharma, Head of the Painting Department cipal Secretary Suresh Kumar Gupta. The event witnessed the presence personalities, including Manoj Chopra, Young S. Verman, Sanjay Kumar, Ankush Kesar, Ruchita Dutta, Simran Dogra, and

propagation of deceitful

deep-fake videos, driven

by a separatist mindset

and divisive forces," he

accusations on Tuesday, claiming that Shivakumar orchestrated the controversy to target Prajwal Revanna, an NDA candidate from the Hassan par-

He further alleged that the Congress party had a role in manipulating the clips to tarnish the reputation of the influential Gowda family. These accusations surfaced meeting of the JDS core underlining the gravity of affirmed, just hours prior Commission for Women ties.

In a shocking turn of

events, Karnataka's politi-

cal landscape was rocked

by allegations implicating

Deputy Chief Minister DK

Shivakumar in a scandal

involving purported sex

Former Chief Minis-

ter HD Kumaraswamy

dropped the bombshell

liamentary constituency.

crete evidence directly implicating Prajwal, sised the need for action on moral grounds, highlighting the seriousness within political circles.

dence exists? Can Prajwal moments before a crucial taking necessary action led government in Karna- awaits further developcommittee in Hubballi, ciples," the former CM ing turmoil, the National the concerned authori-

drew the attention of Kumaraswamy empha- Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who weighed in on the scandal, expressing the BJP's stance. Shah "What concrete evi- thorough investigation, and opposition parties expressing deep concern engaging in a heated be positively identified in over the controversy and these videos? Neverthe- questioning the apparent As the controversy continless, we are committed to inaction of the Congress- ues to unfold, the public based on ethical prin- taka. Amidst the escalat- ments and actions from

(NCW) intervened following shocking allegations of sexual abuse against Prajwal Revanna. The NCW urged authorities, particularly the Police Headquarters in Bengaluru, to take immediate and decisive steps to apprehend the accused. Multiple media outlets have circulated video clips allegedly depicting Prajwal engaging in sexual abuse against numerous women, sparking widespread outrage The unfolding drama and renewing calls for accountability in cases of sexual violence. The unfolding scandal has plunged Karnataka into a state of political uncerstressed the urgency of a tainty, with both ruling exchange of allegations.

to the JD(S) core committhe situation. Despite the lack of contee gathering in Hubbal;i.

Kumaraswamy accuses DK Shivakumar

of plotting sex scandal against Prajwal

Sleaze clips solely handed to BJP's Devaraje Gowda: Prajwal's ex-driver

BENGALURU, APRIL 30

The political arena in Karnataka is witnessing a flurry of accusations and counterclaims following the emergence of alleged sleaze videos involving JDS MP Prajwal Revanna. The latest twist in the saga involves claims made by Karthik, Revanna's former driver, contradicting assertions made by Karnataka BJP leader Devaraje Gowda.

In a video released on Tuesday, Karthik refuted Devaraje Gowda's statement that he had provided the pen drive containing the controversial videos to Congress leaders. Instead, Karthik asserted that he had solely shared the material with him, seeking assistance after purported harassment from the Revanna family.

else, or if BJP members gress leaders. were involved. However, I

Karthik further pledged to provide all pertinent documents related to the case to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) established by to investigate the matter.

The controversy surrounding the alleged videos has added a significant political dimension, given Prajwal's lineage as the grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda and the son of Holenaminister HD Revanna. The clips purportedly involving Prajwal just before the parliamentary election in the region.

passed it on to someone Shivakumar and other Conhomes.

can affirm that I shared the Gowda's claims, Karthik case under several secpen drive exclusively with rebutted, "Despite my tions of the Indian Penal him. It's perplexing that he efforts to reach out to him, now accuses me of involv- Devaraje Gowda held press ing Congress leaders. If that conferences vesterday and (stalking), 506 (criminal were my intention, why the day before, reigniting intimidation), and 509 would I seek justice from the controversy. His accu- (outraging modesty of a him?" Karthik asserted in sations against me are woman).

unfounded. I reiterate that I entrusted the pen drive solely to him, a BJP candidate who contested and lost elections in Holenarasipur. There's no reason for me the Karnataka government to involve Congress leaders in this matter." Karthik emphasised in his state-

ment. Prajwal found himself embroiled in controversy when sex video clips purportedly involving him surfaced on social media. These videos emerged just rasipur MLA and former three days before Hassan went to the polls on April emergence of sex video 26, marking the second phase of the Lok Sabha elections.

An FIR lodged against Karnataka has intensified both HD Revanna and the political landscape in Prajwal by a woman who worked at their residence, Devaraje Gowda, on the alleging multiple instances other hand, had previous- of sexual abuse spanning ly informed reporters that from 2019 to 2022. The Karthik had conveyed to complaint painted a troucannot confirm him that he had shared the bling picture of a pattern of whether Devaraje Gowda pen drive with Karnataka sexual harassment against distributed the pen drive, Deputy Chief Minister DK female workers in their

> Consequently, the In response to Devaraje police have registered a Code (IPC), including 354A (sexual harassment), 354D

Nadal fitness improves to battle into fourth round

AGENCIES MADRID, APRIL 30

in Madrid Open

Rafael Nadal continued his return from injury at the Mutua Madrid Open on Monday to qualify for the fourth round with a 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-3 win over world number 91 Pedro Cachin.

After losing the second set in a tie-break, Nadal showed his increased fitness to battle through in the third set to win a marathon match that lasted three hours and four min-

In front of a very vocal, sold-out crowd on the Manolo Santana center court in Madrid, 37-yearold Nadal gave flashes of the tennis that has seen him crowned champions in Madrid on five occa-

"Let's see how I feel when I wake up tomorrow, I hope I'll be OK," Nadal commented on Spanish TV after his win.

Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev had to dig deep again in Madrid to beat big-serving American Sebastian Korda, who won the first set 7-5 and had Medvedev, who never looks completely comfortable on clay, under pressure at 5-4 up and deuce on the Russian's serve in the second set.

The Russian held his serve and won the set on a tie-break, before claiming the third set 6-3 in a match that lasted two hours and 22 minutes.

Casper Ruud also qualified for the last-16 with a 6-2, 6-4 win over 29th seed Cameron Norrie.

Women's top seed, Iga Swiatek breezed into the quarterfinals on Monday morning with a 6-1, 6-0 demolition of Spain's Sara Soribes Torbo, who had previously defeated former champion Victoria Azarenka

2022 winner, Ons Jabeur also reached the last eight, with the eighth seed whitewashing ninth seeded Jelena Ostapenko in the opening set of their match.

Jabeur won the first set 6-0 and took the second 6-4 to claim a win that was easier than expected.

Third seed, Coco Gauff is out of Madrid, however, after a three-set defeat to fellow American, Madison Keys, who took the first set on a tiebreak 7-6(4) and bounced back after losing the second set 6-4, to win the decisive set by the same score

BJP's '400 Paar' Gambit: Nadda fires up base, aims at divisive opposition measures, including the

SHIVAMOGGA, APRIL 30

Addressing a section of

the media here on Tuesday, BJP National President JP Nadda expressed unwavering confidence in BJP-led NDA's electoral prospects, underlining Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Nadda projected a comfortable majority of 'chaar sau stance against religious- discord within society. based reservation, sugby the Opposition.

leadership of Prime Min- As Bhimrao Ambedkar have resorted to desperate work.



the Opposition of resort- an emphatic victory with said. ing to divisive tactics '400 paar.' This undenitheir divisive agenda. He despondency, and com- Muslim community. referred to Babasaheb pelling them to resort to

the upcoming elections, BJP-NDA is forging ahead Constitution unequivotheir optimism. Accusing tum, poised to achieve on religious grounds," he

Nadda reserved critiborne out of desperation, able surge has left the cism for the Congress, Nadda pointed to instanc- Opposition in a state of accusing them of engag- alliance and their affiliated es in Andhra Pradesh and disarray, plunging them ing in appeasement poli-Karnataka as evidence of into a profound sense of tics towards the minority

"The Congress party's Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar's divisive tactics that sow narrow definition of he said. minorities equates solely "Their manifesto is a tes- to Muslims, reflecting ated the party's commitgesting a departure from tament to their concealed their penchant for diviment to the nation's interconstitutional principles agenda, reminiscent of sive appeasement politheir actions in Andhra tics. Frustrated by their "Under the steadfast Pradesh and Karnataka. waning influence, they success to their dedicated

said. Nadda claimed that the Opposition's frustration had led them to propagate deep-fake videos, alleging the involvement of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in their dissemination. "Following a thorough paar' for the coalition in ister Narendra Modi, the rightfully asserted, the investigation, it has been revealed that the incendia statement indicative of with resolute momen- cally prohibits reservation ary video was uploaded

onto social media using the phone of the Telangana Chief Minister. Shockingly, leaders of the INDI parties have displayed a blatant disregard for ethics and integrity, shamelessly standing by their actions,"

The BJP leader reiterests and attributed their confidence in electoral

India announces squad for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024

MUMBAI, APRIL 30

The anticipation surrounding India's campaign in the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 has reached a crescendo as the Senior Selection Committee revealed the nation's 15-member squad for the prestigious tournament. Scheduled to be hosted in the West Indies and the USA, the tournament promises exhilarating cricketing action.

squad boasts a formida-Pandya serving as the Yuzvendra Chahal. vice-captain. The squad includes seasoned campaigners such as Virat Kohli, Ravindra Jadeja, alongside emerging talents like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Suryakumar Yadav.

duties will be shared sition. between the explosive spin department will be Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, tacles.

