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LS Polls: Will winds of change break shackles of boycott history in Kashmir?

SRINAGAR, MAY 10

As the stage is set for massive showdown for three crucial Lok Sabha seats of Kashmir commencing from May 13 from Srinagar Parliamentary seat, the parties in fray are expecting record turnout in absence of boycott call and no fear of any sort of violence this time around. The political parties admit that stone pelting has come to all time low while as street violence has almost vanished stating that this factor should help break the shackles of boycott and lure large number of voters to the polling booths.

District-wise Voting Percentage in past Lok Sabha Elections:

District	2004	2009	2014						
Kupwara	40.08%	53.94%	62.54%						
Baramulla	30.60%	32.47%	24.71%						
Bandipora	40.46%	45.40%	35.24%						
Ganderbal	44.66%	37.62%	43.75%						
Srinagar	5.20%	12.05%	10.71%						
Budgam	36.88%	40.77%	40.08%						
Pulwama	6.67%	10.49%	7.66%						
Shopian	14.68%	18.83%	22.31%						
Anantnag	16.24%	36.08%	39.37%						
Kulgam	19.63%	34.11%	36.35%						
Lok Sabha-wise Voting Percentage:									
Lok Sabha	2004	2009	2014	2019					
Baramulla	35.65%	41.84%	39.13%	34.89%					
Srinagar	18.57%	25.55%	25.86%	14.43%					

27.10%

gation of Article 370 roll elections in Kashmir wit-This will be first Lok vention from the separat-ticipation with Baramulla,

15.04%

Anantnag

back and there is no internessed notably low par-Sabha election post abro- ists. The 2019 Lok Sabha Srinagar and Anantnag

8.96%

28.84%

recording the lowest turnouts in comparison to the preceding three elections. In response, the election office in Kashmir has initiated awareness campaigns to encourage higher voter participation, leveraging the altered environment post the abrogation of Article 370

Figures accessed by the news agency about the ten districts in Kashmir reveal that consistently low turnout was recorded particularly in South Kashmir. Conversely, districts bordering Pakistan, such as Kupwara, Bandipora, and Baramulla, have shown relatively higher voter engagement. Since 1990, elections in the region have been

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Every inch of PoJK belongs to India, no force can snatch it: Amit Shah

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KHUNTI (JHARKHAND), MAY 10

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday slammed the Congress for "raising question mark" on Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and asserted that every inch of it belonged to India and no force can snatch it.

"Mani Shankar Aiyar is telling us to respect Paki- Khunti. stan as it possesses an atomic bomb. Few days ago, INDIA alliance leader Farooq Abdullah said do not talk about PoK as Pakistan has an atomic bomb. I want to tell the Congress and INDIA alliance that PoK belongs to India and no force can snatch it," Shah said at an election rally in Jharkhand's



He said, "I do not know Parliament that PoK is part of India. You (Congress) ing about the atom bomb. BIP's stand is clear that in corruption. every inch of PoK belongs

with India."

He said Congress prewhat has happened to the served Article 370 for 70 Congress. A resolution was years but Prime Minister passed unanimously in Narendra Modi ensured its

Urging people to vote are now putting a ques- for the BJP, Shah said tion mark on PoK by talk- the JMM-led alliance in Jharkhand was neck-deep

"JMM-led to India and it will remain indulged in Rs 300-crore

land scam, Rs 1,000-crore mining scam, Rs 1,000crore MNREGA scam, Rs 40-crore liquor scam. We will not allow the JMMled alliance to digest poor people's money," he said.

Referring to the recovery of about Rs 350 crore from the premises linked a Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand and Rs 35 crore from the domestic help of an official linked to Congress Minister Alamgir in Jharkhand, he said the money belonged to people of Jharkhand which was 'being looted by Rahul Baba's party" but will be given back to the masses.

He accused the JMM and Congress of doing 'vote-bank politics".

"Congress created CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

As long as Modi is alive, no one can touch SC-ST-**OBC's quota: PM**

NANDURBAR (MAHARASHTRA),

Taking a dig at the Congress while addressing the "roti-kapda-makan" concerns of the underprivileged and tribals, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday assured voters in this northwest Maharashtra district with in poverty, I know how "Vanchiton Ka Jo Adhikaar much you have suffered Hai, Modi Unka Chauki- here.

PM said: "I am not from a the lack of basic royal family like the Con-



gress. I have grown up

Acknowledging the Claiming it to be one of challenges faced by tribal "Modi's guaranties", the communities, including

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J&K receives light rainfall

QR coded textbooks, specialised e-contents needs to be part of pedagogy in classroom: MoE

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 10

The Ministry of Education has asked Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department (JKSED) that QR coded textbooks and specialised e-contents needs to become part of the pedagogy in the classroom and easily accessible for teachers.

Besides, the ministry informed that less than half of the approved ICT labs were functional in Jammu and Kashmir. The official documents

of MoE available with the news agency reads, "It was

Less than half of the approved ICT labs functional in Jammu and Kashmir'

the UT, out of which only 421 are functional."

"The benefits of digital education can be leveraged only when these pending ICT and smart classrooms are made functional," it reads.

It also said that DIKSHA-

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important resource of QR coded textbooks and specialised e-Contents, and this needs to become part of the pedagogy in the classroom, wherein the resources available can be used by teachers in classroom transaction.

The official documents further reads that "Priority must be given to completing the ICT and smart classrooms so that our children can utilise these resources."

"To further augment this effort, the focus should also be on saturating internet connectivity especially in secondary and senior observed that total 950 Digital Infrastructure for secondary schools," MoE

Firing exchanges between security forces and terrorists in Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Days after an attack on an IAF convoy in J&K's Poonch district left one dead and a major security sweep was initiated, firing exchanges were taking place between security forces and terrorists in the district on Friday, officials said.

Officials said that firing exchanges started Poonch.



between the security the Air Force on May 5 in and Rajouri districts to forces and the terrorists which air warrior, Vikky trace the terrorists," an in the Sinai Top area of Pahade, was martyred and 4 other air warriors were "It is believed to be the injured. Since May 5, secuthis group of terrorists is same group of terrorists rity forces have launched operating in a heavily

official said.

Security forces say that

ICT labs were approved to School Education is an said. KNO that attacked a vehicle of an operation in Poonch Hot, dry weather conditions end as Fool-proof security arrangements in place for all

SRINAGAR, MAY 10

Jammu and Kashmir breathed a sigh of relief the weatherman here has the premises of Tattoo

spell from tomorrow. agency-Kashmir News during the incident. Observer (KNO), the light weather conditions as the as well, reports said. Kashmir parts continued day to Thursday.

different areas of Kashmir

As per the reports, predicted a three-day wet Ground.

However, no loss of life

Meanwhile, the parts of May 13. to record the hottest day north Kashmir also were of the season for the three hit by the strong winds department has also successive days from Tues- today, causing damage to issued an advisory, the properties. Some resi-

However, strong winds dential houses have sufhave been reported from fered damage during the gusty winds today, reports

said. Meanwhile, the authorion Friday as the light a Tavera vehicle, bear- ties also ordered the clorains lashed the plains ing registration number sure of Srinagar-Baramulla and higher reaches of JK01A-8919 was damaged highway for some time the Union Territory while after a tree fell on it in near Tappar area of Pattan after a tree fell on the road due to the windstorm.

Moreover, the weather-According to the news or injury was reported man here has predicted a three-day wet spell from A tree also fell near the tomorrow, saving that the rainfall has brought an Old Secretariathere, caus- light to moderate rains end to the hot and dry ing damage to two vehicles are expected in Jammu & Kashmir from May 11 to

The Meteorological CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

SRINAGAR, MAY 10

Inspector General of Kashmir V K Bhirdi Friday said that elaborate security arrangements for Kashmir polls as inter-district check-points and area domination has been taken care off.

Talking to a selected group of reporters in his office chambers, the IGP, as per news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said that all arrangements have been finalised to ensure smooth polling and huge participation of voters. "Whatever mandatory security arrangements were needed, they



The IGP said that police along with the Central forces have upgraded the have been taken care off," ful atmosphere during all 25 respectively.

three phases of elections in Kashmir," he said. He said security deployment has been made as per the prescribed format of Election Commission of India (ECI). "We are following ECI guidelines and ensuing that security arrangements are foolproof," he

He said that in the coming days, frisking operations and area domination will be further intensified to ensure antipeace elements are kept at bay. Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency will go to inter-district check points polls on Monday (May 13 and area domination has), followed by north Kashbeen given a further push. mir and South Kashmir "We will ensure a peace- seats on May 19 and May

BJP exploiting religion for political gain: Dr Farooq Abdullah

JI NEWS SERVICE BUDGAM, MAY 10

Former chief minis-(BJP), accusing them of tively. exploiting religion for

political gain. Abdullah, as per the been widening. news agency, said India gion enjoys equal rights. ing the BJP's entry He said the present gov- CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 4

ernment at the Centre was playing divisive politics.

Dr Farooq said there ter and National Con- is an alarming surge in ference president Dr inflation and criticised Faroog Abdullah on the Central govern-Friday lashed out at the ment for its "failure" to Bharatiya Janata Party address the issue effec-

He lamented the BJP's promises of bridging Addressing a public the gap between Kashrally at Kanira Chadoo mir and Delhi, saying ra in Budgam district, that instead, the gap has

The NC chief also hit belongs to Mahatma out at the People's Dem-Gandhi's vision of incluocratic Party (PDP), sivity where every reli- blaming it for facilitat-

India votes in favour of UNGA resolution supporting palestine's bid to become full UN member

AGENCIES

UNITED NATIONS, MAY 10

India on Friday voted in favour of a draft UN General Assembly resolution that said Palestine is qualified and should be admitted as full member of the United Nations and recommended that the Security Council "reconsider" the

matter "favourably" The 193-member General Assembly met in the morning for an emergen-



cy special session where Members to the United full membership in the the Arab Group resolu- Nations', in support of UN, was presented by the tion 'Admission of new the State of Palestine's United Arab Emirates, as

Chair of the Arab Group the Security Council

votes in favour, including this determination". by India, nine against and 25 abstentions. The UNGA hall broke into an applause after the vote was cast.

in the United Nations".

It recommended that

"reconsider the matter The resolution got 143 favourably, in the light of

India was the first non-Arab State to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole The resolution deter- and legitimate represenmined that "the State of tative of the Palestinian Palestine is qualified for people in 1974. India was membership in the United also one of the first coun-Nations" in accordance tries to recognise the State with Article 4 of the Char- of Palestine in 1988 and ter of the United Nations in 1996, Delhi opened its and "should therefore be Representative Office to admitted to membership the Palestine Authority in Gaza, which was

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Govt reconstitutes departmental designated committee of H&ME Dept

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 10

Education Department.

Special Secretary Health any other relevant case," and Medical Education reads the order. Department will be Chairman of the Committee.

the committee include Officer (HRM), Head "In supersession of all Additional Secretary to

previous orders on the Government (Dealing with subject, sanction is hereby HRM Section), Additional accorded to the re-consti- Secretary to Government The government has tution of a Departmental (Dealing with Health & ordered the reconstitu- Designated committee to Medical Education Section of the departmental examine the cases of doc- tion), Assistant Law Offidesignated committee of tors or any officer/official cer, Health and Medical the Health and Medical of Health and Medical Education Department Education Department/ (Dealing with Health Sec-As per order issued by subordinate offices for tion), Assistant Accounts the Health and Medical proper and timely dis- Officers Health and Medi-Education Department, posal of cases pertaining cal Department (s) and a copy of which lies with to un-authorized absence/ Under Secretary to the the news agency-Kashmir overstay on deputation/ Government H&ME (Deal-News Observer (KNO), study leave/NoC cases or ing with HRM Section) will be member secretary.

"The committee shall The other members of be assisted by the Section

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NEWS

DC Doda chairs Stakeholders Consultative meet to enhance sanitation, tourist facilities across the district

DODA, MAY 10

Gatha Park Bhaderwah, of these locations. focusing on enhancing wah Development Authority, CPO Doda, ACD Doda, sioner further directed the

aimed at fostering aware- opment Department. ness and responsibilprehensive Stakeholders ban on polythene to pre-Consultative Meeting at serve the natural beauty

sanitation and tourist constructing vermi comfacilities across the dispost pits at tourist spots trict, especially at popu- to convert biodegradable lar tourist destinations waste into useful manure like Guldanda, Padri and which would go a long way Jai Valley. The meeting was in creating an organic crop attended by CEO Bhader- ecosystem in the district. The Deputy Commis-

ACP Doda, Deputy Regis- Deputy Registrar cooperatrar Cooperatives, EO MC tives to immediately come Doda Executive Engineer, up with a plan to regisorher senior officers of dis-ter a cooperative body trict administration and for maintaining proper May 18th and 19th with an stakeholders from Hotel cleanliness around tourist aim to mobilize commu-Associations and Tourism spots, enhancing coordinity participation in main-Addressing the gather- in promoting tourism ini- dards. In a bid to address ing, DC Doda emphasized tiatives and utilising waste waste management chalthe collaborative effort generated at such places lenges, it was decided that required to launch the into useful products in Bhaderwah Municipality "Clean Bhaderwah-Green association with Munici- will undertake the collec-

Bhaderwah" initiative, palities and Rural Devel-

During the meeting, it Deputy Commissioner ity towards maintaining was decided to give eco-(DC) Doda, Harvinder cleanliness in tourist areas. friendly carry bags to each Singh today held a com- He further reinforced the vehicle going to tourism spots with "Clean Bhaderwah-Green Bhaderwah" logo while charging nomi-The DC also stressed on nal fees through Bhaderwah Development Authority for ensuring cleanliness in such places. Through this initiative, each vehicle/tourist would be made aware to utilise such bags to bring back plastic/nondegradable waste back from tourism spots.

It was further decided that a Swachata Abhiyan will be carried out at Jai Valley and Guldanda on nation and accountability taining cleanliness stan-

ACP was asked to identify dumping locations and oversee vermi compost-

ing initiatives especially in spots closer to water bodies like Neeru Nallah. Furthermore, BDA was asked to install information boards at strategic locations to enhance visitor experience and awareness regarding tourist facilities.

On the sidelines of the meeting, DC Doda also inspected the Gatha Park and underscored the importance of proper facilities like eateries, toilets and lighting for night visitors in the park.

During his inspection,

he interacted with park

officials to assess cleanli-

ness, security measures,

and overall infrastructure

thereby reinforcing the commitment to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for leisure activi-

Comprehensive review of ICDS projects held at Banihal

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RAMBAN MAY 10

A two day comprehensive back-toback review meeting of ICDS projects of Ramban concluded today at Banihal. Chaired by Project Officer ICDS Jahangir Hashmi, the meeting underlined key strategies are Aadhaar verified. for effective implementation of the Poshan (ICDS) scheme in four ICDS projects in Gool, Ukhraal (Ramsoo), Ramban and Banihal.

The two-day session, which concluded in Banihal, saw atten-(CDPOs) and supervisors from these areas. Hashmi emphasized approach to the Poshan (ICDS) scheme, moving beyond merely addressing malnutrition among children and women. He stressed the importance of preparing children for school through preschool learning initiatives, in addition to providing nutritious meals.

tic preschool stations, focusing on comes in the region.

nutrition provision, school readiness, and continuous growth monitoring. Hashmi directed officials to ensure 100% Aadhaar verification for all enrolled beneficiaries. aiming for complete transparency in the system. Currently, 98% of beneficiaries under ICT schemes

Hashmi instructed the verification of all workers and Anganwadi helpers to guarantee their presence at respective centers, with online attendance and Poshan tracker uploads to ensure accountdance from concerned Child ability. All nutrition provisions and Development Project Officers activities, including growth monitoring and vaccination schedules, are to be meticulously recorded the need for a comprehensive on the online portal for real-time monitoring and corrections.

Supervisors were tasked with ensuring the inclusion of all eligible women under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) scheme. Hashmi's directives aim to enhance the effectiveness and transparency of ICDS Anganwadi centers, he initiatives, ultimately improving explained, will now serve as holis- child and maternal health out-

DC flags off 45 Haj Pilgrims from Doda

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Harvinder Singh on Friday flagged off a group of 45 Haj pilgrims of Doda District to Srinagar, here in presence of SSP Doda Javaid Iqbal, ACR Doda Sunil Butyal. The group of pilgrims included 23 pilgrims from Doda, 4 from Bhaderwah, 7 from Thathri and 11 from Gandoh.

The District Administration Doda ensured all necessary arrangements and facilities to enable the pilgrims to travel safely and comfortably to Haj house Srinagar for their onward journey to Saudi Arabia from International Air-

Interacting with the pilgrims, the DC congratulated them for getting the opportunity to perform holy Hajj and wished them safe and secure pilgrimage. He appealed them to pray for peace and prosperity of the country and their fellow citizens from the District. He emphasized the significance of the Haj pilgrimage and the importance of upholding the values of peace, unity and brotherhood.

The event was attended by officials from the District Administration and Police, representatives from the religious community, and wellwishers who came together to bid farewell to the pilgrims and pray for their well-being during their sacred journey. Besides, a large number of family members including kids were present to see off their family members.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Gulmarg gears up for mega SVEEP program on 11th & 12th of May

JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, MAY 10

cer, Gulmarg Developtoday convened a meet- 20th May. ing at its Tangmarg office for the upcoming Mega diverse range of engag-Participation (SVEEP) 12th, 2024.

held under the overall about the importance of attended by Tehsildar supervision of District participation in the elec- Gulmarg, CEO Baramul-Election Officer, Baram- toral process. The meet- la (Nodal Officer SVEEP), ulla, Minga sherpa and ingthoroughly discussed DFO Tangmarg, DYSSO in collaboration with logistical arrangements, Baramulla and other offithe GDA and Hoteliers activity scheduling, cers.

KUPWARA, MAY 10

The Deputy Commission-

stituency to take first hand

mum Facilities (AMFs).

Lok Sabha elections.

This polling station due

cal location has been

ing station of the Kupwara

specially-abled persons.

to its remote geographi- drance.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024:

Club Gulmarg, aims to and interdepartmental

will be held to educate munity. The mega event being and empower citizens

DEO Kupwara visits far-flung Kamkadi

facilities were reviewed

er (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi by ACR Kupwara, Peerza- holders to cooperate and

Sudan, who is also District da Mumtaz, Ex. Engineer contribute to the success

a far flung village of Hay- and Zonal Magistrate the storage infrastructure,

hama in Kupwara district assessed the facilities, security measures, and

and inspected polling sta-security arrangements inventory management

for ensuring all required

tration for the upcoming every eligible voter shall their right to franchise

process without any hin-

She also reviewed the facilities at the polling time voters of the village

Ayushi emphasized the material

participate in the election enthusiastically.

She reiterated the 191 voters.

Election Officer (DEO) R&B, Commanding officer of the electoral process.

Ramp access, and other administration's commit-

The DEO, accompanied tions, urging all stake-

village, inspects polling station

Friday visited Kamkadi, 47 RR, Tehsildar Kupwara

tion No-01 Kamkadi of the and accessibility features

appraisal of Assured Mini- concerned departments

preparedness of adminis- station so that each and

Kupwara Assembly Con- at the polling station.

enhance voter aware- coordination to ensure ness and maximise par- the program's seamless The Chief Executive Offiticipation of people in execution and maximum the Lok Sabha Elections impact. The Chief Execument Authority (GDA), in 1-Baramulla PC on tive Officer GDA emphasized the importance of During the mega collaborative efforts in to finalize arrangements SVEEP program a organizing a successful SVEEP program, high-Systematic Voters' Edu- ing activities, including lighting the collective cation and Electoral musical performances, responsibility in promotplantation drive, sports ing electoral awareness program, scheduled to events, and other metic- and active participation be held on May 11th and ulously curated activities among the local com-

The meeting was

ment to conducting free,

fair and peaceful elec-

The DC also reviewed

systems in place at Polling

station to handle election

with the locals and first

and urged them to use

The DEO interacted

meet on COTPA-2003 JI NEWS SERVICE stakeholders to con-BARAMULLA, MAY 10

DC B'la chairs DLCC

The Deputy Commischaired a review meet-National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) in District Baramulla.

prehensively discussed DC directed all the among the public.

duct a comprehensive awareness campaign in schools and colleges sioner (DC) Baramulla, to educate students Minga Sherpa today about the detrimental effects of smoking and ing of District Level consuming tobacco in Coordination Com- any form. Meanwhile, mittee (DLCC) for the the DC instructed implementation of the officers to rigor-(Cigarettes and other ously implement and Tobacco Products uphold a prohibition Act) COTPA-2003 and on the sale of tobacco products within a 200meter radius of school premises, and penalize The meeting com- those individuals who are found violating essential elements of this regulation. Addi-COTPA-2003, such tionally, Minga Sherpa as the ban on smok- directed the officers ing in public areas, to display posters in its advertising limita- public spaces that detail tions, besides sales the adverse effects of restrictions concerning cigarette smoking and minors and areas near tobacco consumption, schools, and imple- aiming to raise awarementation of regula- ness and discourage tory measures. The these harmful habits

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: **Supplementary Randomization** of EVMs held at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MAY 10

The District Election Office Bandipora on Friday conducted supplementary randomisation of EVMs for the Lok Sabha Election 2024 scheduled to be held on 20th May 2024 in 03 ACs of District Bandipora which is part of 1-Baramulla PC.

The supplementary randomization of EVM Ballot Units was conducted as the number of candidates increased by 15 in 1-Baramulla PC.

The supplementary randomization was conducted under the supervision of District Election Officer (DEO) Bandipora, presence of Deputy Dis-ARO 15 - Bandipora Shabir Gurez.

Ahmad Wani, Nodal Officer EVM and other senior officers.

The supplementary randomization was also attended by representatives from various political parties.

On the occasion, the DEO said that randomization helps to prevent any potential bias or manipulation in the assignment of EVMs, thus ensuring that each polling station receives its machines impartially.

The randomization was carried out using dedicated software designed for this purpose to allocate Ballot Units, Control Units, and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Shakeel ul Rehman in Trail (VVPAT) units for three assembly segments trict Election Officer, including 14- Sonawari, Mohammad Rafeeq Bhat; 15-Bandipora and 16-

Secy RDD reviews implementation of **MGNREGS-IWMP** convergence plan

SRINAGAR, MAY 9

Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr. the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (WDC-

She further said that Kamkadi is a beautiful PMKSY 2.0) here today. The DC interacted with valley which has vast declared as a special poll- staff to review the pre- tourism potential and in paredness and adherence future it will be brought between MGNREGS and IWMP stands as the flagto electoral guidelines, on a tourism map and nec-The inspection was emphasizing the impor- essary infrastructure will DC Bandipora chairs DLC meeting on Change of Land Use

> improvisation at various levels to ensure that additional projects align with the objectives of compreagement.

Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, essential to include and ularly in valley regions. He personnel from MGNREGS reviewed the status of clearly indicate these reiterated the importance at block and GP level for implementation of con- activities in the DPR after of adhering to watershed selecting appropriate sites vergence plan between consultation with rel- management principles and preparing plans. He Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, allocation of resources. watershed committees, Dr. Shahid emphasized appropriate post-project that the convergence management must be in steadily being paved. place. He said that postproject management can ship project of the depart- proceed smoothly if there ment. He asked all the is convergence with a pro-Assistant Commissioners gram like MGNREGS. He Development (ACD's) to said that through strategic focus on supplementing planning and interdepart-IWMP's supplementary mental collaboration, sig-Detailed Project Reports nificant progress has been (DPRs) with comprehen- achieved, with three tiers sive convergence plans, of discussions conducted ensuring optimal utili- with Block Development in light of Annual Master Pashu Sakhis' who can be zation of resources. He Officers (BDOs), departstressed on the need for ment heads and secretar-

Scheme (MGNREGS) in of Jammu and Kashmir, recommending the use

ning, the path towards sustainable development watershed management. and inclusive growth is

presentation on the sig-**Employment Guarantee** sized the necessity for a comprehensive assessscored the need to ensure ment of entire watersheds convergence plans align in Gram Panchayats (GPs) hensive watershed man-seamlessly with district to address issues such as Shabir Hussain Bhat, priorities, including food soil erosion, rainwater Director Rural Develop-He emphasized that security, Integrated Child retention, and afforesta-NRLM activities should be Development Services tion. He highlighted the Assistant Commissioners undertaken through con- (ICDS) and Horticulture significance of prepar- Development, Project

all future IWMP projects a concerning trend has of satellite imagery and where Detailed Project emerged where develop- GIS technology for plan-The Secretary said it is of catchment areas, partic- and supporting technical evant officials from the and ensuring judicious highlighted the potential for leveraging the signifi-The Secretary said that cant fund base of MGNand Gram Sabha. He men-through collaborative REGS to fill gaps in other tioned that for long term efforts and strategic plan- government schemes, particularly in areas requiring

Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, Additional Secretary, highlighted that NRLM has Rural Development a vast network of 3,85,000 Department, Waseem trained women farmers Raja, shared a detailed across the UT. She proposed that the ACPS can nificance of convergence take help of these SHG between the Mahatma women to achieve the Gandhi National Rural objectives of watershed management program. Scheme (NREGS) and She added that they have Watershed Management 2,800 trained 'Krishi Circular /MGNREGA used as master trainers Guidelines. He empha- and can provide expert guidance.

CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, Director Rural Development Kashmir, ment Jammu Mumtaz Ali, vergence with the Mahat- and Agriculture Develop- ing watershed plans in Managers IWMP and other ma Gandhi National Rural ment Plan (HADP). He line with the concept of officers were also present

Power shutdown JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Industrial Area SIDCO Ghatti, Channi, Marheen, Paharpur, Rajbagh, Chandwan, Haria-Chack, Nanan Barnoti and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to District Udhampur and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Miran Sahib R.S Pura, Kullian, Purana Pind, Beaspur, Salehar and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Reasi, PHE, DC Office, Mahadev and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Arnas, Dharmari, Sar Baggha, Panassa, Chassana, Mohore, Gulabgarh and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 13 and 14 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gangyal Industry, Parts of Preet Nagar, Greater Jammu, Anutham Hotel, Parts of Gangyal and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Transport Nagar and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nandpur-Baba Chamilyal, BSF, Ablad, Pindi, Jherada and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Datta Talab, Birpur, Ansal, Sainik Colony and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10

Similarly, the power supply to Ramban, Sangaldhan and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 and 12 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Ramban Town, District Administrative Complex, Pernote, Gandri, Tanger, Battery Chasma, MES, Karol Chanderkote etc. will remain affected on May 12 from 9 am to 4 pm. Meanwhile, the Super-

intending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Birpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

aimed to ensure that this tance of impartiality and be developed. Remote Kamkadi pollpolling station is accessi- transparency throughout ble to voters especially to the electoral proceedings. ing station has a total of

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MAY 10

The Deputy Commission-trict. er (DC) Bandipora, Shain the district.

held regarding comments further process. submitted by various

convened a meeting of the ing extensive discussions

The DC directed the concerned departments.

departments for the issu- concerned departments ance of NOCs of pending to provide NOCs within cases of CLU in the dis- the specified timeframe as outlined in the provisions A total of 03 cases were of the PSGA Act to ensure keel Ul Rehman on Friday reviewed, and follow-prompt processing of CLU.

The meeting was District Level Committee on the policy's different attended by ACR Bandi-(DLC) regarding Change facets, the committee pora Shabir Ahmad Wani, of Land Use (CLU) cases approved 01 case, while Chief Agriculture Officer, one was rejected due to Bandipora, Ex. Engineer On the occasion, non-availability of NOC R&B Bandipora, Chief detailed discussion was and one is withheld for Horticulture Officer, Bandipora and officers from Reports (DPRs) of IWMP ment initiatives have overning. He also outlined the will have to be prepared. looked the critical concept importance of training

benefits from a watershed development program,

Dr. Shahid under-Employment Guarantee said that in many districts ridge-to-valley treatment, in the meeting.