Led by the dynamic spearheaded by the duo and Avesh Khan, ensur-Yadav, complemented by eventualities. ble lineup, with Hardik the leg-spin prowess of

The squad also features New York. the versatile all-rounder Shivam Dube, adding bal-

Rohit Sharma, the Indian of Axar Patel and Kuldeep ing ample cover for any announced that Rohit,

India's campaign in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup In a bid to bolster the 2024 will kick off with pace attack, the selectors a clash against Ireland have included the likes of on June 5, 2024, at the Mohd. Siraj and the prom- Nassau County Internaand Jasprit Bumrah, ising Arshdeep Singh. tional Cricket Stadium,

The much-anticipated encounter against arch-The wicketkeeping ance to the team's comporivals Pakistan is slated for June 9, 2024, at the In addition to the main same venue. Subsequent Rishabh Pant and the ver- squad, the selection matches against USA and satile Sanju Samson, pro- committee has named Canada on June 12 and viding depth to India's bat- four reserves, compris- 15, respectively, promise ting order. Meanwhile, the ing Shubman Gill, Rinku thrilling cricketing spec-

In a press release, it was along with the Chairman of the Selection Committee, Ajit Agarkar, will address a press conference on May 2 at 4 pm at the BCCI Headquarters in Mumbai.

Squad: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Hardik Pandya (Vice Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (WK), Sanju Samson (WK), Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj.

SA announce squad for T20 WC, Aiden Markram to lead

JOHANNESBURG, APRIL 30

South Africa has revealed its 15-man squad for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024, marking Aiden Markram's debut as the team's skipper in an ICC event.

The announcement, made on Tuesday, sees the inclusion of key players like Anrich Nortje and Quinton de Kock, despite their recent absence from Cricket South Africa's central contract list. Nortje, sidelined since September 2023 due to injury, joins ODI post-2023 Cricket World Cup.

The squad features rising talents Ryan Rickelton and Ottniel Baartman, and Tabraiz Shamsi. both shining in the recent SA20 tournament. Rickelton, the top run-scorer



adding depth to South Africa's roster.

Headlining the batting lineup are Markram, De Miller, and Tristan Stubbs, the pace attack are Kagiso Rabada and Nortje, with De Kock, who retired from Marco Jansen and Gerald Coetzee offering support. Meanwhile, spin duties

their maiden T20I callups, tive T20 landscape. He Stubbs.

commended the inclusion of Rickelton and Baartman, expressing confidence in the team's capability to excel in the West Indies and the USA.

South Africa commences its T20 World Cup campaign on June 3 against Sri Lanka in New York. Teams have until May 25 to modify their squads, Kock, Reeza Hendricks, subject to approval from Heinrich Klaasen, David the ICC's Event Technical Committee. The displaying a blend of announcement sets the experience and emerg- stage for an exciting touring talent. Spearheading nament, with South Africa eyeing success under

Markram's leadership. South Africa squad: Aiden Markram (c), Ottniel Baartman, Gerald Coewill be handled by Bjorn tzee, Quinton de Kock, Fortuin, Keshav Maharaj, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Commenting on the Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav selection, Coach Rob Maharaj, David Miller, Walter acknowledged the Anrich Nortje, Kagiso with 530 runs, and Baart- challenge of finalising the Rabada, Ryan Rickelton, man, with 18 wickets, earn squad amidst a competi- Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan

Only PDP capable of channeling people's voice in and out of Parliament: Mehbooba

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SRINAGAR, APR 30

(PDP) President Mehboo- was wrong and whatever past due to PDP left me, but ba Mufti on Tuesday said was snatched away from my workers remained by that PDP is the only party us must be returned with my side even amid the most in Jammu and Kashmir's political landscape that can raise its voice against the current assault being the parliament that could other political leaders post launched on multiple expose those actions by Article 370, my workers fronts to erode Jammu and Kashmir's core identity.

in Anantnag-Rajouri con- its jobs, its lands, and more mother summoned by ED, stituency's many areas in importantly its unique our passports were confis-Anantnag district Mehbooba said that the massive that to happen at all costs. spare my father's graveyard participation of people in Parliament is the podium - which was also raided, I her rallies is proof that PDP lives in people's hearts and represents their aspira- the wrongs committed didn't leave an estate for

ongoing elections in Jammu

tell it on the face of those paign. at the helm that what was Peoples Democratic Party done on August 5, 2019, posts of Ministers in the

which Jammu and Kashmir remained by my side. Even Addressing road shows rich wealth, its resources, was hounded, my aged identity. We will not allow cated, and they didn't even where we can make our was made homeless. Mufti voices heard and expose (Mohammad Sayeed) Sahib She reiterated that the 2019," Mehbooba said.

and Kashmir are not for highlighted the immense sions are you - my people. any post or any chair but sacrifices rendered by her You have remained by my to send a strong voice to workers towards her cause, side and I promise you I the Parliament that could stating that it is a poor represent the voice of the party worker who, despite Mehbooba said. disenfranchised people of his financial constraints, is

Jammu and Kashmir and funding her election cam-

"Those who got the top tumultuous times. Even about sending that voice to longest period compared to is being plundered of its after my release, my family against our people since me behind but I can tell this with pride that my worthy The PDP President also and sumptuous posseswill never let you down,"

She also appealed to the tions," Mehbooba said.

workers of the National Conference and Congress to understand the gravity of the situation and support the PDP so that the people's just voice could reach the parliament.

While talking to report-"The ongoing polls are when I was jailed for the ers on the sidelines of the campaign trail, Mehbooba termed the present situation extremely worrisome for the entire country as well as for Jammu and Kashmir in particular.

> "The government is snatching possessions of poor people and giving it to a select few capitalists. This is lethal for people, and if we do not wake up now, it is going to be the end of imagination. The way Jammu and Kashmir's core identity is being eroded, it is PDP alone that can provide a bulwark against the current tirade. The massive support is proof that PDP lives in people's hearts and represents their aspira-

DPS Kathua promotes Cultural Unity through introduction to Gujarati **Numerals under EBSB Initiative**



JAMMU, APR 30

Delhi Public School Kathua, as part of its Bharat Shreshtha Bharat The activity, tailored for to enhance cultural numerical system of Guja- exchange.

in diversity. Led by Ms. Pooja Sharma, TGT Hindi, Ms. Ruchi Sharma, Primary Wing Coordinator and commitment to the Ek Mr. Vikram Singh Slathia, Arora, expressed appre-Coordinator of Ek Bharat ciation for the initiative, initiative, organized a Shreshtha Bharat pro- emphasizing the imporspecial activity aimed at gram by CBSE, students tance of fostering unity introducing students to were introduced to Guja- in diversity within the the numerical system of rati and Dogri numerals in school community and the paired state Gujarat. an engaging session. The recognizing the signifiinitiative not only famil- cance of such activities Class VI students, served iarized students with the in promoting cultural

understanding and unity rat but also highlighted the linguistic and cultural diversity across different regions of India.

Principal Mr. Vivek

Medical camp on 'Swasth Bharat' for Gujjars & Bakarwals at Channi-Prat, Rajouri

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, APR 30

In order to provide basic medical assistance for a healthy life style to the Gujjars & Bakarwals community, Indian Army organized a medical camp at Channi-Prat, Rajouri on 30 April 2024 for migrating populace to the valley as part of their summer migration. The medical camp was organized to meet the quick health care need of the Gujjars & Bakarwals of remote Channi-Prat village. A team of medical doctors and professionals were available to address various health concerns and provided expert guidance like medical check-ups, specialized care, health awareness sessions, as well as essential medicines provided to them. The Indian Army's Medical Camp aimed not only to provide immediate healthcare support but also to raise awareness about the importance of regular health checkups and a healthy lifestyle.

Shiv Sena demands free registration of Shri Amarnath Yatra, writes memo with blood

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit leaders today wrote a memorandum with their blood to the Lieutenant Governor

of Jammu and Kashmir and requested for time to meet, demanding free registration for the annual Shri Amarnath Yatra 2024, which is scheduled to. continue from June 29 to August 19.

In a program orga-Shri Amarnath Yatra.

nized today at Jammu Manish Sahni said that Hindu-majority country, Press Club, many senior the recovery in the name the recovery of money in party leaders including of registration on reli- the name of registration state chief Manish Sahni gious tours brings back on the religious pilgrimwrote a memorandum memories of the Jaziya ages of Hindus makes with their blood to the tax of the Mughal rule. He one bow one's head in Lieutenant Governor said that the pockets of shame, which cannot be making dozens of of Jammu and Kashmir the devotees coming on tolerated at all. He said (who is also the Chairman Amarnath Yatra become that before the reorgaof Shri Amarnath Shrine empty even before the nization of Jammu and Board) to make the reg-formalities set for them. Kashmir, i.e. before 2019, secretary Vikas Bakshi, istration system. free for On that, Rs 150/- per pas- the registration fee was Vice president Balwant the devotees coming on senger is being charged in just Rs 50/- per passenger. Singh, President Kamghar the name of registration. Which was continuously wing Raj Singh were pres-Sahni said that in a increased during the BJP ent.

rule and made Rs 220/- in 2023. After a series of protests by Shiv Sena(UBT), a slight reduction has been made in it in 2024, but their demand is to make it completely free.

Sahni said that their fight will continue until Shri Amarnath Yatra registration is made free.

Along with the memorandum, the Shiv Sainiks also wrote a request letter to meet the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kash-

mir with their blood. He said that despite requests before this, they are not being given time. On this occasion General

CUKashmir's SLS holds prog on cracking judicial service examination

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GANDERBAL, APR 30

Department of Law, School of Legal Studies (SLS), Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir), organised an interactive programme with the successful candidates of J&K Civil Services (J) Examination 2023 on the theme "J&K Civil Services Judicial Examination: Opportunities and Challenges" for the students at Tulmulla campus here Monday.

The event featured recent qualifiers of the I&K judicial service, who delved into the intricate aspects of the examination, aiming to provide grasp the practical intricarreading, emphasising that the judicial examination to the students.