LS Elections-2024 in 02-Srinagar PC **DEO Srinagar finalizes Action plan for Despatch** of Poll parties & Election **Materials to Polling Stations**

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SRINAGAR, MAY 10

In order to review the Chowk AC, in Amar Singh Action Plan for smooth College for 23-Chanapora Despatch of Poll parties Assembly segment, at SP and Election Materials to College for 24-Zadibal the Polling Stations on Poll AC and at Degree College Day in Srinagar Lok Sabha Bemina for 25-Eidgah Seat, the District Election and 26-Central Shalteng Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Assembly Segments. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also the Returning DEO stressed the officers Officer O2-Srinagar Par- to ensure utmost coordiliamentary Constituency nation for efficient and Friday chaired a meeting, hassle free despatch of Poll

bly Segments of Srinagar, election process. Deputy District Election the conduct of the Lok Constituency also attended the meeting.

patch of Poll parties and tions. Election Materials to the Polling Stations on Poll Day (May 13, 2024) from tres established in Sri-

reviewed the arrange- materials. ments at the Dispatch cum Receipt Centres (DCRC) on a proactive approach established in National by the Officers under Institute of Technol-School for Assembly Seg- the sanctity of democratic ment of 19-Hazratbal and institutions and ensuring 20-Khanyar respectively, free and fair polling at all at SP Higher Second- polling stations.

ary School for 21-Habba Kadal, at Institute of Hotel Management for 22-Lal

On the occasion, the staff and Election material Senior Superintendent to the designated Pollof Police, Srinagar, Aash- ing Stations. He further ish Mishra was present emphasised on making on the occasion. Assis- all required arrangements tant Returning Officers well in advance to facili-(AROs) of all 08 Assem- tate smooth and efficient

The DEO asked them Officer and senior Police to ensure meticulous Officers associated with advance planning for despatch of polling staff Sabha Election-2024 in and Election material, 02-Srinagar Parliamentary adequate parking and separate entry/exit of the vehicles carrying election At the outset, the DEO material from collection/ discussed threadbare the distribution centres to action plan related to Des- respective Polling sta-

He also laid emphasis on adequate spaces for placing counters at Col-Despatch/Collection Cen- lection/Distribution Centres in order to avoid any cluttering during distribu-The DEO thoroughly tion/collection of election

The DEO also stressed close supervision of conogy (NIT) and Burn Hall cerned AROs to preserve

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: **DEO Kupwara reviews poll** preparedness in Special

JI NEWS SERVICE

KUPWARA, MAY 10

The District Election Officer (DEO) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan, today chaired a meeting of concerned officers to review the poll preparedness in Special Polling Stations of the district ahead of Lok Sabha Election.

Polling Stations

The meeting held threadbare discussion regarding various arrangements made in special polling stations including Pink, Blue, PwD and Green Polling Stations.

concerned officers to transparent conduct of the ensure proper arrangements in place to ensure district. smooth and vibrant polling in these polling sta- Handwara, ARO Karnah, tions. She emphasized the ARO Kupwara, ACD and essence of different colours BDOs attended the meetand multifarious messages ing.

to attract the voters on the poll day adding that the voters shall experience a festive environment, besides, new voters will also be encouraged.

It was given out in the meeting that Pink polling stations are designated for women, Red for Persons with Disabilities and Blue for youth. Besides, it was also given out that plantation activity shall be carried out in polling stations coded with green colour.

The DEO stressed upon all the officers to work with added dedication and zeal The DEO directed the to ensure smooth, fair and Lok Sabha election in the

ARO Trehgam, ARO

JKAACL Kathua organises Bhajan Sandhya

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MAY 10

wan Parshuram Jayanti, J&K Academy of Art, collaboration with Grameen Brahmin Sabha, organised heart-warmthe patronage and sup- Singh.

port of J&K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Jammu. The pro-To commemorate Bhag- gramme started with the poignant singing of Ajit-Pal and Party followed by Culture and Languages the presentations of Raj Sub Office of Kathua, in Kumar and Party, Kuldeep Kumar and Party & Paramjeet and Party.

The programme coning 'Bhajan Sandhya' cluded with a soulful here today at Bhagwan presentation by Manjala Parshuram Temple, Gho Devi and Party who mesLok Sabha Elections 2024:

General Observer Reviews Electoral Preparedness in Sopore and Rafiabad

BARAMULLA, MAY 10

Deependra Singh Kushfor 1-Baramulla Parlia- bly Constituencies at mentary Constituency, SKUAST Wadoora. conducted a comprein the 07-Sopore and 08-Rafiabad Assembly Constituencies to assess the readiness for the Lok Sabha Elections.

Accompanied by Shabir Ahmad Raina, ARO Sopore and SSP Sopore, Divya Dev, Gen-

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

under SVEEP at Lal Chowk

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SRINAGAR, MAY 10

CBC hosts Awareness Program on

Voting & Democracy Participation

The Central Bureau of Communication,

Ministry of Information and Broadcast-

ing, Field Office Srinagar Friday organ-

ised an awareness programme at Ghanta

Ghar, Lalchowk Srinagar to promote

voter awareness and highlight the sig-

nificance of active participation in the

electoral process. The event, organized under the Systematic Voters' Education

and Electoral Participation Program

(SVEEP) initiative, aimed to engage citi-

zens and underscore the importance of

casting their votes during the ongoing

Lok Sabha elections. The program wit-

nessed enthusiastic participation from

the local community, reflecting a shared

commitment to upholding democratic

Attendees were provided with infor-

Field Publicity Officer, CBC Srinagar

said the programme was part of a broader

series of programs being orchestrated by

the Central Bureau of Communication,

Field Office Srinagar spanning across the

Kashmir region to promote informed

citizenship and bolster democratic par-

mative literature elucidating the pivotal

role of public engagement in fortifying

values and exercising voting rights.

democratic principles.

place at designated management. strong room for Sopore wash, General Observer and Rafiabad Assem-

The ARO briefed the hensive inspection today General Observer about assessing facilities and EVM storage procedures, addressing any concerns tion with the arrangematerial management regarding Assured Miniments made by the and distribution and collection protocols in place per ECI guidelines. to efficiently handle the electoral process. On mize voter participa- measures implemented

eral Observer reviewed necessary guidance to ondary School Sopore, the arrangements in ensure effective election followed by a signature

> During the visit, the General Observer stations, including Noorpora Sopore, focused on mum Facilities (AMFs) as

the occasion, Deependra tion, General Observer Singh engaged with poll- flagged-off a SVEEP pro- in the upcoming elecing staff, providing them gram at Govt. Higher Sections.

campaign, to encourage the young voters to wholeheartedly particiinspected the polling pate in the Lok Sabha Elections in 1-Baramulla PC on 20th of May.

Expressing satisfacadministration, the General Observer com-In an effort to maxi- mended the innovative to enhance voter turnout

Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Final Orientation program for Polling staff held at Shopian

SHOPIAN, MAY 10

In order to enhance the preparedness for upcoming Lok

Sabha Elections, the District Election Office Shopian today organised an orientation pro-Government Degree College, Shopian here. The training cum orienta-

tion session was held under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Shopian, Faz Lul Haseeb, who is also District Election Offi-

Addressing the participants, the DEO briefed the Officers about their responsibilities during the forthcoming Lok Sabha Elections-2024 of Shopian Assembly Constituency of the Srinagar Parliamentary Con-

familiarized with EVM, VVPAT operations and acquainted with the necessary knowledge and their duties during the electoral occasion.

DEO apprised that various rounds of training were conducted in the district to acquaint staff and asked for effective and efficient conduct of elections.

On the occasion, the DEO also reviewed the arrangements for gram for the Polling Staff at the Polling Staff at the polling stations and directed the concerned to ensure all required measures are taken well in advance.

> During the final phase of training cum orientation, collection of polling material, collection and setting up of EVMs and other pre-poll and poll day arrangements were thoroughly discussed with the trainees. The process of sealing, installation and functioning of the EVMs was also demonstrated by the master trainers.

ADDC, Shopian, Dr. Nasir The Staff has already been Ahmed Lone; Principal GDC, Shopian, ACR, ACP, District Informatics Officer and other Officers/officials and Master skills for effectively carrying out Trainers were present on the

Div Com reviews functioning DC Kulgam visits Drug De-Addiction Centre, inspects facilities for victims of Substance Abuse

JI NEWS SERVICE

KULGAM, MAY 10

ticipation.

Athar Aamir Khan Friday undertook a visit to Drug De-Addiction Centre at treatment and counseling facilities being provided to the victims of Drug Abuse.

On the occasion, the DC inspected several sections and wards of the centre, and took first-hand appraisal of the functioning of the centre and available facilities.

The DC was briefed about the treatment and counseling facilities being provided to the victims of substance abuse by Incharge Drug De-Addiction Centre.

It was informed that ment at the centres. there are 13 patients currently and undergo-

JI NEWS SERVICE

The Mission Save Lives

Road Safety Rally, initi-

ated by the Lt. Gover-

nor of J&K, Shri Manoj

Sinha, today reached

District Reasi, marking a

significant milestone in

its journey to promote

road safety awareness.

its journey from Raj

noble objective of tra-

The rally commenced

REASI, MAY 10

Mission Save: Lives Road Safety

Rally reaches district Reasi

and subsequently discharged.

The DC also held a The Deputy Commis- detailed interaction sessioner (DC) Kulgam, sion with the staff and emphasized upon the doctors and other paramedical staff to take the job Kulgam to oversee the as a noble task and treat the affected people with patience and dedication.

> He also instructed for proper development of lawns in the centre and to augment lighting facilities.

> During the visit, DC also interacted with inmates admitted in the Drug De-Addiction Centre and sought their views about the treatment facilities and counseling being given to them.

> The inmates apprised the DC that they are being given satisfactory treat-

During the visit, the DC lodged at the facility was accompanied by ADC, Viqar Ahmad Giri; ACR, ing treatment and 360 CMO, Tehsildar Kulgam, patients have recovered DSWO and other officers.

versing through all 20

districts of Jammu &

Kashmir to advocate for

safer roads and reduce

the alarming rate of

road accidents in the

Commissioner, Vishesh

Mahajan, flagged off the

rally from District Reasi,

emphasizing the critical

importance of such ini-

tiatives in safeguarding

District Development

region.

Bhawan Srinagar on precious lives lost to

May 2, 2024, with the preventable road acci-

of Revenue Department in Jammu District

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 10

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar today reviewed the functioning of the Revenue department at a meeting held here in the DC office.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, ADMs, ACR, SDMs and Tehsildars of Jammu District attended the meeting.

Initiating a thorough assessment of the services delivery mechanism, the Div Com highlighted the vital role of the Revenue Department in the Administrative system and the imperativeness to ensure its seamless and flawless functioning.

The Div Com directed have the updated informa- objectivity and merits.

tion about their jurisdiction. He further impressed on right conduct and use of authority as the Revenue Officers with utmost integrity and dedication for the welfare of the people in their respective Tehsils.

Evaluating Tehsil wise working, he asked for delivery of online revenue services and redressal of public grievances in stipulated time frame.

Regarding revenue courts, the Div Com directed for quality and time bound disposal of cases

Tehsildars were directed to ensure timely disposal of complaints and disputes received in their office. He further stressed Revenue officials to con- on handling the public duct regular field visits to issues with sensitivity,

Lok Sabha Elections 2024 **Election Training for Poll** Staff held at Bandipora

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MAY 10

The District Election Office Bandipora on Friday organised training programme for employees of various Departments who have been assigned duties as PO, P1, P2 and P3, and for Reserve Employees for the necessary knowledge and Lok Sabha Polls 2024 to be held on 20th May in District

was organised at Mini Sec- the upcoming Lok Sabha retariat Bandipora for the Elections 2024.

employees posted in Bandipora, besides for the employees posted in Sumbal and Gurez, the training programmes were held in their respective sub-divisions.

The training programme was aimed to equip the employees with skills to efficiently manage the polling stations and to conduct the electoral The training programme process effectively during

DIPR Jammu organises promotional event at **GHS Gran-Reasi**

JI NEWS SERVICE

REASI, MAY 10

of Information and Public Relations Jammu today organised a Symposium secured by Simran Karsh, on the topic" Nasha Mukt Bharat" at Government secured by Ajay Singh and High School Gran Reasi.

A total number of 10 students participated in the competition. The School, Anil Kumar eduevent was organized to aware the students ing the topic and appreregarding Drug abuse and ciated the Department its repercussions on the of Information & Public individuals and society Relations for organising as a whole. The students a meaningful event in the presented valuable information on the topic and also presented a colorful Cultural programme.

Students were judged on parameters of Pronuntation, confidence etc.

Vishawjeet Singh, Gur- Ahmed Khan.

jeet Singh and Arti Devi were the Judges for the day. Lal Singh, teacher Cultural Unit, Department of the school hosted the event.

First position was second position was third Position was secured by Bharti Devi.

Headmaster of the cated the students regardschool.

Among others, staff members and a large number of students witnessed the programme.

The whole programme ciation, Modulation of was conducted under the Voice, Factual Represen- supervision of Cultural Officer Jammu, Nasir

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: **Largest SVEEP Banner** inaugurated at State Taxes Complex Solina, Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 10

a largest Systematic emphasized the role of Voters' Education and Electoral Participation strengthening the fabric (SVEEP) banner was of democracy. Friday inaugurated at the State Taxes Complex Solina, Srinagar markand civic engagement among citizens.

al Commissioner, State and participation. Taxes, Kashmir, Shakeel Maqbool.

the State Taxes Depart- ing an informed and ment, aims to empower engaged electorate. Its and educate citizens on strategic placement at their electoral rights the State Taxes Comand responsibilities.

prominently at the State and electoral participa-Taxes Complex, Solina, tion. Srinagar, the campaign takes on a larger-thanlife presence, captivat- its unveiling signifies ing the attention of pass- a monumental step ersby and stakeholders towards amplifying alike.

missioner, State Taxes, their democratic rights Kashmir in his inaugural conscientiously.

address, underscored the importance of active participation in the In a unique initiative, democratic process and awareness campaigns in

He expressed his gratitude to all stakeholders involved in ing a significant stride making this initiative a in fostering awareness reality and reiterated the commitment of the State Taxes Department The banner was inau- towards fostering a culgurated by the Addition- ture of electoral literacy

The SVEEP banner serves as a visual testa-The SVEEP initia- ment to the collective tive, spearheaded by efforts aimed at nurturplex ensures maximum With the inaugura- visibility, effectively distion of this monumen- seminating key messagtal banner, adorned es on voter education

As the largest SVEEP banner in Srinagar, awareness and mobiliz-The Additional Com- ing citizens to exercise

ALC conducts surprise market checking in Kishtwar town

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MAY 10

Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC), Mamta Sudershan today led a surprise market inspection in Kishtwar town, aimed at ensuring compliance with the J&K Shops & Establishment Act 1966 and Child Labour Act

The inspection covered different markets, businesses and food establishments in Kishtwar town, including areas near Sangrambhatta, Shaheedi Chowk, Om Mehta Road and Police Station road.

During the inspection, the team checked for compliance with Form C requirements, maintenance registers of employees, among other regulations and issued challans against any violations found.

NORTHERN RAILWA

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The I 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. Tender No. 251-Elect-T-10/2024-25 Name of Work Electrical work in c/v Construction of 02 (two) nos of WLs without covered shed at BDGM, App. Cost (in Rs.) 99,74,450.30 Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,99,500.00 Completion period 06

www.ireps.gov.in Tender No. 251-Elect-T-09/2024-25 Name of Work Electrical work in c/w Provision of 24x7 emergency power supply in existing tunnels in JAT-SVDK section. App. Cost (in Rs.) 94,00,462.37 Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,88,000.00 Completion period 06 Months Opening of tender 29.05.2024 after 15:00 Hrs. Website Particulars

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www.ireps.gov.in 251-Elect/T.Notice No. 07-Elect/2024-25 Dated:- 09.05.2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILI

Brahamana, Vijaypur. A merised audiences with large number of locals their singing skills. The thronged to witness the programme was ably soulful event held under conducted by Sat Pal

Mamata govt allows torture on women at Sandeshkhali to appease vote bank: Shah

" I will give charge to

once the BJP is voted with

said in the presence of the

Bengal into Sonar Bangla,

" I appeal to you to vote

RAMPURHAT-RANAGHAT, MAY

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday lambasted that Mamata Banerjee government for not taking any action against her partymen, who unleashed alleged torture on the appease infiltrators.

torture and extortion on bring all the perpetrators Nandigram MLA. the women and tribal into the jails, " Shah said people at Sandeshkhali and asked the CM, bar- for the BJP candidates and bank by way of appease- Mondal, what you con- form a government just for ment of the infiltrators tributed to Birbhum in the five years and I give you and Rohingya, "Shah said past 15 years. while campaigning for BJP candidates Jagannath man now is in Tihar jail Sarkar at Ranaghat and and many more are waitin Birbhum's Lok Sabha ing in future if the syndicandidate Debtanu Bhat- cators are not mended

tacharva. Sheikh, "Shah said at Rampilgrimage.



" I assure you (voters) Suvendu Adhikari to mend Sandeshkhali women, to once you vote for 30 seats all these for the Birbhum in Bengal and cross 400 " It is a shame for a seats across India, The 30 seats in Bengal and woman chief minister like Narendra Modi govern- cross 400 in India in 2024 Mamata Banerjee to allow ment would end the syn- Lok Sabha election, "Shah her partymen to unleash dicated raj in the state and just to maintain her vote ring creation of Anubrata make way for the party to

" Yes Birbhum strongnot called the ED and CBI was ruined by the bomb time and see the results. " and it is High Court to culture, illegal mining of You have seen how Rs 350 intervene to save the tor- sand from the river, scar- crore was seized from a ture woman, which you city of drinking water and Congress MP in Jharkhand could hade done but you what not in the red clay and Rs 30 crore from a PA did not owing to your com- district where nature has of Jharkhand minister and

Shah said whilst listing the addressed for some 14

Addressing an elec-Sarkar, Shah reiterated, " Indian citizenship toMatua community refugees. "Shah claimed that the Congress, TMC and Left the Modi guarantee to turn parties have beenopposing the CAA and they too " Shah said. He said the people of Bengal in past establishment of the Ram Congress, the left and UP. " Have they succeeded now, " Shah warned. He now the TMC, adding give in stopping the Ram Lala " Mamata Banerjee has alleged Birbhum district a chance to the BJP this temple? No, they could not because you voters here made Narendra Modi second time in 2019, and Chatterjee in Bengal, " late from Jharkhand, go to hustings on May 13.

corruptions being commit-minutes without halting ted under the TMC regime a second on the dais, and listed a series of corrup-Earlier, Shah accused tion cases of the Mamata Mamata Banerjee-led TMC Banerjee government from government of being the ration scam to coal infil-No 1 corrupt regime in tration, cattle smuggling, India, claiming that her appointment of teachvote bank solely stands on ers and ill-gotten money the support of the infiltra- seized from the minister's residence in Bengal. He said the Mamata Banerjee tioneering in favour of government was also lying BJP's sitting MP Jagannath about free ration, which actually is the contribution None in the country can of the Modi government stop the implementation and would continue in the of the CAA and granting next five years. The Union minister also claimed that the women of Sandeshkhali were tortured on the basis of their faith and said the BJP would not let any of the perpetrators go scot had also opposed the free.He said the Congress, TMC and Left in alliance decades gave chance to Lala temple in Ayodhya in tried to oppose theabrogation of Article 370 but the Modi government succeeded to abolish and end terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.Shah appealed the Prime Minister for the to the people to vote in "Lotus" symbol to ensure the Ram Lala finally was atleast 30 Lok Sabha seats consecrated on January in Bengal to cross 400 pulsion of vote bank like given plenty of rivers and Rs 51 crore from the house 22 in 2024, "Shah pointed mark. The fourth phase muscleman odf Sahjahan natural beauty and sites of of jailed minister Partha out. Shah, who arrived election to eight seats will

Chidambaram calls for discussion on ECI's functioning in Parliament after poll body raps Kharge

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI, MAY 10

Soon after Election Commission of India (ECI) parties will share their polls." rebuked Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge for his remarks on delay in final voter turnout also defended his Party numbers, the apex poll body came under heavy

Former Union Minis- exception to the letter." ter and senior Congress has called for "full disand commissions of the is not beyond criticism.

"ECI should rememhas not done for which out facts. it deserves to be critibe criticised," Chidam- turnout data. baram wrote on micro-

experiences contesting

The Election Commisleader P Chidambaram sion in a strongly-worded letter to Mallikarjun Election Commission of cussion on the omissions Kharge on Friday reject- India (ECI) to the issues ed his comments alleg-ECI" while also remind- ing possible discrepancy President in his letter ing the poll body that it in voter turnout data to the INDIA parties is which is released after simply beyond descripber that it is not beyond termed his comments tutional body entrusted criticism. There is much as 'highly undesirable, with the responsibility of

blogging site 'X'. He fur-rejected all his allega-mar Sen, TN Seshan, JM ther said in the post, "Let tions and rapped Kharge Lyngdoh and others," he

there be a full discus- allegations to create sion on the omissions confusion, misdirection and commissions of the and impediments in the ECI, and ALL political conduct of free and fair

Senior Congress elections under the curleader Jairam Ramesh rent ECI." Chidambaram lambasted the poll body saying, "Both the content President and noted, and intent of the letter "Mr Mallikarjun Kharge will be a permanent blot attack from senior lead- had raised valid points in on the reputation of an ers from the grand old his letter. ECI may refute institution that can boast them, but why take of luminaries like Sukumar Sen, TN Seshan, JM Lyngdoh and others.'

"The response of the raised by the Congress polling. The poll body tion. The EC is a Constithat ECI has done and unwarranted and with- being an impartial body that ensures, and is seen Kharge had earlier to ensure, a level-playing cised. When RBI, C&AG, this week written to field to all political par-Finance Commission leaders of various oppoties. Both the content and other bodies can sition parties and raised and intent of the letter be criticised, why does concern over alleged dis- will be a permanent blot ECI think it should not crepancies in the voter on the reputation of an institution that can boast The ECI, however, of luminaries like Suku-Parliament meet and Let for "making baseless wrote on X.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

LS Polls: Will winds...

overshadowed by terrorist activities and Pakistanboycotts. The persistent threat of violence and calls for ists goes to BJP and PM Modi. boycott by separatists and terrorist groups have historically deterred voter turnout.

However, experts now observe a shift in the situaa decline in incidents like stone-pelting. With intensified crackdowns on terrorist organizations and separatist parties, there has been a notable absence of calls for election boycotts. This newfound peace has fostered a conducive atmosphere for increased voter participation. This prompted the administration to undertake comprehensive efforts across all districts. Various initiatives, including awareness drives, sports competitions, it is only the BJP," he said. and community engagements, are being implemented to mobilize voters and ensure a robust turnout.

Political analysts interpret the upcoming elections as an opportunity for Kashmiris to express dissent against the decisions of the Central Government, particularly the actions taken since 2019. PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti and NC chief Omar Abdullah have been vocal in

Srinagar has consistently recorded low voter turn- areas. outs. This emerges as a challenge in mobilizing voters in to raise awareness among the populace, including students and the general public, through various outreach programs and awareness campaigns.

With a peaceful atmosphere prevailing across Kashmir and renewed efforts to engage voters, optimism is high for a significant increase in voter turnout and the possibility of setting new records in the upcoming elections. Parties in fray that include National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party and Apni Party are hopeful of huge turnout in Srinagar constituency on May 13 followed by North Kashmir on May 19 and South Kashmir on May 25.

'Yes, indeed there is a change in air. We expect a large number of voters to come out on May 13 in all three Lok Sabha constituencies of Kashmir. It's the people who have decided the fate of candidates in fray. This time, all eyes are on the voting percentage," said a senior Apni Party leader.

Leaders from National Conference and PDP are also banking on the huge voter percentage this time around. "This time, there is no boycott factor and people should vote for the candidate who can raise their voice in the Parliament. We are glad to see people participating in our rallies in downtown and villages of Pulwama and Bramulla where boycott always prevailed whenever there were polls," said Waheed ur Rehman Para, PDP's candidate for Srinagar parliamentary seat-

A senior NC leader admitted that stone pelting has declined and street protests have vanished but added that 'security challenges' have gone up on other fronts. "Polling dates will decide the real change on ground. Let people reach polling booths on May 13, May 19 and in the region. May 25," he said. KNO

Every inch of PoJK...

obstacles in building Ram Mandir in Ayodhya for 70 years whereas PM Modi constructed the temple in five years...Rahul Baba did not come to Ram Mandir consecration as he was afraid of his 'vote bank'," he said.

"I want to ask Rahul Gandhi why the Congress failed to appoint any tribal President during its rule", he said while taking a jibe at the grand old party and INDIA

Shah said under the Congress regime, Maoists exercised rights on "jal, jungle and jameen (water, forest and land) in Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. "After you made Modi Prime Minister, he wiped out the Maoist menace and ushered in development,"

The Home Minister said the credit of freeing

He said it is the BJP regime that ensured respect and dignity for tribals and the Prime Minister has already announced to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of tion, marked by a cessation of separatist activities and tribal icon Birsa Munda as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh' in

> Birsa Munda waged a war against the British and its effect reverberated across India, but the Congress and MM governments did not give tribals their due, he said.

"Now, the tribal population faces the biggest threat from infiltrators who are building homes in tribal villages and marrying local girls. If anyone can stop them,

"Under Prime Minister Modi, the tribal welfare budget was enhanced to Rs 1,33,000 crore from Rs 29,000 crore in the previous Congress regime," he said and added that 40,000 teachers will be appointed for Eklavya Model schools across the country. A total of one lakh children are enrolled in 740 such schools," he said.

The Home Minister emphasised that Rs 88,000 crore urging voters to use their ballots to oppose government under DMFT (District Mineral Foundation Trust) was being spent across the country for development of tribal

The Modi government is building 10 tribal museums these regions. However, concerted efforts are underway in various parts of the country at a cost of Rs 200 crore,

> Shah urged people to vote for BJP candidate and Union Minister Arjun Munda. The minister is contesting against Congress's Kalicharan Munda whom he had defeated by a slender margin of 1,445 votes in the 2019 elections. Khunti will go to polls on May 13 alongwith Lohardaga, Sinbhum and Palmu seats. (PTI)

As long as Modi...

amenities like water and electricity, Modi highlighted his government's efforts to address them, as he reaffirmed his commitment to providing homes, water, and electricity to every household.

He mentioned that over one and a half million poor people in Nandurbar have been provided roof with PM Housing scheme, along with essential amenities.

Emphasising on the BJP's focus to eradicate sickle cell anaemia and ensuring food security, he said, "Congress has never cared for tribal brothers and sisters. Sickle cell anaemia is a big threat in tribal areas. But Congress didn't pay much attention to this disease.

"It is the BJP that has launched a campaign to eradicate sickle cell anaemia from its root. So that no poor person remains malnourished..."

He criticised Congress for neglecting tribal welfare and attempting to gain votes via lies and false promises.

"The NDA government has ensured water supply to every household in more than 20,000 villages in Maharashtra, including 111 villages of Nandurbar," said PM Modi, highlighting the government's achievements

Speaking on the issue of reservations, PM Modi condemned the Congress party's agenda to divide and manipulate reservation policies for their political gains. He assured the audience that the rights of SC, ST, and OBC communities would be protected under his lead-

"No matter how many efforts they make. No matter how many lies they spread with anti-national forces. You have Modi's trust, Modi's guarantee. As long as Modi is alive, no one can touch the reservations of SC, ST, OBC. 'Vanchiton Ka Jo Adhikaar Hai, Modi Unka Chaukidaar Hai," said PM Modi.

"Congress has never cared for tribal brothers and sisters. It's the BJP that is building museums for tribal warriors across the country," said PM Modi, criticising the Congress for neglecting the contributions of tribal revolutionaries.

Attacking the Congress and its allies for their anti-

"When I go to a temple, the Congress calls it anti-India. Look at their mindset.

"They called the Ram temple in Lord Ram's own country anti-national," Modi thundered amid a rousing audience as he pointed out the Opposition's activities.