In his address, Dean SLS, Prof. Farooq Ahmad including Ms Nahida Mufti, importantly, in the practi- Dar, President of The Law Mir, underscored the Ms Aarizoo Javaid Rather, cal application of law. importance of such pro- Mr Mansoor Ahmad Mir,

the judiciary.

grammes and the signifi- and Ms Rameen Rashid, environment. cance of judicial service who qualified the recently examinations. He empha- held examination, shared

sized that such initiatives insights into the exam serve as invaluable plat- strategies, challenges, and forms for students to gain other aspects. They hightheoretical knowledge and lighted the importance of

They also shed light on proceedings.

the evolving trends in the examination, noting that the landscape of legal assessments is continuously growing. They further emphasised the need for aspirants to stay abreast of these changes, adapting their preparation strategies accordingly to remain competitive in an ever-changing

The event was convened by Mr Bilal Ahmad Ganai, Assistant Prof., the question-answer session was conducted by Ms. Kinjal Bagdi, Assistant Prof and the vote of thanks practical knowledge about cies and challenges inher- a deep understanding of was proposed by Dr. Hilal ent in pursuing a career in legal statutes is founda- Ahmad Najar, Academic tional for success in the Coordinator and Assistant Resource persons examination and, more Prof. Mr. Shahid Ahmad Society, conducted the

Cong leaders stooped low by sharing One Day Awareness Program fake videos of Amit Shah: Kavinder

Rahul addressing rallies with vacant chairs, no takers



JAMMU, APR 30

dwindling position in the with vacant chairs and places going for the polls with no takers at all. in the upcoming phases.

of HM Amit Shah shared complications. by many Congress leaders

In a statement issued gress being the grand old to media persons, BJP party should refrain from tory of PM Narendra Modi stalwart leader from J&K relying on such cheap tac- with thumping majority said that after losing the tics by making viral the viz 'Abki Baar 400 Par'. ground, the Congress has fake videos because this is started adopting cheap not only wrong ethically Gupta also met several tactics to misguide the but is also illegal, having people by taking refuge in the potential to entangle and listened to their issues deep fake world. He said many of the leaders into related to basic amenities. that the morphed video litigations and other legal

He said that today the the concerned authorities. has showcased the level Congress party has turned of desperation and frus- a frustrated lot and that is

tration prevailing among the reason behind its leadthe Congress leaders as ers and supporters finding they have assessed their ways by hook or crook to Senior BJP leader and position on ground and downsize the Bharatiya former Deputy Chief anticipating the worst ever Janata Party, which in Minister, Kavinder Gupta defeat at the hands of BJP. actual is next to imposon Tuesday hit out at He said that the so-called sible because people have Congress leadership for star campaigner of Con- become educated and stooping to a new low by gress party Rahul Gandhi know well the old tacsharing doctored videos has to face embarrassment tics of the oldest party of of Home Minister, Amit on various occasions after the country. He said that Shah to consolidate its addressing party's rallies countrymen should not get swayed by such mechanizations by the Congress Kavinder said that Con- party as their only goal should be to ensure vic-

> Meanwhile, Kavinder deputations here today He assured to resolve their issues by taking up with

on Biotech Entrepreneurship in **Collaboration with IIIM-Techn**



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preneurship, Startups, nology, Shri Mata Vaishno scholars of the depart- neurs. ment along with the staff

startups and is presently event was conceptualized working as Co-ordinator/ post graduate and Ph.D. ment for young entrepre-

of entrepreneurship & gy-based enterprise. The SMVDU.

and managed by Dr. Anil CEO at IIIM-TBI (BioNEST Kumar, SoBT, coordinator A one-day awareness pro- Incubator). The purpose of the awareness program, gram on Biotech Entre- of the awareness program with the encouragement was to support and create and coordination of Dr. and Skill Development awareness about startups, Ratna Chandra, Head of training was organized understand the challeng- the School of Biotechnolby the School of Biotech- es of being an entrepre- ogy. Prof. Pragati Kumar, neur, and the importance Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Devi University, Katra. of skill-based training and of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi The program was attend- increasing the culture of University, expressed sated by the undergraduate, startups and self-employ- isfaction with the efforts of the faculty of the School of Biotechnology towards The students and faculthe overall grooming and and faculty members. ty had an interactive dis- development of their The occasion was graced cussion with the speakers students as abled profesby an invited speaker, Er. and were provided with sionals. He laid stress on Ankush Varma from IIIM, valuable insights into organizing more such pro-Jammu, who is a distin- how they can start and grams to enhance knowlguished figure in the realm run their own technolo- edge of the students at

Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma receives Honorary Doctorate for Social Advocacy



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Dr. Amit Kumar Sharma's unwavering commitment leged, and leading protests to social welfare and against corruption and human rights advocacy drug abuse. His advocacy has been honored with efforts extend globally, the prestigious Honorary earning him widespread Doctorate from the World recognition and admira-Human Rights Protection tion. Expressing gratitude Commission (WHRPC). for the honor, Dr. Amit WHRPC LLC, a US-based reaffirmed his commitorganization approved by ment to serving humanthe federal government, ity and emphasized the actively promotes global importance of collective human rights in collabo- action in addressing sociration with the esteemed etal challenges. As Dr. Amit "World Peace of United continues his journey, his Nations University." Its dedication to creating subsidiary, WHRPC India, positive change serves as established under the Pro- an inspiration to all. Let us tection of Human Rights celebrate Dr. Amit Kumar Act, 1882, spreads aware- Sharma's extraordinary ness and recommends achievements and honor effective implementation his remarkable impact on to the government. Dr. society.

Amit's exceptional contributions include organizing cultural events, free food camps for the underprivi-

BJP protects projects, campaigns for rapists: Tony

JAMMU, APR 30

Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Suchetgarh, launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for its blatant hypocrisy and moral bankruptcy in shielding criminals while parading under the guise of governance.

today, Tony highlighted shamelessly forging an alli-refuge in the courts for the alleged sex scandal ance with the JD(S) despite justice. involving the grandson of damning revelations of a JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, questioning the "sleaze videos of Praiwal silence of Prime Minister Revanna," as laid bare by Narendra Modi on the a courageous BJP leader's alarming escape of Mehul matter. He condemned exposé to the party's Karthe BJP's alliance with the nataka unit president. JD(S) despite revelations of a pen drive containing the PM gets photographed "sleaze videos of Prajwal by placing his hand on his Revanna," as exposed by shoulder. The leader for a BJP leader's letter to the whom the PM himself party's Karnataka unit campaigned 10 days ago.

shameless pursuit of the country," he added. power at the expense of justice and morality. He demnation of BJP's abhorlongest parole to Baba people of India," he added.



In a statement issued castigated the party for tims, forcing them to seek pen drive loaded with

"The leader with whom Praised him on stage. Tony minced no words Today, that leader of Karin exposing the BJP's nataka is absconding from

In a resounding con-

sordid case of BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, accused of against women wrestlers. He condemned the BJP's hollow ambiguity, demanding rhetoric of women's empowerment while

to the harrowing experiences of vic-

turning a blind eye

With a fervent plea for accountability and transparency in governance, Tony called attention to the Choksi, a key player in the Rs 13,000 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam, under the BJP's watch. He denounced the BJP's abject failure to safeguard the nation's financial interests, exposing its betrayal of public trust in favor of

shielding the corrupt elite.

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Bukhari on Tuesday said that

the National Conference (NC)

and Peoples Democratic Party

Kashmir's Pulwama district

He urged people to rel-

egate these parties to their

rightful status by rejecting

them through the power of

their votes.

NC, PDP lacks legitimacy

to seek votes from people

in LS elections: Bukhari

rent conduct, Tony Ram Raheem, a convicted also spotlighted the rapist, highlighting the brazen hypocrisy of a government that claims to champion the cause despicable acts of of justice while granting sexual harassment leniency to perpetrators of heinous crimes.

Tony left no room for

accountability from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He posed a piercing question that resonated with the nation's conscience: "Why does PM Modi maintain a deafening silence in the face of such grave injustices?" As the custodian of the nation's moral compass, Prime Minister Modi owes the country answers, not evasion.

"The deafening silence from the highest echelons of power only serves to embolden wrongdoers and erode the very fabric of justice. It is imperative that the Prime Minister breaks his silence and unequivocally condemns such abhorrent actions. In a damning indict- Anything less would be ment, Tony lambasted the a betrayal of the trust Modi regime for granting reposed in him by the

celebrates 55th Foundation Day JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30 Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh Prant in collaboration with Central University of Jammu and Government College for

Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal

Parade on 29th April, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, and president Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu released the poster for Research Paper Writing Competition. Prof. Minu Mahajan, BOPEE Chairman was

Women, Parade, Jammu

celebrated the 55th

foundation day of Bhar-

tiva Shikshan Mandal in

the auditorium of GCW

the chief guest of the event whereas Brig. Rohit Kumar (Retd.), Dr. Jaspal Kaur, Akhil Bhartiya YuvaAyam, SehPramukh of BSM; Mr. Islam Khan, er, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Swami Yag-

Kashmir Ladakh Prant sity of Kashmir deliv- ing competition on Vision ered the special talk on for Viksit Bharat for stu-Research for Resurgence. dents and scholars at The program began with National Level. the recitation of Mission

The Chief Guest Prof. statement of Bhartiya Minu Mahajan lauded the efforts of BSM JKLP Shikshan Mandal and Saraswati Pujan followed in organising events to by the formal welcome raise awareness about the address by the Vice Presi- Indianisation of Teaching dent of Bhartiya Shikshan and Research. The Key-Mandal, Jammu Kashmir note speaker Prof. Sand- sity of Jammu presented Assistant Commission- and Ladakh Prant, Prof. hya Tiwari dwelt at the the formal vote of thanks Vandana Sharma who significance for research and Dr Vandana Sharma gave an overview of the for resurgence in India. Dept. of Hindi conducted yardhraNandji, Sachiv, five fold framework of the She shared her experithe proceedings. Dr Sham Ramakrishna Mission, activities of BSM pertain- ence of identifying lacu- Singh Kotwal, Pramukh Jammu were Guests of ing research, awareness, nae of existing corpus Yuva Ayam, JKLP, Mr orientation, training and of research especially in Anirudh PrantVistarak, Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, team building. Moreover, IKS and highlighted the Prof. Bharat Bhushan and Dean, School of Lan- Prof. Sharma introduced importance of having various other members

the scholars. The Guest of Honour Dr. Jaspal Kaur gave a detailed overview of the idea objectives and rules and regulations underscoring the methodology of research paper writing competition. Swami YagyadhraNandji made an enlightening address about vision for Viksit Bharat vis a vis teachings of Swami Vive-Sh. Islam Khan under-

scored the relevance of value education to be imparted to the youth of India for Viksit Bharat. Brig. Rohit made an exhaustive presentation about what vision for Viksit Bharat entails. The convenor of the event Prof. Sharma thanked the illustrious speakers for their gracious presence particularly Prof. Ravinder Tickoo, Principal, GCW for his support. Dr. Neelika Arora, Associate Professor, Central Univerguages, Central Univer- the research paper writ- research acumen among attended the celebrations.