"Those who do government sponsored iftaris for appeasement, those who beautify the graves of terrorists, they call me anti-national for going to my Ram

The Congress party is conspiring to erase Hindu faith for full UN membership be considered again. For a from the country."

and moves towards misleading people", saying, "I feel sad many times thinking about how much Balasaheb Thackeray would be suffering. Now these fake Shiv Sena people have started taking even the culprits of bomb blasts in their campaign.

alive. These people have lost the support and trust of the public, their political ground has slipped away."

"But they forget that the 140-crore people of India are my protectors. The 'Matru Shakti' of this country is my in the United Nations". shield. I have so much blessing from the 'Matru Shakti' they want to," the Prime Minister added.

Firing exchanges...

Police also released sketches of two terrorists who are believed to have carried out the attack on the Air Force vehicles. Security forces also released pictures of 3 terrorists taken out of a video clip captured by a CCTV camera. Top sources said these three terrorists are on state at the UN is the Holy See, representing the Vatican. the most wanted list of the security forces.

Hot, dry weather...

asking the farmers to suspend their farm activities on May 11 and 12 and also added that there is a possibility of landslides and shooting stones at few vulnerable places.

'There is a possibility of hailstorm, gusty winds with, lightening at few places particularly on 11th and 12th May," the advisory reads. KNO

BJP exploiting religion...

into Jammu and Kashmir. He accused the Apni Party and then attempting to portray himself as an upright

The public rally was organised by the National Conference as part of the party's election campaign in favour of Agha Ruhullah Mehdi, the NC's candidate for the Srinagar parliamentary constituency. KNO

India votes in favour...

later shifted to Ramallah in 2003

Earlier this month, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj had said that while Palestine's application for membership at the UN was not approved by the Security Council because of the veto in the UNSC, "I would like to state here at the very outset that in keeping with India's long-standing position, we hope that this would be reconsidered in due course and that Palestine's endeavour to become a member of the United Nations will get endorsed".

An annex to the resolution said that the additional rights and privileges of participation of the State of Palestine will be effective as of the 79th session of the General Assembly that begins in September this year.

states in alphabetical order; the right to make statements on behalf of a group, including among representatives of major groups; the right of members of

Hindu and anti-national sentiments, PM Modi said, the delegation of the State of Palestine to be elected as officers in the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly and the right to full and effective participation in UN conferences and international conferences and meetings convened under the auspices of the General Assembly.

> Palestine, in its capacity as an observer state, does not have the right to vote in the General Assembly or to put forward its candidature to UN organs.

In April, Palestine had sent a letter to UN Secretary-"The INDI alliance is attacking not me, but your faith. General Antonio Guterres requesting that its application state to be granted full UN membership, its application Modi also highlighted Shiv Sena's "fake intentions" must be approved both by the Security Council and the General Assembly, where a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting is required for the state to be admitted as a full member.

Last month, the US had vetoed a resolution in the Security Council on the Palestinian bid to be granted "So, it's not a big deal that they dream of burying me full membership of the United Nations. The 15-nation Council had voted on a draft resolution that would have recommended to the 193-member UN General Assembly "that the State of Palestine be admitted to membership

The resolution got 12 votes in its favour, with Switthat these people won't be able to bury me alive even if zerland and the UK abstaining and the US casting its veto. To be adopted, the draft resolution required at least nine Council members voting in its favour, with no vetoes by any of its five permanent members - China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and United States.

> Currently, Palestine is a "non-member observer state" at the UN, a status granted to it by the General Assembly in 2012. This status allows Palestine to participate in proceedings of the world body but it cannot vote on resolutions. The only other non-member observer

Govt reconstitutes departmental...

Assistant and Senior Assistant (HRM) and the section

to which the case(s) pertains." It reads The committee will examine cases of doctors or any other officers/officials of subordinate offices related to the un-authorized absence/over-stay on deputation/ study leave cases or other like cases and to make specific recommendations in such cases as may be referred to it, to take cognizance of difficulties being faced by general public due to authorized/un-authorized absence of Doctors/Para Medical Staff etc while making recompresident Altaf Bukhari of initially supporting the BJP mendations in any such case, to examine whether all pre-requisite conditions have been fulfilled, prior to deciding authorized/un-authorized period of absence, to examine whether concerned Head of Department has furnished specific proposal/recommendation alongwith documentary evidence, to examine the intent of recommending authority for permission to undergo higher studies by any doctor/paramedics prior to formal approval/sanction of study leave by the competent authority, to examine all re-percussions in allowing doctors to rejoin after un-authorized absence and to examine any other, fully or partially related case, which may be referred to the Committee by the Department

> 'The Committee may recommend the cases in terms of relevant rules and make suggestion(s) to the competent authority and to submit its recommendations based on prior rationale, reasonable justification & documentary evidence," it reads.

The committee shall adhere the following that the Member Secretary of the Committee shall obtain the details of the cases from the concerned HODs quarterly, place the case(s) as received from the concerned HoDs before the designated committee quarterly for discussion/recommendations and the Committee shall submit These include the right to be seated among member its recommendations to the authorities for approval and the HRM Section shall dispose of the recommendations of Committee on case to case basis. KNO

A. S. N. School beats Tiny Tots School in Cricket & Kho-Kho match

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JAMMU, MAY 10

A.S.N.Hr.Sec.School, Channi Himmat, Jammu organized friendly Cricket Match for boys and Kho-Kho match for girls with Tiny Tots Hr.Sec. School, Sainik Colony, Jammu where in one team of cricket and one team of Kho-kho participated in the matches. The matches were played at Armed Police Complex, Channi

Mr. Zahid Manhas IPS, Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn, Jammu was the Chief Guest on the occasion Public School, Jammu of just 3 points. Cantt, Mrs. Seema Sambyal, Principal Holy Pre-School, Sainik Colony and Himachal Pradesh were the Guests on Honour.



team scored 43 runs in demic performance. just 17 balls with a loss of 1

girls, again ASN team won gratulated the students while Mr. Ajay Sharma the toss and decided to for their active participa-JKPS, SP South Jammu chase first. Tiny Tots team tion in both the matches. presided over the event was all out in 17 minutes He said that an organised where as Mrs. Manpreet while ASN School team sports competition is also Kour, Vice-Principal Army won the match with a loss a great opportunity for

open by Mr Ajay Sharma build new friendships sentation Convent School, SP South Jammu along and to learn and share Kathua, Dr. Vikram Handa, with Mr. Ritesh Kapoor, various techniques and Principal Tiny Tots Hr. Sec. Director A.S.N.Hr. Sec. styles of playing to boost School, Channi Himmat. their talent. He added that Mrs. Vishakha Raut Pan- Mr. Ajay Sharma after every year A.S.N.School dita, Outreach Manager, declaring the event open organize various Inter-Shoolini University, Solan for the children to partici- School competitions to T-10 Cricket match for initiative in coming for- and likewise this year lots boys was played between ward and organizing such more Inter-School events ASN team and Tiny Tots events by indulging sports- are on its way for the Team where in ASN manship amongst the stu-same. School team won the toss dents. He added that there and decided to ball first. are also countless studies mandant SDRF 2nd Bn at Tiny Tots team was able that sport and activity is to score just 42 runs in 10 not only great for overall lauded the efforts put on overs with a loss of 9 wick- health, it's also good for in this friendly Cricket and The function closed with

Ritesh Kapoor, Director wicket and won the match. of A.S.N.Hr.Sec.School In kho-kho match for during his address constudents coming to a new The event was declared school together to quickly pate appreciated A.S.N.Hr. make their students ready Sec.School for taking an for the competitive world

Zahid Manhas IPS, Comthe time of the conclusion

nized by A.S.N.School. He said Competitive sport is also great for building confidence, self-esteem and challenging kids to get out and have a go. He added that playing sport is a really important part of growing up and sports and competition gives school children a better life balance and teaches us about winning and losing. Zahid said that lots of athletes are born out of such competitions, and it has and continues to be an effective way of figuring out the best athletes and sports people in the country. He presented Medals and Certificates to winners and runner ups of both the matches. Souveniers were presented to the respected guests and the Chief Guest by Director A.S.N.Hr.Sec.School

ets where in ASN School mental wellbeing and aca- Kho-kho matches orga- national anthem.

Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals unveils groundbreaking 'ZAP X' Technology, Revolutionizing Brain Surgery

JAMMU, MAY 10

As a part of Apollo's initiative of providing advanced treatment to people across the country, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi organized a press conference to introduce a groundbreaking advancement in the field of neurosurgery. Dubbed "ZAP X," this revolutionary technology promises to revolutionize the way complex brain surgeries are performed, offering new hope to patients and

their families. Addressing a press conference in Jammu, Dr. Sudheer Tyagi, Senior Consultant, Neurosurgery, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital and Dr Gaurav Tyagi, Consultant, Neurosurgery, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals provided in-depth insights into the ZAP X applications, and the sig- offering our patients the leading to improved out- lives of those we serve."

for patients undergoing ment alternatives. The ZAP neurosurgical procedures. X technology represents a

by leveraging cutting-edge techniques, this innovative and efficiency that reduces the risks associated with traditional neurosurgicomes and faster recovery times.

technology, its potential ing medical frontiers and

Dr. Sudheer Tyagi said paradigm shift in neurosurgery, providing unpartechnology and advanced alleled accuracy, safety,

times for our patients. We are elated to be at the vanguard of this revolutionary advancement, which exemplifies our commitment to delivering worldclass healthcare.

Dr. Gaurav Tyagi, Consultant, Neurosurgery, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, added "This pioneering technology not only enhances our surgical capabilities but also offers newfound hope to patients grappling with complex neurological conditions. The precision and minimally invasive nature of ZAP X will undoubtedly solution aims to minimize the risks associated with lead to better outcomes, shorter hospital stays, and traditional neurosurgi- cal techniques for select faster recoveries for our cal methods, leading to cases," said Dr Sudheer patients. We are excited to improved patient out- Tyagi. He said with ZAP be at the forefront of this X, we can now approach transformative innovaintricate brain lesions with tion, which aligns with our "We are resolute in radiosurgery, achieving a unwavering commitment our dedication to advanc- level of precision that was to providing exceptional previously unattainable, care and improving the

Welcomes you on nificant benefits it offers most cutting-edge treat-

Three Day Vet Fest 2k24 concludes at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 10

The three-day annual veterinary festival, "Vet Fest-2K24," hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry at SKUAST-Jammu, R S Pura, was concluded. Prof. B.N. Tripathi, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu graced the occasion as the esteemed Chief Guest alongside Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean, FVSc & AH; Dr Sudhakar Dwivedi, DSW, SKUAST-Jammu and other esteemed statutory officers of the University.

The concluding day started with different outdoor sports activities viz. race (100m/200m), javelin throw and marathon followed by cultural events in which both faculty and students participated with great zeal and zest.

During the valedictory function, Dr. Rajesh

bers of different commit- ulty for nicely conduct- Tennis, Carom, Cricket, a grand success.

address, emphasized that VetFest is a unique platform for students to show their hidden talents and praised the creative and artistic performances of esteemed Chief Guest to IDP-NAHEP, SKUASTstudents. He further stated the winners of different Jammu to boost the confithat, despite being science students, they have (Debate, Story Writing, a thoughtful sense of art Mad - Ad, Ship Wreck, ity. Katoch, Dean, FVSc & AH and culture. Such events Quiz and Youth Parliawelcomed the dignitaries explore creativity, talent, ment), cultural events nizing Secretary of VET and outlined the diverse innovation and rejuvenate (Dance, Music, Theatre), FEST 2K24 extended vote array of events carried the minds and spirits of Photography, Flower of thanks and congratuout in the VetFest 2K24. students and faculty. Dr Decoration, besides varilated the whole veteri-He expressed his sincere Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean ous Sports Events (indoor nary fraternity of SKUASTthanks and congratulated Students Welfare, SKUAST- and outdoor games viz. Jammu for the successful the conveners and mem- J congratulated the Fac- Badminton, Chess, Table completion of the event.

The day also witnessed

tees, who worked day and ing the Mega event. Dr. Basket Ball, Volley Ball, night to make this festival Hema Tripathi, Associate Tug of War, 100 & 200 Director Extension, also meter Races) organized Prof. Tripathi, in his congratulated the veteri- over three days long Vetnary fraternity for the suc- Fest, 2K24. Best room in cessful completion of the boys/girls hostel was also adjudged and awarded.

The programme was prize distribution by the held in collaboration with events viz. Literary events dence of the students and

IIIM organizes Rashtriya Boudhik Sampada Mahotsav, Focused on Innovation and **Sustainable Development**



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CSIR-Indian Institute methodologies of prior of Integrative Medicine art search in the context (CSIR-IIIM) successfully of intellectual property organized the Rash- (IP) and patenting. Dr. triya Boudhik Sampada Banerjee highlighted the Mahotsav (National Intelimportance of conductlectual Property Festival) ing a comprehensive prior here today at CK Atal art search, by identifying Auditorium of the insti-relevant patents, scientute. This event, which tific literature, technical brought together intel- reports, and other sources lectual minds to explore of prior art. Inventors can the significance of intelgain valuable insights into lectual property rights the state of the art, idenin fostering innovation, tify potential obstacles to coincided with the World patentability, and refine IP Day. With the theme their patent strategy "IP and the SDGs: Building accordingly, she added. Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativ- Director CSIR-IIIM, in ity," the festival aimed at his presidential remarks,

opment Goals. Chief Scientist at Innova- nificance of intellectual tion Protection Unit (IPU), property in fostering inno-CSIR HQ, New Delhi, vation and sustainable delivered the Key note development, stressing its lecture on "Challenges pivotal role in nurturing and Solutions in Interna- ideas setting the stage for tional Patent Protection", meaningful discussions. and threw light on the He also discussed governcritical aspects of interna- ment policies supporting tional patent filings. Her start-up innovations, and talk encompassed vari- urged young researchers ous facets of the patent to prioritize patenting. He prosecution process and reaffirmed the institute's the significance of secur- commitment to support ing patents on a global societal goals. Underscale. She has underlined scoring the importance the importance of inter- of such events in guiding national patent filings and researchers, Dr. Zabeer gave a detailed overview appreciated the organiz-

URDIP. Pune has delivered an online lecture on the importance and

Dr. Zabeer Ahmed,

delving into how innova- highlighted the institute's tive ideas could contrib- dedication to promotute to sustainable devel- ing intellectual property rights and innovation. Dr.Saguna Dewan, He emphasized the sigof the patent prosecution. ing team and keynote Dr.Paromita Banerjee, speakers for making this Principal Scientist at CSIR- event a great success.