Unidentified deceased person found at Jammu Railway Station



On 16.04.2024, one cation. male person aged about 70/75 years was found in unattended condition at Platform No. 1 of Railways Station Jammu whose health condition was not looking good. On the directions of SSP Railways Jammu, the

1530 hours, the said 2474946 and/or Mobile No. person died during medi- 7006690851/9622592848 cal treatment. The dead and PCR GRP Jammu body of the said deceased Helpline No. 1512.

has been shifted to Mortuary room of GMC Jammu for postmortem/identifi-

Description: Age: About 70/75 years.

Height: 5 feet 5.5 inch. Wearing: White checkdar Shirt, black pant

(On wheelchair with infected wounds on the Right leg)

"In the last parliamentary Anybody having any elections in 2019, parties like clue about the identity/ NC and PDP sought votes from said person was shifted residential particulars of to GMC Jammu for treat- the said deceased may they would protect Article 370 and 35A in the parliament. contact GRP Jammu on On 28.04.2024 at about Telephone Nos.0191-People trusted their commitdidates in all three seats in the Valley", Bukhari said and added, "the PDP also had its two members in the Rajya

> However, he said when the testing time came on called public representa- and deceptions.

tives" chose to remain silent on the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A instead at least, Apni Party President Altaf they should have resigned in protest against the abrogation of these articles".

He said these MPs have (PDP) lacked the legitimacy to neither spoken a word in seek votes from the people in the interest of the people of the Lok Sabha polls as their Jammu and Kashmir nor have MPs failed to protect Article they done anything to bring economic dividends to the

"The performance of the people. NC and PDP sitting MPs has "Even after these failbeen shamefully poor over ures, these parties shamethe past five years, especially lessly come to the people yet regarding the abrogation of again to seek votes. They no Article 370 and 35A", Bukhari longer have the legitimacy to said while addressing a public seek votes from the people", rally at Gouripora in south Bukhari asked.

He urged people to reject these parties through the power of their votes. "You must show these deceptive parties their right place by denying your vote to them", he said. Bukhari said, "I want to assure you that, unlike traditional political parties, our politics is rooted in truthfulthe people, promising that ness and integrity. We need your support so that we can challenge these political families and deceptive parties that ment and elected NC's can- have been harming the interests of the people for years and decades".

He said this is a battle between truth and falsehood, and I humbly request your unwavering support in our mission to defeat the poli-August 5, 2019, "these so-ticians who rely on falsehoods

64% increase in family traveling bookings as per MakeMyTrip India Travel Trends Report JI NEWS SERVICE



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After the Corona wave of 2019 subsided, the traveling believe at a coronal wave of 2019 subsided. ing habits of Indians have changed. Today the situation is such that people of spiritual and religious trips as family travels. This is the reason why the travel ously increasing in the last "To help chart the future Report highlights some of tifold in 2023, including has increased by 25 per-tively. the latest and most impor- Hong Kong, Almaty, Paro, cent since 2019. According

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her performance, she not

only mesmerised the stu-

dents but her interactive

delivery of dance passed

the message that Kathak is

the amalgamation of devo-

The event was envi-

sioned by Prof. Sanjeev

tion and art.

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India have started taking tant trends. India is emerg- Baku, Da Nang and Tbilisi. ing as a strong force in the Family travel bookings are field of tourism day by day. on the rise, with bookings Among weekend travel expected to increase by graph has been continu- destinations, Jim Corbett 64% in 2023 compared to National Park received 131 2022. This was followed 5 years. The graph of visits percent more information by a 23% increase in Kedarnath is continuously Munnar are also popu- period." increasing. Rajesh Mago, lar choices, especially in travel behaviour of Indian Searches for emerging revealed that the number

CU Jammu organizes SPIC

to the report, increasing interest in spiritual journeys has been found to be the main reason for this. According to Make My

Trip India Travel Trends Report, people of India are now adopting spiritual trips to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. There has been a 97% increase in visits to and around religious places in the last 2 years. According to Make My Trip, the number of to religious places like in 2023 compared to 2022. single passenger bookings people taking more than Ayodhya, Varanasi, Ujjain, Hill stations like Ooty and for the same comparative 3 trips per year is expected to increase by 25% in This has come to light 2023 compared to 2019. Co-Founder and Group the southern part of the in the Make My Trip India This time period has also CEO, MakeMyTrip, said, country. Dubai, Bangkok Travel Trends Report after seen an increase in spiriand Singapore top inter- considering the informa- tual tourism. There has of tourism on the domes- national travel searches. tion and other queries been a huge increase of tic and international hori- London, Toronto and New received from more 585 percent in Ayodhya in zons, we first need to York were most searched than 10 crore customers 2023 compared to 2022. understand the changing for long distance trips. through its platform. It Similarly, searches for Ujjain and Badrinath saw travellers. MakeMyTrip's international travel des- of people making more an increase of 359 percent India the Travel Trends tinations increased multhan three trips in a year and 343 percent respec-

SKLPAASAN condemns attack on Khajuria Mall, Miranda Sahib

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

Saraswat Shree Krishan the culprits behind the Lal Pandit Aadhyaatmik bars. However, it is a case Smriti Nyas (SKLPAASAN) to investigate the matter in working for the promo- detail to find out the contion of education, San- spiracy and gang behind skrit, culture, scientific moral values, ethics, ritu- attack on the whole society als, Karamkand and neces- and brotherhood. Culprits sary steps leading to eternal salvation on the basis of Dharm, Arth, Kaam, Miran Sahib under the try.

guidance of concerned SDPO and SP tried their best, worked hard to put the attack as it seems the should hesitate to perform such attacks in future.

Pt Chaman Lal Sharma Moksh and Ghyan, Dhyan, reiterated that all the Yog, Bhakti to the people people of different faiths for all round development and beliefs of the society and welfare of the society live together, dependent under the kind guidance on each other and coof Dr Ved Parkash Shastri related with respect to Ji- Chairman and Ex ZEPO their work, culture and Hem Raj Ranyal-President heritage from the time. condemned the recently There would be no need firing attack on Khajuria to attack or harm anybody, Food Mall, Miran Sahib. institution in any way. Also Thanks God that no loss to appealed all the citizens to life and property occurred work for national building, in the incident. Police per- communal harmony and sonnel team led by SHO development of the coun-

SSP Jammu conducted security review meeting at DPL Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

SSP Jammu, Dr.Vinod Kumar-IPS held a security review meeting at DPL Jammu. Zonal SsP,SP PC Jammu, SDPO's, DySP PC Jammu, DySP DAR & DySP DSB Jammu attended the

regarding the latest security scenario within Jammu City and neighbouring districts & advised the officers to continue their efforts, to work with LOC. dedication for the best possible security scenario & urged the officers to be vigilant in with full commitment & dediaddressing any concerns that

He instructed officers to enhance vigil on OGW'S, released and surrendered militants, history sheeters and other anti-social and anti-national elements. He stressed upon the officers to focus on human and tech intelligence gathering to prevent any untoward incident and be proactive against During the meeting the trouble shooters & increase SSP Jammu briefed officers area domination in sensitive pockets especially boundaries with neighbouring Districts and near international borders and areas falling near

Officers assured SSP Jammu that they will work cation to ensure peaceful atmosphere in the District





their cultural roots.

Prof Yashwant Singh, Registrar of the University, appreciated Prof Ritu Bakshi, Dean Student's weling first ever SPIC MACAY most effective mechanism integral part of academic of connecting students to and co-curricular activities

of students for their holistic

growth and development. The event was coordinated and executed by Dr. Nancy Mengi and Dr. Bhafare and Dr Vinay Kumar, wana Arora, the convenor Associate Dean for organiz- and co-convenor of the CU Jammu SPIC MACAY event in the university. He CLUB. Other artists who Jain Hon'ble Vice Chancel- highlighted the importance performed were Mohd. lor of the University as the of such performances as an Akram, Priyanka Kumari, Pankaj Rawat.

Missing lady traced out and reunited with her family by JKP in Jammu district

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 1

An information was received at Police Post Sidhra falling under the JD of Police station Nagrota about the missing of a lady (name Withheld) R/o.Jammu whose missing report was entered at PP Sidhra vide DD No.04, Dtd.24-04-2024.

Acting upon this, A Police team of PP Sidhra led by IC PP Sidhra put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing lady and after completing all legal formalities the said lady has been handed over to legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

Ashok Koul, Sat Sharma, Phunchok Stanzin, Tashi Gyalson address crucial election meeting in Leh

JI NEWS SERVICE LADAKH, APR 30

Ashok Koul, General Secretary (organization), BJP J&K and Ladakh, addressed a crucial meeting of senior party office bearers from Ladakh to discuss and formulate the election strategy for the Parliament election 2024 at party headquar-

ter, Leh. Sat Sharma, former Minister, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, former MLC accompanied Ashok Koul on the occasion.

Tashi Gyalson, MP candidate for the Parlia- misleading campaigns socio-economic status mentary constituency aired by the opposition of the people, who were of Ladakh alongwith, should be warded off suc- earlier neglected by the Phunchok Stanzin, Presi-cessfully. dent Ladakh BJP, Tashi Gyaltsan Kachu, District tance on the maximum President and Gorjay Ang- voting on the poll day by chuk, election committee all the eligible voters and Incharge were also present in the meeting.

political and social activ- should be made by the scored the significance of ists also joined the BJP party workers to meet this every remaining moment on the occasion. Ashok challenge through strong in engaging with voters Koul, while addressing resolve and conviction. and rallying support and they need to work the party workers, asked He said that the ground for the BJP's vision for a more strongly to ensure the party cadre to reach level workers are the real prosperous Ladakh and a massive victory for Tashi out to all voters especial- ambassadors of the party ly women, and youth to as they are the face of the disseminate information party in the localities and asked the party cadre to betterment of Ladakh.



Ashok Koul laid impor- and PDP.

parties like NC, Congress

party cadre to work in work for the 24 hours in unison for the remaining the approaching days and said that it is important days before the Parliato bring the voter to the ment election. The senior Dozens of prominent polling booth and efforts BJP leader further undervibrant India.

about the party's mission reflect the commitment leave no stone unturned and policies so that the of the party to uplift the to reach all the prominent persons from all sects and support in favour of BJP's MP candidate.

> Phunchok Stanzin Sat Sharma asked the asked the party cadre to ensure the resounding victory of the party candidate for the MP election. He said that the Modi government ensured unprecedented development Gyalson to strengthen the Ch. Vikram Randhawa hands of PM Modi for the

5-Star safe Kushaq and Slavia become even safer with MY24 updates

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

After setting safety benchmarks with the Kushaq SUV in October 2022 and the Slavia sedan in April 2023, Škoda Auto India continues blazing the safety trail with the introduction of six airbags as standard across all variants of the Kushaq and line-up." Slavia. The introduction is part of the company's MY24 star additions 2.0 product portfolio.

the other. As part of our tinue with the proven, the mid-level Ambition MY24 updates we now powerful and efficient trims furthering the value offer six airbags across 1.0 TSI and 1.5 TSI engine proposition for customers. 4x4, and the recently all variants of the Kushaq options with a choice of and Slavia. We are always a six-speed manual, six- Škoda Auto India's 2024 listening to our custom- speed automatic and sev- product actions with the continues with its tradiers and shall continue to en-speed DSG for trans- announcement of the all- tion of offering a 100% provide relevant upgrades mission duties. and significant product actions within our product Continuous updates portfolio and our variant



the Kushaq's and Slavia's MY24 range are a further addition to updates MY24 updates for its Škoda Auto India, in already introduced by the GCC countries. They had landmark made-for-India, a significant move, have company in Q4 2023. It is both earned a full 5-stars ready-for-the-world India now introduced six air- when the top-of-the-line in the Global New Car bags as standard across variants in both cars saw Assessment Programme Speaking on the the line-up of both the the introduction of all-new (Global NCAP) for adults upgrades, Petr Janeba, Kushaq and Slavia. The features like electric seats and children - the Kushaq Brand Director, Škoda Kushaq starts with the for the driver and co-driv-Auto India, said: "Safety Active variant, going upto er, which is a segment- Slavia in April 2023. The has always been intrinsic the Ambition, topping at first, and an illuminated MQB-AO-IN was the first to the Škoda DNA. We were the Style with variants like footwell area. The centre made-in-India platform to the first brand to score a the Monte Carlo and the of the dash saw the familfull 5-stars for adults and Elegance Edition forming iar 25.4 cm infotainment children under the Global the upper rung of the vari- screen with Škoda Play NCAP tests. Our emphasis ant mix of the SUV. The Apps. The system links on safety embodies our Slavia also begins with the wirelessly with Apple Car-Human Touch approach, Active, progressing to the play and Android Auto. and underscores our focus Ambition and the Style While this full-fledged on being a family brand. with the Style Edition and infotainment system was the safety quotient in the We always offered frontal Elegance Edition at the top available in the Style and airbags in our base vari- ensuring immense value above, recent updates ants and six in our higher for customers across the have seen the company variants, each as safe as spectrum. Both cars con- introduce them even in for the Kushaq and Slavia,

> new compact SUV to make fleet of crash-tested cars its world debut in India rated 5-stars for adults in 2025 and the re-intro- and children in the Indian The enhancements to duction of the Superb in market.

limited numbers to meet continued demand for the luxury sedan among fans and customers.

Made in India, for the world

The Kushaq, introduced in July 2021, and the Slavia. introduced in March 2022, are based on the made-for-India, ready-for-the-world MQB-AO-IN platform and are being exported to other right-hand drive and in October 2022 and the have achieved dual 5-stars, that too under Global NCAP's newer and more stringent test protocols.

The latest introduction of six airbags as standard across the range furthers proven and tested India 2.0 cars. With the full 5-stars under Global NCAP and the same score under Euro NCAP for the Kodiaq These upgrades further introduced Superb luxury sedan, Škoda Auto India

MP asks officers to initiate relief measures

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30

administrative officers

to the victims.

dy inflicted by incessant ment should properly arable loss. rains and landslides in forecast heavy rain and different parts of Jammu snowfall and other vaga- said that loss of cattle and Kashmir Union Ter-ries of nature well in time like buffaloes, cows, ritory, senior BJP leader and the other concerned horses, goats and sheep and Member of Parlia- authorities should timely in the calamity hit areas ment (Rajya Sabha), evacuate the people to of Reasi, Kishtwar, Doda, Gulam Ali Khatana safer places to prevent Ramban and other

to initiate the process dolences with the fami- of these areas largely of accessing damages lies who lost their dear depended on these cattle caused by the calamity ones in the calamity and for their livelihood.

and provide quick relief prayed to the Almighty God to grant peace to In a statement issued the departed souls and Expressing deep shock to the media, Khatana courage to the bereaved and grief over the trage- said that Weather Depart- families to bear the irrep-

The senior BJP leader and all should be done to on Tuesday asked the the loss of human lives. places should be timely the top officers in the The MP expressed concompensated as people administration to pro-

He further said that people affected by the land sinking in Ramban should also be rehabilitated to safer places and compensated adequately ensure safety to human lives. Khatana informed that Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Manoj Sinha is closely monitoring the situation and has asked vide quick relief to the victims of landslides and heavy rains.

Kashmir flourishing with tourists under Modi Regime: Yudhvir



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SRINAGAR, APR 30

Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu and Kashmir, today lauded the flourishing tourism scenario in the Kashmir Valley under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, following the historic abrogation of Article 370.

He was speaking to media persons after in creating an environpaying obeisance at the ment conducive to tourancient Shankaracharya

Temple in Srinagar. Sethi said since the revocation of Article 370, the Valley has witnessed a remarkable surge in tourist footfall, signaling a new era of development, prosperity, and peace in the region. In 2023 alone, Jammu and Kashmir welcomed over two crore tourists, surpassing previous records. Over the past 10 years, the Amarnath Yatra has witnessed the highest number of pilgrims participating. He said every section of society today is busy in their works in Valley, contributing to the overall development and prosperity of the region, due to the record number of Narendra Modi, vari- progress.

celebrities and foreign explore and create videos and reels." Yudhvir Sethi commended the efforts of the Modi government ism, thereby boosting the economy and employ-Valley. Speaking on the significant transforma-370 has unleashed the landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and warm hostravelers from across the

globe.' He further added, "Under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister

tourists flocking to Jammu ous initiatives have been and Kashmir. Highlight- undertaken to showcase ing the surge in foreign the diverse attractions of tourist arrivals and the Jammu and Kashmir to growing attraction among the world. From promotcelebrities and interna- ing adventure tourism to tional guests, Sethi said, organizing cultural fes-"Now, even prominent tivals, the government's proactive approach has guests visit the valleys of revitalized the tour-Jammu and Kashmir to ism sector, generating employment opportunities for the local populace and enhancing their

socio-economic wellbeing." Yudhvir Sethi urged the people of Valley particularly the youth to harness ment opportunities in the the immense potential of tourism in Kashmir and work collectively towards tion, Yudhvir Sethi stated, its sustainable growth. He "The abrogation of Article emphasized the need for continued efforts to levertrue potential of Jammu age the natural beauty and Kashmir, paving the and cultural richness of way for unprecedented the region, ensuring a growth and development memorable experience across all sectors, particu- for tourists while prelarly tourism. The Valley, serving the ecological with its breathtaking balance. Sethi expressed confidence in the transformative journey of pitality, has emerged as a Jammu and Kashmir preferred destination for under the able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, envisioning a future where the region emerges as a beacon of prosperity, peace, and Vikramaditya seeks scientific assessment of Parnote catastrophe, rehabilitation of affected people JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APR 30

Vikramaditya Singh, former MLC, sought thorough scientific assessment of the land sinking incident in Ramban District's Parnote area while demanding rehabilitation of the affected families.