Gulchain Singh Charak bereaved

JAMMU, MAY 10

Gulchain Singh Charak, Former Minister and former member of Congress Working Committee (Former AICC Gen.Secretary Incharge of Bihar, Punjab & Chandigarh UT) mourned the demise five sons: Brig MS Jamwal of his elder sister, Smt. Krishna Devi Jamwal, wife of Late Shri Madho Singh har Singh, Rajinder Singh Jamwal, Deputy Director and Col SS Jamwal (Retd). retired from the Education Department, who her residence in Greater family members in which Kailash, Jammu.

She is survived by her life participated.



followed by refreshment

for all the participants.

(Retd), Maheshwar Singh Jamwal ETO Retd., Mano-

The cremation took place at the Cremation passed away this morn- ground Mandal, with the ing after a brief illness at last rites performed by the people from all walks of

India to participate at 77th Cannes Film Festival; 'Bharat Parva' to be celebrated at 77th Cannes Film Festival

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of India, State Govern- alongside the 55th IFFI. ments, members of the Films through a series of significant initiatives.

will host a "Bharat Parv" from around the world collaborations, curated participating in the knowledge sessions, sign-Festival, to engage with ing distribution deals, Kapadia's magnum opus, film celebrities, filmmak- greenlighting scripts, B2B ers, directors, produc- meetings and networking poised to captivate audicial poster & trailer of the ration (NFDC) in collabo- of Cannes Film Festival film reels were preserved iera) on 15th May at 12 al partners.

55th India International ration with the Federa-Official Selection, after for several decadesin film pm. The panel discussion for the 77th edition of the also see the release of the du Cannes through the in "Santosh," in Un Cer-Foundation(FHM). prestigious festival. The "Save the Date" for the Confederation of Indian tain Regard alongside Corporate Indian Delega- 1st World Audio-Visual& Industry (CII) for provid- Karan Kandhari's evoca- ning cinematographer filmmakers are welcomtion consists of represen- Entertainment Summit ing the industry to contatives from Government (WAVES) to be hosted

nect & collaborate.

The Bharat Pavilion at has been designed by industry will showcase the 77th Cannes Film Fes- the National Institute India's creative economy tival at 108 village Inter- of Design, Ahmedabad sion Institute of India deliver a masterclass for are being shared. in the leading film market national Riviera, will be is christened on 'The (FTII) student's film the Cannes delegates, of the world, Marche du inaugurated on May 15 Sutradhara' for depictin the presence of emi- ing this year's theme of nent film personalities. "Create in India". As we is selected in the La Cinef It will be for the first The Bharat Pavilion at look at India's presence, Competitive section. The time that the country Cannes serves as a plat- this year, at the Cannes short film made in Kan- including Goa, Maharash- creating in India, interform for the Indian film Film Festival, a rich his- nada, was shortlisted tra, Jammu & Kashmir, national collaboration at the 77th Cannes Film community to engage in tory and the landscape among entries from Karnataka, Jharkhand, in film festivals, India Festival, for eminent dig-various activities, includ- of creativity denote the across the globe and will and Delhi are likely to as a filming destination, nitaries and delegates ing, fostering production direction on an international stage.

> In the spotlight, Payal "All We Imagine As Light,"

The Bharat Pavilion Maisam Ali's compelling gious Pierre Angenieux es on the ground for film-"In Retreat" in L'Acid.

> FIRST ONES TO KNOW" now compete against 17 films in the final stage.

Furthermore, Shyam

Film Festival (IFFI) to tion of Indian Chambers three decades. The cine-vaults of NFDC-National will spotlight India's huge be held in Goa on 20-28 of Commerce & Industry matic landscape is further Film Archive of India incentives for film pro-It is a special year for India November, 2024 will be (FICCI) as industry part-enriched by British-Indi- (NFAI), a unit of the Minis-duction, co-production at the Cannes Film Festi- unveiled at the Bharat ner. A 'Bharat Stall' will an filmmaker Sandhya try, and has been restored opportunities, and the val as the country readies Parv. The Bharat Parv will be put in the Marche Suri's poignant narrative by the Film Heritage top-notch post-produc-

> tive "Sister Midnight" in Santosh Sivan will be the ing these initiatives, what Directors' Fortnight and recipient of the presti- are the actual experienctribute at the Cannes ing in India and what are The Film and Televi- Film Festival. He will also the exciting stories that to be honored with this distinction.

participate to help show- bilateral film co-producother international short case India's diverse loca- tions between India and tions and film talent.

tion facilities. The panel National Award-win- will put forward as to how

Interactive sessions at "SUNFLOWERS WERE becoming the first Indian the Bharat Pavilion, organized throughout the festival, will cover topics Many Indian states such as incentives for countries like Spain, the A Session on explor- UK, and France, among Benegal's 'Manthan', a ing opportunities of film others. These sessions film focusing on the Amul production in collabo- aim to facilitate discusers, buyers and sales with prominent entertain- ences and vie for the dairy cooperative move- ration with India, titled sions, networking, and agents from across the ment and media players prestigious Palme d'Or. ment, will be presented "Abundant Incentives collaboration opporworld and showcase the from around the world. Notably, this marks a in the Classics section, and Seamless Facilita- tunities for filmmakers myraid creative opportu- The Pavilion will be orga- significant milestone as adding a touch of histori- tions - Come, Create in seeking to engage with nities and a rich bank of nized by the National an Indian title graces cal significance to the fes- India" is being organized the dynamic Indian film creative talent. The offi- Film Development Corpo- the Competition section tival's Indian lineup. The at the Main Stage (Riv- industry and internation-

EDITORIAL

Crucial factor in Ladakh's electoral race

s the electoral landscape unfolds in Ladakh's lone Parliamentary con-stituency, the pivotal role of Kargil district comes sharply into focus. Beyond mere candidate representation, Kargil holds sway over the electorate with over 7,000 more votes than Leh district, while Leh boasts a distinctive feature where female voters outnumber their male counterparts. With a total of 1,84,803 electorates, Ladakh's Parliamentary seat stands among the few constituencies nationwide with fewer than two lakh voters. According to official data, Leh district accounts for 88,877 voters, while Kargil boasts 95,926. Observers suggest that given Ladakh's electorate's religious divisions, Kargil's additional voters grant it a significant advantage over Leh. Leh, predominantly Buddhist, contrasts with Kargil's Shia Muslim majority. With two out of three candidates hailing from Leh and only one from Kargil, political analysts anticipate a favorable outcome for the solitary candidate from Kargil due to potential vote splitting in Leh. Historically, the BJP secured victory in Ladakh in 2014 and 2019 when two candidates hailed from Kargil. The mass resignation of National Conference (NC) leaders in Kargil has sparked widespread speculation and raised eyebrows across the political spectrum. This bold move, ostensibly triggered by directives from party president Dr. Farooq Abdullah to support the Congress candidate Tsering Namgyal in the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat, evokes memories of a similar episode in 2009, hinting at a potential repeat of history. In 2009, amidst a coalition government between the National Conference and Congress in Jammu and Kashmir, the Ladakh Lok Sabha seat was allocated to the Congress as per the seat-sharing agreement. However, the then NC leader Ghulam Hassan Khan defied party lines and contested the seat as an independent candidate. Supported clandestinely by leaders of the Kargil unit of the NC, Khan emerged victorious, defeating the coalition partner candidate. What followed was a strategic move as Khan, despite winning as an independent candidate, extended unconditional support to the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, aligning with the NC's interests. This maneuver, orchestrated by Dr. Farooq Abdullah, showcased the party's ability to navigate complex political landscapes and secure its objectives. The district's lone representative, Mohammad Haneefa Jan, an Independent candidate backed by National Conference and Congress units, faces stiff competition from Tashi Gyalson of BJP and Tsering Namgayal of Congress, both from Leh. The dynamics of this electoral contest also reflect broader political alliances, exemplified by the en masse resignation of the Kargil unit of the National Conference, following directives to support Congress candidate Tsering Namgayal. This move underscores the intricate interplay between national party strategies and regional dynamics. Ladakh braces for the Lok Sabha polls, the electoral landscape underscores Kargil's pivotal role in shaping the region's political trajectory. Beyond mere representation, the district's demographics, logistical challenges, and political allegiances converge to define the contours of Ladakh's parliamentary dynamics.

Do you want the good or bad news on tornadoes and hurricanes?

have become much more frequent as the planet has warmed

Scattered Twisters

MARK GONGLOFF

f the Car Crash Fairy would lower your odds of getting in a car accident, storms that breed torbut the trade-off was that nadoes thrive on heat, any accidents you did get moisture and instabilinto would be far more likely to injure or kill you, thing weather nerds you probably wouldn't call CAPE, or convectake that deal. But that tive available potential might be the bargain we have made with climate change is certainly genchange and two of the erating plenty of that. most destructive natural But these storms also

droughts and floods wracking the planet have clearly ferent altitudes. While been made more likely by warming. The jury is still out on whether tornadoes and hurricanes will similarly become more frequent. They might even happen less often, at least in some places. But the ducing more tornadoes. be more destructive, rais- the opposite will happen. ing risks for everyone from Good luck trying to model insurers to urban plan- it; tornadoes are hyperlo-

onslaught of tornadoes this week could be forgiven for thinking there have never been more of them. Consider Indiana, for example, suffering its

as often now as they did in, say, the 1970s.

supercell thunderneed "wind shear," a ates less wind shear.

In some places and times, warming's CAPE effect will outweigh its wind-shear effect, proones that do occur could In other times and places, cal events that chaotically People in the Mid-pop in and out of existence west facing yet another like virtual particles or TikTok dances.

A 2021 study researchers at Columbia University and Central Michigan University suggested that every 1 degree fifth twister attack of 2024 Celsius of warming would after one of the state's bus- make tornado-friendly iest vears on record. But, conditions increase by in fact, tornadoes seem to 5% to 20%, though the

This might seem offered you a deal that counterintuitive. The ity in the air, someenergy. And climate Many of the heat waves, change in wind speed and direction at difglobal warming creates more CAPE, it also cre-

> weather, including damaging winds and hail. researchers at Iowa State University and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory suggests that, as the climate warms, tornadoes will increasingly be included in the package deal of misery delivered

Again, though, the jury

floods, storm surge and

high winds.

2000 1990 Source: NOAA via the Indianapolis Star weather would increase back, scientists did notice severe US storms inflicting by a little less. The planet a trend of fewer days with

has warmed by about 1.3C tornadoes, but many more above preindustrial avertornadoes hitting all at ages so far. Maybe a world conditions were right. And of 2.7C warming will have noticeably more supercell they generally expect that storms and other severe the Tornado Alley that cuts And a new study from time and that supercell

Last year was one of Indiana's busiest for tornadoes, but they don't appear to

warms. That may sound like a wash, but as tornadoes far, the same number of leave the great wide open hurricanes make landfall of the Plains, they will in the US today as 125 years encroach on places where by hurricanes, along with more people live, often in mobile homes and other news ends. As Texas A&M pared for them. The net Andrew Dessler pointed than quality.

at least \$1 billion in damage has soared in recent years, setting a record in 2023, once, in clusters, when according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Hurricanes are a little US will shift eastward over tornadoes, and climate models suggest global in the year as the planet make them happen less often. Despite all the heating we've experienced so ago, according to NASA.

happen in Indiana about actual incidence of severe is out. A couple of years effect is that the number of out in a recent Substack

post, hotter air and water – along with the aforementioned dampening of wind shear mean the hurricanes that do form will be far more intense and destructive. Rising sea levels will also increase storm surge, and don't forget about those hurricane-spawned tornadoes (hurrinadoes?). As with tornadoes, the end result could be more deaths and injuries and more monetary damage and losses for insurers, even if hurricanes are fewer in number. The first lesson here

is that we must stop making the climate even more chaotic by burning fossil fuels and pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as quickly as possible. Meanwhile, businesses and homeowners who might think they're through the middle of the easier to predict than not in harm's way should consider the possibility that the harm will come storms will happen earlier warming might actually to find them. Policymakers need to help vulnerable people prepare for a potentially more dangerous future and ensure that infrastructure and housing can better withstand whatever nature brings. When That's where the good it comes to disasters, as with car accidents, quanstructures that aren't pre- University climate scientist tity is far less important

India and Armenia strengthen defence ties amidst regional instability

PADMALOCHAN DASH

strategic partnership Armenia has undergone a remarkable transformation- fired by their shared commitment to fortify defence capabilities and tion between Armenia and regions. India stands for recogni-

ances and bolster its military capabilities, particu-

ment with Armenia's mili-In recent years, the tary not only strengthens its defensive capabilities between India and but also serves to counterbalance external-internal influences like Turkey and Pakistan in the South Asian region. The expanding Indo-Armenian partconfront regional secu- nership encompasses rity challenges head-on. various facets, including Against the backdrop the exchange of weaponof Armenia's enduring ry, joint military exercises, struggle with Azerbaijan and strategic consultaand Turkey's support for tions, all aimed at enhanc-Azerbaijan's advantages, ing defense readiness and the precipitating connec-security in their respective

Armenia. Reports indicate Military Cooperation: ongoing provision of mili-Armenia's imperative to tary hardware from India diversify its security alli- to Armenia, including multiple-launch rocket systems, anti-tank mislarly amidst the enduring siles, and radar systems. conflict with Azerbaijan, Additionally, joint military is evident through height- exercises and training pro-

mier, also met the Europe-

France. India's involve- their armed forces. These collaborative efforts facilitate the exchange of expertise and tactics, fostering effective coordination for potential future operations, from joint exercises to intelligence sharing, both nations are committed to showcasing their military capabilities and strengthening their strategic partnership.

Geopolitical Determinations: Armenia's pivotal role in the International to diversify their strategic art weaponry highlights interests in economic dialogues, underscores jan's agenda cannot be comes, the Indo-Armenia alignment, deserves spe-the growing defense coop-resilience and geopoliti-their concerted efforts to seen as a mere happen-partnership has the potencial attention on the global eration between India and cal balancing. Conversely, India's military support for Armenia underscores its commitment to preand countering aggressive manoeuvres by the Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis. Through the realisation of mutual interests, ened defense spending grams are underway to India and Armenia can and collaborations with enhance preparedness and reshape security dynam-stakeholders. nations such as India and interoperability between ics in the South Caucasus

Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pak-

istan Axis: The Turkey-Azerbaijan-Pakistan axis poses a substantial threat stability, with Turkey's unwavering support for of power, India and Arme-Azerbaijan during the nia are all set to inten-Nagorno-Karabakh conflict then raising concerns address these threats. about potential escalations. The longstand-North-South Transport ing military partnership cal goals and exert influ- lously orchestrated strataxis represents a signifi- intention. In this backserving regional peace cant challenge to the secu- drop, the urgent need for South Caucasus and South Asian regions, as that axis nership underscored. This seeks to consolidate its becomes essential to counpower and undermine the influence of other regional

dominance of larger geo- the burgeoning influence Armenia signifies a resolute stance against their aggressive manoeuvres in to respective regional the region. Aimed at preserving a delicate balance

rity and stability of the a meticulously planned multilateral defence partter the unholy Turkey-Pakistan-Azerbaijan axisthereby ensuring stability Responses and Ongo- in both the Caucasus and

region by challenging the ing Efforts: In response to South Asian regions.

The Promising Prospolitical actors and their of the Turkey-Azerbaijan- pects: The emerging strasupport for rogue powers. Pakistan axis, India's tegic cooperation between steadfast support for India and Armenia holds immense promise for enhancing regional security and advancing shared interests. Both nations are poised to deepen their partnership and address prevailing challenges sify their collaboration to through concerted efforts in military collaboration While Turkey's stance and strategic alignments. on Kashmir validates the India's steadfast support burgeoning Indo-Armenia for Armenia underscores Corridor (INSTC) offers between Turkey and defence cooperation, the its dedication to maintain-India diversified trade Pakistan, characterised nexus between Turkey's ing peace and stability in Advanced Weaponry routes and enhanced by defence production, involvement in the Kash- the Caucasus region. With tion. Armenia's proximity and Joint Exercises: The access to Eurasian mar-joint training exercises, mir issue and Pakistan's far-reaching implications to India and both agreeing acquisition of state-of-the-kets, bolstering strategic and high-level military alignment with Azerbai-for global geopolitical outadvance mutual geopoliti- stance, rather a meticu- tial to redefine the regional balance of power and conence in the regions. This egy with far-reaching tribute significantly to the stability and prosperity of both the Caucasus and South Asian regions.

> (The writer is working with an Independent Think Tank, views are personal)

EU-China relations at a crossroads

KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

eo-political adjusttheir domestic constitutwo largest democracies, in the middle of some of while, the EU, or at least many of its member councarefully recalibrating the entangled web of engagement with China.

Jinping, was on a strate- the conflicts in the Middle gic three-nation tour of East. We agree that Europe Europe, earlier this week. and China have a shared This tri-nation tour, during interest in peace and secuwhich the Chinese pre-rity.

an Union president Ursula Von der Leyen, comes after ments are getting a gap of almost 5 years and Juments are getting a support and done, bilaterally is also a time when many and plurilateral, even as European nations have the world's largest democ-been blaming China for racies are busy calming pushing highly subsidised electric vehicles into their encies, where a key rally-markets, making several ing agenda is China. The European auto factories redundant. The Europe-India and the US, both of ans also wanted to focus whom have their own set on China playing a larger of issues with China, are role in stabilising its "friends without limits the most competitive elec- Russia, in the war against tion processes, ever seen Ukraine, pushing up fuelacross the globe. Mean- aided inflation across the region. The Europeans in the plain speak, they tries, not to mention US are known for, outlined allies such as Australia are clearly in the president's press statement, "the first topic where we exchanged views on was the geopoliti-It is by no coincidence cal situation. We especialthat Chinese Premier Xi ly discussed Ukraine and

use all its influence on Russia to end Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. President Xi has played an important role in de-escalating Russia's irresponsible nuclear threats, and I am confident that President Xi will continue to do so against the backdrop of the ongoing nuclear threats by Russia. We have also discussed China's commitment relation would be in trougeo-political environnot to provide any lethal ble. No surprises, Ukraine ment and, the post-Covid, equipment to Russia. More and the Middle East didn't supply chain mismatch.

We count on China to effort is needed to curtail the delivery of dual-use goods to Russia that find their way to the battlefield. And given the existential nature of the threats stemming from this war for both Ukraine and Europe, this does affect the EU-China relations. "The message from the EU to China was, don't help Russia in its unjust war on European soil, or else the bilateral ing fuel costs, the volatile and an agile nimble China

the Chinese team, post the trilateral meeting.

the language which read versations. A defensive President Xi pointed out two sides have extensive that China, France and the common interests and EU all wish to see an early broad space for cooperaceasefire and return of tion in green and digital peace in Europe, and sup-transition. It is necessary port political settlement that they properly address of the crisis. China has economic and trade fricbeen working vigorously tions through dialogue and to facilitate talks for peace. consultation, and accom-China's objective and just modate each other's legitposition and its construc- imate concerns.". China tive role have been widely recognized by the international community. China is ready to stay in communication with relevant parties." The other significant element of these conversations was traded, as all busy with their elections. parties involved are feeling India will get over electhe constraints of escalat- tions in about a month,

feature, till the bottom The EU provided sharp three paragraphs of the pointers on Chinese subpress statement issued by sidised products, free and fair access to each other's markets and supply chain Also no surprises with resiliency in their con-"On the Ukraine crisis, China maintained that the has started making, the right moves to woo back some of its largest market partners, at a time when India and the US, the other key stakeholders in the Indo-Pacific theatre, are policy outlook awaits.

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

to give dope test', says NADA failed to misses Olympic berth by 0.10 secs respond to his query

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NEW DELHI, MAY 10

Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist freestyle wrestler Bajrang Punia reiterated that he didn't refused to give dope test and it was NADA which failed to give answers to his query on sending expired kits for dope test. Punia has been provisionally suspended held in Sonipat on March opposed to the three test-10. Following reports of ing kits," the post read. his provisional suspension

reiterated his stance in a the doping control offilong post on 'X', and said cials refuse to provide an ing an expired testing kits, and merely left from the compelling justification. adding that he informed venue where I was at, sample upon "receiving from my end. such explanation from



The freestyle wrestler, my sample upon receiv-

lect my sample, they had an hour after the alleged here," it read.

by the National Anti-Dop- gotten expired kits once doping control officials ing Agency (NADA) for and on the other instance, approached me, contrary failing to provide a urine they had approached me to how it has been porsample during the trials with a single testing kit as trayed that I left immediately," it further read.

"In fact the dope con-"I then sought an trolling officer should have order, the wrestler clari- answer from them as the accompanied me till I subfied that he never "refused" NADA did not provide an mitted my medical report to give his sample" and answer to any of my com- to the competition managrequested NADA officials munications demand- er as per protocol, rather for a response about the ing an explanation for than leaving in a hurry expired kit which they had the same and informed in middle of the trials, to sent to collect my sample. them that I would give record my refusal. Even if this incident is treated who competes in the 65-kg ing such explanation as refusal, the fact that it weight category, on Friday from them. Not only did was due to NADA using expired kits and not providing an explanation for NADA did not provide an explanation, they did not using them, or giving me answer to any of his com- provide me any proof on comfort, that they had not munications, demanding this instance of them car- carried expired kits again, an explanation on send-rying proper equipment should be considered as a

"I took such a stance officials he would give his claiming it to be a refusal solely because of the NADAs actions in the past, "I continued to be which, in the absence an at the venue as I had explanation, could con-"This is to clarify that, I another bout scheduled tinue a dangerous trend have at no stage refused to for 3/4 position. After my of the use of expired kits give my sample for doping semifinal bout, I met the or non-compliance with control. On 10 March 2024, SAI doctor at the venue doping control protocol. when I was approached for treatment regarding It is my moral obligation by alleged doping control a knee injury suffered towards the wrestling officials, I merely remind- during the semi-finals community and particued them that the last two of the Wrestling Trials. I larly the younger wrestimes they came to col- only left the venue about tlers, that I exercised

MUMBAI, MAY 10

Indian athlete Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m hurdles event at the Harry Schulting Games 2024 athletics meet in Vught, Netherlands on Thursday. However, she was unlucky to miss the qualification mark for the Paris Olympic Games by one-tenth of a second.

In her first event of the outdoor season in silver medallist Jyothi in 13.84 seconds. clocked 12.87 seconds to win the gold medal, finishing ahead of Dutch hurdler Mira Groot, who ended second in 13.67 seconds with another onds. Dutch runner Hanna



Europe, Asian Games van Baast who finished

In finishing first and clocking 12.87, Yarraji missed the entry standard for the Olympics, set at 12.77s, by 0.10 sec-

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ing short of the qualifying mark by one-hundredth of a second when she set the national record of 12.78 for a bronze medal at the World University Games in Chengdu, China. Jyothi, who had done well in the Asian Indoor season earlier in the year, will be participating in five more events during the Olympic qualifying period which will end on June 30 this year. Meanwhile, Indian

Jyothi had qualified for male hurdler Tejas Shirse the final of the 100m won the 110m hurdles in hurdles by clocking the same meet with a 13.04 seconds. This is the personal best timing of second time that Jyothi, 13.56 seconds, finishing who trains at the Reli- ahead of local Dutch athlete Joas van Hellemondt Performance Centre in (13.80 secs) and Jamie Earlier in the day, Bhubaneswar, after fall- Sesay (13.92 secs).

ahead of the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Friday that a 249.7 million Australian dollar (165 million U.S. dollar) upgrade for the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) in Canberra will give Australian athletes the best chance of winning gold at the 2032

Funding boosted for Australian

Institute of Sport ahead of 2032

Brisbane Olympics

The Australian govern-

ment has announced

a funding boost for the

nation's high-perfor-

mance sports institute

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CANBERRA, MAY 10

Games. An independent review of the AIS handed to the government in February recommended that it should remain in Canberra rather than relocate to Brisbane in the lead-up to the Olympics but found its facilities were in need of an upgrade before the Games.

The new funding will go towards building a new high-performance training and testing center, new accommodation and a multi-sport indoor training facility at the existing AIS site in Canberra's northern suburbs, reports Xinhua.

"The upcoming Budget will ensure the Austra-

ECI terms Kharge's comments on elections process as unwarranted

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAY 10

The Election Commission of India on Friday strongly criticised Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for questioning the integrity of the electoral process, saying it is "highly undesirable" to create confusion and impediment to the conduct of smooth, free and fair election. In a five-page response, the poll panel rejected charges of mismanagement and

delay in the release of voter

turnout data and termed

Kharge's allegations "unwar-

ranted", "without facts" and

"reflective of a biased and

The strong worded response came from the

over the conduct of ongoing Lok Sabha elections. On Tuesday, Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to the leaders of various parties of the opposition INDIA bloc, questioning the alleged discrepancies in the voting data released by the Election Commission. deliberate attempt to spread Kharge urged the INDIA bloc

ancies, for "our only objec-

Commission categorically rejected Kharge's contentions, dismissing them as

lacking any factual basis. "Through innuendos and President raised questions of a vibrant. However, the an anarchic situation, when fair elections.

you said 'could this be an attempt to doctor the final results?' which this Commission hopes you do not have any intention of," the EC said. Utterances can have a

negative impact on voters' participation and demoralize the large election machinery across states, it added. In a point by point rebuttals of Kharge's claims, ECI asserted that there have been no lapses or deviations insinuations and innuendos in the collection and dissemination of voter turnout data. The poll panel said it insinuations, the contents found Kharge's letter, placed of the post, tend to create in the public domain in the disharmony in respect of middle of the ongoing electhe delicate space of electoral process, "highly undeleaders to raise their voice tion management, can sirable" and designed to against such alleged discrepplant doubts in the minds create confusion, misdirecof voters and political partion and impediment to the poll body after the Congress tive is to protect the culture ties and potentially created conduct of smooth, free and

lian Institute of Sport remains in the Capital, where it belongs, and ensure it once again becomes the world-leading high-performance center it was designed to be," Albanese said in a statement.

AIFF Internal Complaints Committee submits report; AIFF approaches Cyber Crime Unit

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NEW DELHI, MAY 10

In light of some reports in a section of the media on the recent leak of confidential data about employees of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the AIFF received a complaint on the issue.

The complaint of leaking of information was view of the ICC. made by an employee plaint of sexual harassment against a co-worker. all kinds of breaches, The victim had alleged whether relating to conthat the data leak had fidentiality or otherwise, breached the confidenti- to safeguard the rights of ality of AIFF's inquiry into its staff," the report said. her allegations.

met at the Football registered an official to take things to a logical House here. After exten- complaint with the Cyber conclusion. Apart from sive deliberations, the Crime Unit of the Delhi the ICC meeting, we have committee submitted Police, on the said allega- already filed an official its report which said: tions. The AIFF shall pro- complaint with the Cyber "The current crop of vide unconditional sup- Crime Unit of the Delhi allegations regarding the port to the authority and Police who have assured breach of confidentiality is hopeful that a positive us of all help to get to the and IT policies, if any, do outcome shall arise once root of the problem at the not come under the pur- the investigation is com- earliest," the report said.



"The ICC further sugtake quick action against

Meanwhile, the AIFF,

pleted.

The AIFF Acting Secre who has filed a com- gests that the AIFF must tary General, M. Satyanarayan said, "We are fully committed to upholding the integrity and confidentiality of all our staff members who we keep in high regard. "In light of the complaint received, The ICC, on Friday, on Tuesday (May 7), had we are doing everything

SC grants interim bail to Kejriwal till June 1

NEW DELHI, MAY 10

The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal till June 1 in the Excise policy case.

A bench comprising Justice Sanjive Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta granted interim bail to Kejriwal on the condition that he furnishes a bail bond in the sum of Rs 50,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the Jail Superintendent.