In a statement issued to

media persons, the former MLC said that the top priority of the government should be to shift all the inhabitants of the affected area to safer places and compensate them adequately to ensure that these people can restart their lives and thrive once again. He fully supported the demands raised by over 500 victims of Parnote village seeking adequate compensation and relief, and lands at safer places for their permanent rehabilitation. Vikramaditya mentioned that a similar incident took place in Saddal-Panjar village in Udhampur district on September 6, 2014, wherein 40 people died and 65 houses were damaged in the landslide incident. He said that unprecedented cases of similar nature in J&K and in other states as well like Uttarakhand are indicative of a bigger threat. He demanded that the government should rope in top level experts of the country to find the exact reason behind this catastrophe and find out the causes as well as remedy to stop such disasters in near future. The former MLC said that the government should also ponder and probe whether the 'uncontrolled' development being carried out in the mountainous pockets of the UT is behind these cases and if so then the helmsmen should took adequate measures to undo the damage and reinstate sustainable development practices for safety of one and all.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No. 03 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Jammu, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/Sole Prop. for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in ₹)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in ₹)	Earnest money (in ₹)	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Replacement of components of 50,000 GPH x 160 mtrs. Head HC pumpset unit no. 08 at Tawi High lift pumping station.		200/-	2500 /- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

Position of AAA: Accorded Position of TS: Sanctioned

Date of Publishing: 29-04-2024 (04.00 pm).

- 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 29-04-2024 (04.00 pm).
- 2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 29-04-2024 (04.00 pm) to 10-05-2024 (04.00 pm).
- 3. The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- 4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 11-05-2024 (04.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- 5. The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. JSMDNJ/143-45

Dated: 27-04-2024

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

DIP/J-277/24 Date: 30-4-24

Congress intensifies campaign in favour of Mian Altaf

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RAJOURI, APRIL 30

Congress today intensified the election campaign in Rajouri district in support of India Alliance candidate for Anantnag-Rajouri Mian Altaf Ahmad .

JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani today reached Rajouri to join the public meeting to be addressed NC leadership & Mian Altaf Ahmad at Thanna Mandi apart from few other places. All senior leaders of Congress in District Rajouri includalready actively involved in the joint campaign.

JKPCC senior vice president and Chief Spokesperson Mr Ravinder Sharma party workers of Sunder- BJP government and UT bani & Nowshera area, administration. part of Anantnag constituency and asked them scheme has spoiled the to gear up their politi- future of young boys Coalition candidate Mian Altaf Ahmad.

Toyota Kirloskar

Motor introduces

'Toyota Rumion'

JAMMU, APRIL 30, 2024:

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM),

today, officially announced the

opening of bookings and the

price of New Grade G-AT of

the Toyota Rumion along with reopening of E-CNG bookings.

The newly launched G-AT variant is expected to further boost

the market acceptance of the Rumion with its unmatched

space and comfort, excellent

fuel efficiency, stylish and pre-

The latest offering by TKM

will be available at an attrac-

tive ex-showroom price of

Rs. 13,00,000 with deliveries

expected to commence from

5thMay onwards. Customers

can book the vehicle at any of

the authorized dealerships or

online with a booking fee of Rs

Toyota Rumion G-AT vari-

ant is powered by the 1.5-litre

K series petrol engine with

6-speed Automatic Transmis-

sion, featuring the Neo Drive

(ISG) technology ensuring

responsive performance. While

the petrol grade has a power

output of 75.8 kw @6000 rpm

and torque of 136.8 Nm @4400

rpm for, the CNG grade boosts

of 64.6 kw output @5500 rpm

and torque of 121.5 Nm@4200

rpm. The Toyota Rumion is

now available in seven vari-

ants of Neo drive MT: S, G and

V grade. Neo Drive AT: S, G and

V grade. E-CNG: S grade offer-

ing a wide range of options for

mium exterior design.

new grade of

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the majority of people have voted for change especially the Youth and employees given several anti-employed and anti-

He said the agniveer gress is in winning posi- failure to regularise Daily election campaign.

ing PCC,DCC functionar- tion in both the seats of wagers, need-based and ies & DDC members are Jammu & Udhampur as different categories of contractual employees are all anti-youth policies.

Congress party has promised to abolish the magnifier scheme and also held a meeting of employee policies of the hold regular recruitments besides several pro-youth, pro-women, pro-farmers, and pro-laborativemea-

The PCC president will cal activities in favour of closed hundreds of also interact with workers schools and stopped the of the Nowshera constiturecruitment of teachers etomorrowr in the after-He claimee that Confor ten years apart from noon and intensify the

Crime Branch, Jammu accords warm sendoff to retiring officers



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30

and ASI (P) Charanjit Lal function held at Crime ties. Branch, EOW Jammu in

were present. Crime Jammu, Benam Branch J&K. Tosh wished the retiring (P) Charanjit Lal belong obtain self actualisation.

to Udhampur and Doda Districts respectively and are known for their dedi-Crime Branch Jammu cation and commitment today accorded warm to the duties having put sendoff to retiring offi- in over three decades of cers -- SI Surinder Mohan unblemished and exemplary services in J&K at an impressive farewell Police in various capaci-

Senior officers of which a large number Executive and Prosecuof officers and officials tion spoke on the occaof Crime Branch Jammu sion and appreciated the services rendered by the On behalf of I&K retiring officers through-Police and particularly out their careers in J&K Crime Branch J&K, SSP Police, especially in Crime

In their address, the officers happy, prosperous retiring officers thanked & healthy post retirement the J&K Police Departlife and advised them to ment, especially the work for the welfare and senior officers of Crime betterment of society Branch J&K for groomin days to come so that ing and training them their varied experiences to become responsible and knowledge acquired citizens of the country over the decades could and for providing them be utilised in productive wide open opportunities manner. Retiring officers to serve the people, to - SI Surinder Mohan & ASI excel in profession and to

Advisor to LG of J&K, R R Bhatnagar, engages in Insightful Interaction at IIM Jammu

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JAMMU, APR 30

Advisor to the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, IPS (Retd.) along with his spouse Smt Manu Bhatnagar, graced the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu with a visit on April 30th, 2024, engaging in a fruitful dialogue with the faculty, officers and staff of the Institute. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen collaboration and explore avenues for mutual growth between the government and academia.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, warmly welcomed him and led a campus tour, showcasing the institution's academic and infrastructural excellence. During his time at the institute, Shri Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar participated in insightful interactions with the esteemed faculty members of IIM Jammu at the Kashyap Classroom. The exchange of ideas and perspectives between the Advisor and the faculty firmed this belief. He also was marked by a spirit of collaboration and innova-

Shri Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, IPS (Retd.), Advisor to the Lt. Governor noting that they had left a of Jammu and Kashmir, lasting impression on him. expressed deep admiration for the architectural marvel created amidst trative Secretary of the the Trikuta Hills by Prof. Department of Skill Devel-B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM opment, Government of Jammu and his team Jammu and Kashmir, com-Institute. He described Director of IIM Jammu, lence in education and Territory.

his experience as truly life- for the remarkable feat of changing and emphasized constructing such a masthe immense promise held by the collaboration within the Union Territory between the Govt of J & K and IIM Jammu for the record time of three years. development and progress of the youth in the Union

Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir. He highlighted

the importance of skilling

the youth and empower-

tor of IIM Jammu, extending them to play a pived a warm welcome to Shri otal role in transforming Jammu into one of the finest states in the country. He reiterated the timeless value of good education, IIM Jammu's unwaveremphasizing that his visit ing commitment to the get-together. to IIM Jammu had reafgrowth and development commended the stateof-the-art infrastructure, smart classrooms, vibrant library, and unique atmosphere at IIM Jammu, well as facilitate econom-Shri Kumar Rajeev Ranjan, IAS, Adminisduring his visit to the mended Prof. B.S. Sahay, Jammu in driving excel- prosperity of the Union

region's landscape.

Reflecting on the significance of the engagement, Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics at IIM Jammu, noted that Shri R.R. Bhatnagar's visit provided a platform to align academic pursuits with the region's developmental objectives, anticipating leveraging this partnership for comprehensive advancement.

Present on the occasion was Cmdr Kesavan Baskkaran, Chief Administrative Officer, along with the faculty, officers, and staff terpiece of architecture of the Institute. Following the interaction, Shri of Jammu and Kashmir in a Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, IPS (Retd.), Advisor to the He described the institute Lt. Governor of Jammu as a paradise among IIMs, and Kashmir also had an acknowledging its excep- informal gathering with the faculty, officers, and tional contribution to the staff, where they came Prof. B.S. Sahay, Directogether to celebrate the birthdays of those born in April. The atmosphere R.R. Bhatnagar upon his was light-hearted as they arrival at the IIM Jammu shared anecdotes and Campus. He underscored experiences, turning the

occasion into a cultural Shri R.R. Bhatnagar's, of the Union Territory of IPS (Retd.), Advisor to the Jammu and Kashmir. He Lt. Governor of Jammu emphasized the institute's and Kashmir visit to IIM readiness to provide full Jammu underscores the support to the youth, as institute's commitment to fostering partnerships that ic and entrepreneurship contribute to the sociodevelopment for the U.T economic development of Jammu and Kashmir. of the region. It marks a He expressed gratitude significant step towards for Shri R.R. Bhatnagar's synergizing the efforts of invaluable insights and academia and Govt of J & guidance, recognizing his K in realizing the shared invaluable support to IIM vision of progress and

'Disaster lightning' from sky in Mananu: Sanjeev Sharma demands early compensation JI NEWS SERVICE

About 30 goats died on the

SAMBA, APR 30

spot, while about 10 were injured due to lightning near Abdu Nath village of Mananu Panchayat in district Samba. There was a loss of lakhs in this accident. These goats belonged to the family of Shaukat and Rafakat. On Tuesday, Indian National Congress District Samba President Sanjeev Sharma met the families of the accident victims in Abdu Nath village of Mananu Panchayat and demanded appropriate compensation from the state administration as soon as possible. Animal herders told that during the rain around 3 o'clock on Monday night, these goats sat under a mango tree and at the same time, lightning struck them and all of them died on the spot. Congress District President Sanjeev Sharma, drawing the attention of the district administration to this, said that the Gurjar community supports its families only with the profit from goats. They raise baby goats and then sell them when they grow up so that they can support their families. But now the livelihood of two families is in danger due to the goats of two families suddenly becoming victims of the heavenly disaster. Therefore, we appeal to the district administration to take stock of the loss caused to these two families and provide appropriate compensation as soon as possible. Sanjeev Sharma assured both the families of all possible help from his side.

JKP in Jammu organizes farewell function for retiring officers & officials

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU,30.04.2024

Iammu & Kashmir Police today organised a farewell function to accord a warm send-off to officers and an officials who superannuated from their active services in Jammu. Accounts Officer

DPO Jammu Shri Balwan Singh Chib is also among the officers who attained supranation today. On attaining the age of superannuation, retires

were given a warm send-off by all ranks of Jammu Police. On their retirement, a simple but impressive farewell party was organized at DPL Jammu.

Speaking on the occa-Jammu appreciated the work and dedication of the official towards their than three decades. duties. He extended good wishes and healthy other police officers/offi-







them. He also presented on the occasion. They sion, SP headquarters gifts to retirees as a token also acknowledged the of love and respect for contribution of the outtheir exceptional servic- going officer/official the retiree officer and es spanning over more and conveyed their best

DySP DAR Jammu and retirement life.

post-retirement life to cials were also present wishes to them for post-

All India IPSC volleyball U-19 championship concludes with Sainik School Nagrota emerging as champions



JI NEWS SERVICE RAJASTHAN, APR 30

public schools from across the country, including on the grand stage. Sainik School Nagrota, and Birla Public School

Pilani, among others. ed competition, Sainik ing their superlative peras the dominant force, achievement in the tourshowcasing exceptional skill and determination Nabha, Sainik School Kun-participants. jpura, Emerald Heights International School and leyball U-19 Champion-

DPS Mathura Road. hosts, Birla Public School schools across India. Orgalifted the Championship among youth.

Trophy in style.

The Grand Finale of the tournament was The prestigious All India graced by the presence IPSC Volleyball U-19 of esteemed dignitaries, Championship hosted by including Sh. Pushpendra Vidva Niketan Birla Public Singh Rathore, RPS, Addi-School Pilani, Rajasthan, tional Superintendent of culminated in an exhila- Police, Jhunjhunu, who rating display of talent presided over the event. and sportsmanship from Sh. Rathore presented the April 27 to April 29, 2024. trophy and medals to the The tournament saw the deserving winners, comparticipation of nine elite mending them for their outstanding performance

Capt (IN) AK Desai, Sainik School Kunjpura, Principal of Sainik School Nagrota, extended his heartfelt congratulations In a fiercely contest- to the team, acknowledg-School Nagrota emerged formance and remarkable

The All India IPSC Volthroughout the tourna- leyball U-19 Championment. The team's journey ship not only served as a to victory was marked platform for young athby a series of impressive letes to showcase their performances, including talent but also exemplified victories against formi- the spirit of camaraderie dable opponents such as and sportsmanship, fos-BRCM Gyankunj Hary- tering a sense of unity and ana, Punjab Public School mutual respect among

The All India IPSC Volship is an annual event In the nail-biting finals, that brings together some Sainik School Nagrota of the most talented faced off against tough young volleyball players competition from the from prestigious public Pilani. However, with nized under the aegis of sheer grit and determina- the Indian Public Schools' tion, Sainik School Nagro- Conference (IPSC), the ta secured a resounding championship aims to victory in straight sets promote excellence in with the scoreboard flash- sports and foster a spirit ing 25-22, 27-25, 25-17 and of healthy competition

Reliance Consumer Products Limited launches inspiring campaign for Campa Cola

JI NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, APR 30

Reliance Consumer global quality products Products Limited at affordable prices to (RCPL), the FMCG arm hard-working Indians, and fully-owned sub- while celebrating their sidiary of Reliance high aspirations in our Retail Ventures Limited communications," said (RRVL), has launched Ketan Mody, COO, Relithe latest brand cam- ance Consumer Prodpaign for Campa Cola, ucts Limited. the iconic Indian beverage brand.

believes in continuously tal, outdoor and print.

chasing new horizons. "This is the start of a

journey for us to provide

As RCPL strengthens its supply chain and The campaign prom-scales up its operations ises a differentiated by expanding distribuapproach of depicting tion in several parts of real Indians and cel- the country, the brand ebrates their spirit of film conceptualised by resilience and determi- ad guru, Prasoon Joshi, nation, paying tribute will be launched with to the audacious spirit media amplification of young India, which planned across TV, digiGM reviews performance of Northern Railway

Operation should be effective, smooth: Shobhan Chaudhuri

* Reviews Mobility Enhancement, Safety, infrastructure work * Focus on Construction of Doubling, New Line Projects * Emphasis on increasing Freight loading, Earnings

NEW DELHI, APR 30

Shobhan Chaudhuri, General Manager Northern Railways held a pivotal performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway and DRMs. The meeting, which took place at Baroda House focused on enhancing safety protocols and ensuring the highest standards of safety for

During the meeting, Sh. Chaudhuri emphasized ing safety measures. The the Northern Railway officers in attendance Status of maintenance of tain the punctuality and unwavering commitment actively engaged in distrack, welds of joints and keep pace for freight loadto safety and highlighted

both employees and pas-



the importance of continually reviewing and improvrisks, and promoting a culture of safety awareness.

during the meeting included emergency response protocols, employee training initiatives, maintenance schedules, and the implementation of new safety technologies. points and instructed the The GM emphasized that divisions to implement visual examination and crew changing within lubrication of rail joints shortage possible time so and welds should also be that the delay of trains on completed on priority. account of crew changing He also instructed that can be minimized. He also night patrolling inspec- instructed the department tions should be enhanced. heads and DRMs, to main-

procedures, potential cussed in detail. He also reviewed the status of various important construc-Key topics addressed tion projects of Doubling and New lines and directed officials to expedite the work.

GM took stock of detention of trains due to crew change at crew changing cussions on current safety signaling systems dis- ing with safety as priority.

CS assesses damages caused by incessant rains, flood-like situation

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, today chaired a high-level meeting with Administrative Secretaries, divisional, district and police administration of J&K to take stock of damages caused and measures taken after the incessant rains and subsequent flood-like situation in the UT.

From the Deputy Commissioners, the CS took stock of the situation in grains distribution, sanita- ers to ensure that assess-

Dulloo asked the Divigrievances are resolved diate succor as per govern-

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GANDERBAL, APRIL 30

upcoming elections.

was to sensitize and vote.

mobilize staff members

The District Social Welfare

Officer (DSWO) Ganderbal (Nodal Officer People with

Lok Sabha Elections-2024

DSWO Gbl discusses voting action

Disability and accessibil- Shall Be Left Behind' ed voting hours if needed.

2024) today convened of the campaign. The damental importance of a meeting at the Meet- focus was not only on every eligible individual

ing Hall of Hope Disabil- encouraging voting but casting their vote. This not

ity Centre which focused also on ensuring equal only strengthens demo-

on preparations for the opportunities for all eligi- cratic processes but also

regarding their roles and egies to reach out to ing, a comprehensive

responsibilities in ensur- diverse communities. This action plan was devised,

ing inclusive voting, espe- involved using accessible outlining specific tasks

cially for people with dis- communication methods, for each department and

abilities, senior citizens, organizing awareness individual to ensure effec-

DSWO emphasized the and leveraging communi- campaign. Regular follow-

critical role of One Stop ty leaders and influencers ups and progress assess-

raising awareness about detailed information address any challenges

included educating them tions to facilitate voting members and emphasiz-

about their rights, the for people with disabili- ing the theme of inclusiv-

significance of casting ties and senior citizens. ity, the campaign aims to

votes, and dispelling any This included wheelchair, create a more equitable

myths or barriers that may ramps, accessible voting and engaged democratic

voting rights among marabout the special arrangethat may arise.

The primary agenda their fundamental right to voice their concerns

Staff members were building

ble individuals to exercise empowers communities

drives in local languages, tive implementation of the

plan for PwDs, Senior Citizens

ity for Lok Sabha Elections encapsulated the essence

from various departments briefed on effective strat-

Centre, Ahat e Waqar, to amplify the message.

ginalized groups. This ments made at polling sta-

hinder their participation. booths, trained personnel

The theme 'No Voter for assistance, and extend-

and DDRC Ganderbal in DSWO



their respective jurisdic- took note of restoration of caused to roads, bridges, tions and the damages electricity, water supply distribution transformcaused to both private and road connectivity in ers, electric poles, water and public infrastruc- all the areas. He asked for supply schemes and other ture. He enquired about restoring all such public vital public installations. the status of public ser- amenities within shortest He also instructed for provices like power, drinking possible time. He asked all visional restoration of the water, roads, health, food the Deputy Commission- same at the earliest. Dulloo also emphasized tion, dewatering and other ment is done swiftly and on strengthening the over-

utilities being provided relief measures are fol- all preparedness by the through different depart- lowed strictly as per set administration to ideally deal with natural calami-He also asked about ties like these in future. sional and District admin- the loss of lives and live- He asked for carrying istration to be proactive stock, if any, in the areas out mock drills, dry-runs during such situations. He reporting flash floods or to enhance the capacity asked the DCs to person- landslides. He called for and bring efficiency in the ally visit the affected spots reaching to such families mitigation measures taken and ensure that the public and providing them immeunder such circumstances.

The divisional and The Chief Secretary for assessing the damages apprised the Chief Secre-

He reiterated the fun-

and contribute to nation-

Following the meet-

ments were scheduled

By empowering staff

provided to track the impact and

The Deputy Commissioners also gave out that preliminary assessment of damage caused to infrastructure is being prepared and the loss of lives or livestock is also being ascertained from ground. It was revealed that the power and water supply was majorly restored except to some remote areas, which is going to be restored as soon as pos-

Regarding other amenities like road connectivity and distribution of ration, it was informed that the slips on almost all the major roads have been cleared off and the ration for the month of April had already been distributed.

tary of the relief measures

being taken up in their

areas. It was informed

that except a few areas in

North Kashmir no major

damage has been reported

Doda admin accords

PWD Engineers

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grand farewell to retiring

anywhere in the valley.

It was also revealed that It was also informed that the administration is in full few villages in Ramban and control of the situation as Mandi Poonch of Jammu the waters had started division have been affect- receding in all the rivers ed badly. It was reiterated and streams of the UT with that the local administracessation of rain. Besides, tion should initiate instant it was added that the relief measures for the administration is focuspeople directly affected ing on bringing respite to by it. It was also disclosed the affected with restothat dozens of relief camps ration of basic services. have already been estab- The administration is also lished across the districts geared-up to deal with to give shelter to those any arising eventuality in ment rules. He instructed district administration leaving their houses for future, as was apprised in this meeting.

contributions throughout

Er Niaz Ahmed, an

The event, which took

place at the headquarters

his career.

District Administration Assistant Engineer with

Doda, in presence of the PWD (R&B) Division

Deputy Commissioner Doda, also retired after

Harvinder Singh, hosted 36 years of service, having

a grand farewell for two held roles including Junior

senior engineers from the Engineer, Assistant Execu-

Public Works Department tive Engineer, and Assis-

(PWD), Er Ram Paul Gupta tant Engineer in different

and Er Niaz Ahmed, who wings of the PWD (R&B)

Er Ram Paul Gupta, in Doda, was attended

who retired as Superin- by several dignitaries,

tending Engineer from including the CEO of the

the PWD (R&B) Circle Bhaderwah Development

Doda-Kishtwar, served Authority (BDA), Bal Kris-

in various capacities, han. Deputy Commis-

from Junior Engineer to sioner Harvinder Singh

Superintending Engineer, extended his best wishes

across multiple wings of to both engineers for a

the department. His col-fulfilling post-retirement

leagues and superiors life, acknowledging their

praised his unwavering hard work and dedication

dedication and significant to the service.

retired today after 36 Department.

vears of committed ser-

Justice Tashi Rabstan visits SOS Children's Village; assesses facilities

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, APRIL 30

Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority, today visited the SOS Children's Village in Hyderpora, Srinagar, to oversee facilities being provided to the inmates there.

Justice Tashi was Secretary J&K Legal Ser- and assured them of con-Secretary, J&K Legal Ser-tions. vices Authority.

sion were Jawad Ahmed, Chairman, District Legal

comprehensive review urge all NGOs and civil and fruits among the chil-

accompanied by Amit acted with the inmates, of our nation by support-Kumar Gupta, Member listened to their concerns ing initiatives like these." vices Authority and Muza- tinued support from the tion for the efforts of the

that these children receive nation building. During his visit, Jus- the love, care and oppor-

Expressing appreciamil Hayat Kabli, Under Legal Services Institu- administration and staff at the SOS Children's Vil-Speaking on the occa- lage, Justice Tashi urged Present on the occa- sion, Justice Tashi said, upon all NGOs and mem-"It's heartening to see the bers of civil society to step dedication and commit- forward and contribute Services Authority, Secrement of the staff here at towards brighter future tary, DLSA Srinagar, and SOS Children's Village. We of these children, empha-Incharge SOS Children's must collectively ensure sizing their crucial role in

Later, Justice Tashi Rabtice Tashi Rabstan had a tunities they deserve. I stan distributed sweets of the facilities available society members to come dren, bringing smiles to for the children at the forward and play their their faces and spreading SOS Village. He inter- part in shaping the future joy throughout the village.

Div Com Kashmir reviews departure arrangements for Hajj Pilgrims

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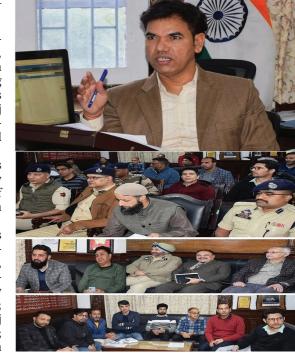
The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Tuesday called a meeting to review arrangements for the departure of Hajj Pilgrims on the holy pilgrimage to Mecca and Madina.

The departure of flights shall commence from May 09 while the last flight of pilgrims shall leave on May 25th, 2024.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners, SSP Traffic, SSP Srinagar, SSP Security, Representatives of Div Com Ladakh and Jammu; Executive Officer and Haj Officer of Hajj Committee; MD RTC; Director Health Services Kashmir; Director Airport Authority and to Airport. Officers of District Administration Srinagar, Customs department, SMC, KPDCL, PHE, PDD, Radio, Doordarshan, BSNL, Spice Emigration clearance. Jet and other concerned

departments. Addressing the meet-Director Airport Authority for deputation of adequate staff and installation X-ray machines at the Haji grims at the Airport.

He also directed SSP convenience of pilgrims. Security for issuance transportation of pilgrims ments. from Hajj House Bemina



Similarly, the Customs the Emigration clearance and Emigration Depart- of Haj pilgrims all other ment was directed to formalities shall be comfacilitate pilgrims through

Div Com also reviewed Security arrangements, Hajj Pilgrims have been Traffic Management Plan ing, Div Com directed besides health, drinking Department. However, if water and electricity facilities at Hajj House.

On the occasion, Div of machinery including Com emphasised on concerned officers to make by the Hajj Committee House besides providing advance preparation and other facilities for the pilensure all arrangements are put in place for the

The meeting was

informed that except for pleted at the Hajj House Bemina.

It was given out that all vaccinated by the Health any Hajj aspirant missed the vaccination a special drive of vaccination shall be conducted for them regarding which they shall be informed accordingly.

EO, Hajj Committee also informed that the pass-He also stressed on ports shall be given back of entry passes for Hajj close synergy and coor- to pilgrims after two days House while General Man-dination among depart-in their respective districts ager SRTC was asked to ments to ensure smooth as per the schedule to be provide SRTC vehicles for and hassle-free arrange- issued by the administration/ Haj Committee.

Post Rainfall Scenario: DC conducts comprehensive tour of low-lying areas in Bandipora & Hajin

process, where every

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BANDIPORA, APRIL 30

Amidst incessant rains, vital bridges including Hajin situation and ensure that adethe Deputy Commissioner Bridge over River Jehlum. (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul the necessary measures.

The DC visited Aloosa Ghat, ate the current situation and also asked the BDO to public. assess any potential risks or strengthen the embankments

arisen due to incessant rains in ghar premises. low lying areas besides assess on-ground situation of various asked Tehsildar to assess the

Rehman today undertook a acted with residents, listened ation. comprehensive visit of low- to their concerns, and assured assess situation and oversee the safety and well-being of all

voice matters.

At Lankreshipora, the DC quate measures are in place During the visit, DC inter- to prevent any flood like situ-

lying areas of the Bandipora them that the administration of Tangwani Bridge Garooand Hajin Tehsils of district to is actively working to ensure ra, as reports regarding the damage of Tangwani Bridge were received, the DC directed Assessing the situation at the concerned to take immedi-Lankreshipora, Tangwani, Panchayat Ghar Aloosa Ghat, ate necessary steps in order to Gund Dachina, Hajin, and the DC directed for dewater- mitigate risks and ensure the other adjoining areas to evaluing of panchayat premises, safety and well-being of the

He also visited the Hajin challenges faced by residents, of nearby streams to prevent area and took stock of the and take stock of situation water logging in panchayat ground situation of various

over River Jehlum.

The DC directed the concerned officers to proactively monitor the situation and take Taking on spot inspection necessary steps as required with a focus on low-lying vulnerable areas on Jehlum and Wular Banks.

He emphasized the importance of preparedness and urged General Public to remain vigilant, particularly people living in low-lying areas besides urging them not to panic during such challenging times.

He said that District Admin-

areas besides reviewing the istration Bandipora is closely current situation of Jhelum monitoring the situation Embankments and Bridges and has deployed necessary resources to address any emergencies that may arise.

> Shakeel ul Rehman said, "Our priority is to ensure the safety and security of every individual, and we urge everyone to stay calm, stay informed, and not to panic besides stressed on following safety guidelines."

The DC was accompanied by CPO, AD FCS&CA, Executive Engineer R&B, Executive Engineer I&FC Sumbal, Ex. Engineer I&FC Bandipora, Tehsildar Bandipora and other concerned.

GDC Majalta hosts Mehfil-e-Mushaira

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, APRIL 30

Government Degree Collingual poetry recitation program) in which the stu-

principal GDC Majalta.

The event commenced program successful. with a welcome address

Urdu, which was followed the importance of this by special performance program The students of a group of students by and heads of various lege Majalta on Tuesday singing "Saarey Jahan Se departments including organized a Bain lisani Achha Hindustan Hamara" other faculty members Dr Mehfil-e-Mushaira (Bi after that students recite Dalip, Dr.Palak, Dr Arshid, poems in Urdu, English, Dr Irshad Ahmad Dr Syed Dogri and Hindi. Profes- Aamir, Kuldeep & Ram dents of all the language sor Shalini Sharma worthy Preshad grace the funcdepartments participated. principal was the chief tion by their presence The event was organ- guest of the occasion who ised by the department of spoke on the importance Urdu under the guidance of such programs and by Prof Naresh HOD Dogri of Prof (Dr) Shalini Sharma appreciated students for & vote of thanks was pretheir efforts to make the sented by Dr Shehnaz

Dr Chander Mohan

by Dr.Shahnaz Qadri HOD HOD English spoke on

The proceedings of the program were conducted Qadri.

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