The Apex Court direct-Secretariat and he shall be bound by the statement unless it is required and consideration before us." necessary for obtaining clearance/ approval of the Lieutenant Governor of

The Court directed that Kejriwal will not make any comment concerning his role in the present case, and he will not interact with any of the witnesses official files connected with the case.

on the merits of the case or said. the criminal appeal which is pending consideration before us," the court said.

While granting the bail the judgment."

"However, there is an of this country." intervening factor which



which are in progress," the bench said.

The Bench said, "As the appeal is pending before us, we do not think it would be proper for us to direct the appeled that Kejriwal shall not lant - Arvind Kejriwal to visit the Office of the Chief approach the trial court Minister and the Delhi for interim bail/release. This may not be apt because of the legal issues made on his behalf that he and contentions that are shall not sign official files under examination and

> The bench said, "It is no gain saying that General Elections to Lok Sabha is the most significant and important event this year, as it should be in a national election year."

"Between 650-700 million voters out of an electorate of about 970 miland/or have access to any lion will cast their votes to elect the government of this country for the next "The grant of interim five years. General Elecbail will not be treated as tions supply the vis viva to an expression of opinion a democracy," the bench

The Court further said, "Given the prodigious importance, we reject the argument raised on the Apex Court said, "At behalf of the prosecution this stage, it is not possible that grant of interim bail/ for us to either conclude release on this account the arguments on the plea would be giving premium of Kejriwal challenging his of placing the politicians arrest or finally pronounce in a benefice position compared to ordinary citizens

sider and pass the present of grant of interim bail/ Sabha General Elections, take into consideration the when the request is unjusthe legality and validity of on June 2, 2024.

peculiarities associated with the person in question and the surrounding circumstances. To ignore the same would be iniquitous and wrong."

The Bench said, "We will now refer to some case law on the power to grant interim bail/release, which power is exercised routinely even by the trial courts."

The quote cited a judgement In Mukesh Kishanpuria v. State of West Bengal in which the Apex Court had held that the power to grant regular bail includes the power to grant interim bail, particularly given Arvind Kejriwal had failed Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Quoting another judge-Apex Court observed that parole by way of temporary release can be grantits functionaries in case of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974.

a judgement - Mohinder August 2022.' The Court said, "While Singh Gill and Another v.

authorities.'

deserving cases.

The Apex Court said, 'The expression "interim" bail is not defined in the once the matter is sub-Code. It is an innovation judice and the questions by legal neologism which relating to the legality of has gained acceptance and arrest are under considerrecognition. The terms, ation, a more holistic and "interim" bail/"interim" libertarian view is justified, suspension of sentence, have been used and accepted as part of the Elections are being held," legal vocabulary and are the Bench said.

well-known expressions." The Court said the Power to grant interim bail on behalf of the DoE: (i) is commonly exercised in In Anukul Chandra Pradmany cases. Interim bail han v. Union of India and is granted in the facts of each case.

exception," the bench said.

The bench said, "Prosout that the appellant to appear despite nine curtailed. (9) notices/summons, the take into consideration."

ed by the Government or appellant - Arvind Kejri- promotes the object of free The Supreme Court victed. He does not have line of the parliamentary Bench said, "Further, any criminal antecedents. system and its setup." the High Courts and this He is not a threat to the Court can direct tempo- society. The investigation after citing several other rary release of a detenu in the present case has judgements finally directfor specified reasons in remained pending since ed that Arvind Kejriwal

has prompted us to con- examining the question Chief Election Commis- "Arvind Kejriwal was case filed by ED on August sioner, New Delhi and arrested, on March 21, 22, 2022, till June 1, 2024, order, namely, 18th Lok release, the courts always Others, (1978) which said 2024. More importantly, that is, he will surrender

tifiably rejected by the the arrest itself are under challenge before this However, the power Court and we are yet to of temporary release of a finally pronounce on the detenu suffering preven- same. The fact situation tive detention is exer- cannot be compared with cised only in extreme and the harvesting of crops or plea to look after business affairs."

"In this background, in the background that the 18th Lok Sabha General

The Apex Court then referred to the judgment Others in which the Apex Court rejected the consti-"This case is not an tutional challenge to subsection (5) to Section 62 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, observecution has rightly pointed ing that the right to vote is not a constitutional right and that the right can be

The bench said, "Interfirst of which was issued estingly, the proviso to ment in Sunil Fulchand in October 2023. This is a the said sub-section states Shah v. Union of India negative factor, but there that a person subjected and Others in which the are several other facets to preventive detention which we are required to can vote. The prohibition was upheld on several The Court said, "The grounds, including, that it wal is the Chief Minister and fair elections. Indeed of detenus under the of Delhi and a leader of there are decisions of this Conservation of Foreign one of the national parties. Court that advert to the Exchange and Prevention No doubt, serious accusa- importance of elections tions have been made, in democracy, described but he has not been con- as the barometer and life-

> The Supreme Court will be released on interim The Court further said, bail in connection with a

Frame sexual harassment charge against Ex. WFI Chief Brij Bhushan Saran Singh: Court

NEW DELHI, MAY, 10

A Delhi Court after hearing on Friday ordered to frame a sexual charge against former Wrestling Federation of India Chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the matter related to alleged sexual harassment of five female

hearing found sufficient Penal Code".



material to frame charges against accused Brij Additional Chief Metro- Bhushan Saran Singh for politan Magistrate (ACMM) the offences under section Priyanka Rajpoot after 354 and 354D of the Indian

The court has also framed charges under section 506 part 1 of the Indian Penal Code(IPC) against Sharan Singh.

The ACMM court had earlier dismissed the application of Sharan Singh seeking further probe in the matter on the ground that he was not in the country on the date when the offence of harrassment was alleged and listed the matter on May, 10 for deciding the issue of charge.

President confers Padma Shri on Shri Romalo Ram of J&K in field of Art during Civil Investiture Ceremony

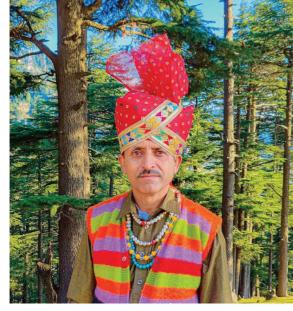
JAMMU, MAY 10

The President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu conferred Padma Shri to Shri Romalo Ram of Jammu & Kashmir in the field of Art during the Civil Investiture Ceremony in New Delhi today.

Brief citations about the life and work of the awardee is given below-Shri Romalo Ram (Padam

Romalo Ram is a Dogri Folk Artist of Jammu Region and is known as the real founder of Dogri Folk Song Geetru who revived the dying Folk Form "Geetru and Bhakh" with his dedication and hard work.

areas for the better edu-traditional art. cation particularly of the



Party" by participating in Ujala, Dainik Jagran, The local functions. He served Earth News, The News Born on 3 rd March across the Jammu Region Now etc. His contribution 1963, Shri Ram received for so long and started in the form of Cassettes, his Bachelor of Arts a new revolution by the Records and published degree in 1985 from the name of "Mission Maa articles is the proof of his University of Jammu. After Dogri". His "Mission maa excellence in the field. graduation, he joined as Dogri" Model has become He was approved as a a Government Teacher the foundation for the B-grade artist in all India in 1987 and also started huge success of young radio (AIR) Jammu in 1988 writing Dogri Poems & aspirants of the region. and in 1995 approved Folk Songs. He served More than 150 pupils. are a B-high grade Jammu. almost in the remote working & learning the He acted as a member of General Council Com-Shri Ram published a mittee of JKAACL to repvillage students. Here- book named as "Geetruy- resent Dogri folk music tired as ZEO Ramnagar en Di Fouhar". His works and remained the active In 2017, he was honored in March, 2023. Shri Ram were published in vari- member of Advisory Sub

culture and languages. He acted as brand ambassador of SVEEP program of district Udhampur and Reasi in Lok Sabha and legislative Assembly election 2014.

Shri Ram is the recipi-

ent of numerous awards and honors. He has been conferred honorary "Gold Medal" in the Folk Song Competition in National Youth Festival, 1999 in Lucknow, UP. The UT Government conferred on him "State Award" for his pioneering role in performing Arts of JK in 2022. JK.Sopori Academy of Music and Performing Arts at New Delhi honored him by "Samapanund Rishi Samman" in 2018. Doordarshan Jammu and Montage film industry felicitated him by "Virasat Shri"in Jashan-a-Virasat, 2013. He received Certificate of appreciations from various government agencies for different cultural participations. He received Lok Kala Rattan Purashkar, 2019 in Akhil Bhartiva Lok kala Mahotsav organized by Karnataka Sahasa Kala Academy. by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi started performing Dogri ous newspapers such as Committee for folk music shrine Board and J&K folk in 1980-81 under the Dogri Times, Daily Excel- nominated by Jammu and Tourism Department at banner "Romalo Ram and sior, State Times, Amar Kashmir Academy of art Katra in Navratra Festival.

KU harbours conducive ecosystem for start-ups, entrepreneurship: VC

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 10

To encourage a culture of self-reliance and employability, the University of Kashmir KU), is consistently nurturing the entrepreneur-

ial spirit among its students, including local youth, by empowering them through innovative initiatives in skill development, start-ups and entrepreneurship.

To give it a final shape and form, the New Generation Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (NewGen IEDC), University of Kashmir (KU), Thursday organised an interaction session with the recently shortlisted startups here.

The start-ups were shortlisted following a 3-day 'Spring Start-up Challenge' workshop held from March 25-27, 2024 and organized by the varsity's NewGen IEDC Incubation Centre.

KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofar Khan, chaired the session attended by Registrar, Prof Naseer Igbal; Dean College Development Council, Prof Khursheed Ahmad Butt; Director, Institute of Technology (IoT), Zakura, Prof Tariq Ahmad Banday; Special Secretary to KU VC, Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Zarri; Coordinator of NewGen IEDC, Dr Sartaj Hussain and Nodal Officer, NewGen IEDC, Dr Parvez Ahmad Shah.

"The groundwork for this collaborative endeavour was laid during the 'Spring

of 40 start-ups, innovators for start-ups and entrepre- varsity's partnership with and aspiring entrepreneurs from diverse sectors," an official spokesperson said in a statement issued here.

Following rigorous evaluation, a dozen promising start-ups were shortlisted for further handholding, mentorship and other necessary assistance by the uni-

versity, he said.

"The interaction included exchange of ideas, as the participants discussed resource requirements and make meaningful contribustrategies for upscaling tions to the society. their ventures," the statement read.

energy, agritech, retail and

mental sustainability. On the occasion, KU Vice

puses.

"The university's proactive engagement with the to meet the demands of the start-up community reflects its dedication to drive socioeconomic growth through innovation and enterprise," empowering them to realize their full potential and

She asserted KU's commitment in providing The start-up ideas cover comprehensive support to conducted in collaboration domains, including clean budding entrepreneurs, leveraging its academic mentors. These initiatives e-commerce, healthcare, resources, industry part- aim to provide students cloud kitchen and environ- nerships and infrastructural facilities.

Start-up Challenge' that Khan underlined the varsi- the importance of skill and ventures, read the stategarnered an overwhelming ty's endeavours in nurtur- start-up development in ment.

response, attracting a total ing a conducive ecosystem the region and said that the neurship within its cam- industry and government agencies ensures that the students are well-prepared

> "Our university is mentoring the start-ups and sponsoring them wherever Prof Khan said, adding that necessary while simultaneas the journey of the future ously emphasising practical start-ups unfolds, the skills and a culture of innouniversity stands firm in vation," Prof Naseer Iqbal

The varsity's initiatives include incubation centres, entrepreneurship development programmes, workshops and seminars with industry experts and with hands-on experience, mentorship, and network-KU Registrar, Prof ing opportunities to turn Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Naseer Iqbal, emphasised their ideas into successful

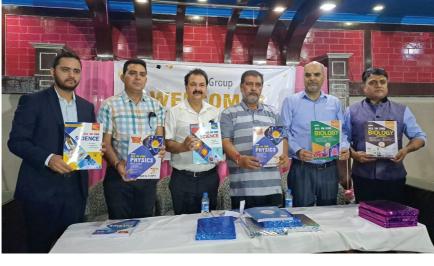
MBD Group unveils science stream books for classes IX-XII

JAMMU, MAY 10

MBD Group, a pioneer in the education sector with over six decades of experience, announced the book launch programme for Science books for Classes 9th-12th, specifically tailored for students in Jammu & Kashmir.

Under the visionary leadership of Ms. Monica Malhotra Kandhari, the company remains steadfast in its commitment to providing quality education to all. With a mission to create an 'MBD product

guides all our endeav- dents a renewed zest for provide the student with ours. Keeping in line with learning and build a strong a chapter summary with made to create education- tific journey." al resources for students step. With the launch of honour, including Sh. comprehensive series will our latest Science books, Ganesh Khajuria, Chair- comprise books on Physthe 'All in One' series for man of All J&K Teach- ics, Chemistry, and Biol-Classes 9th-12th in Jammu ers Forum; Sh. Pardeep ogy meticulously crafted presence.



for every literate person,' & Kashmir, we aim to Singh, Senior Lecturer to align with the rational-MBD Group strives to transform the learning and President of J&K + 2 ized syllabi from NCERT/ create a book for every experience for students Lec. Forum; and Sh. R. S. CBSE and JKBOSE. learner, be it physical or in the region. By provid- Salathia, Chairman of J&K ing them with comprehen- + 2 Lec. Forum. Reflecting on the com- sive and quality resources pany's journey, Ms. Monica that are easily accessible & Kashmir, MBD intro-Malhotra Kandhari, MD, to all, we pave the way duced the 'All in One' book AASOKA & MBD Group for academic excellence. series for classes 11 and 12. remarks, "At MBD Group, We believe that these new As the name suggests, this our founder's vision books will instil in stu- complete resource will the vision, every effort is foundation for their scien-solved questions, explana-

tions, model test papers, The book launch sample questions, and pre-

Additionally, MBD Group unveiled Modern's For students in Jammu abc Of 'All in One - Science' book, designed for classes 9 and 10. This publication integrates Physics, Chemistry, and Life Science into a single volume, following the latest syllabus prescribed by JKBOSE and NCERT. Mr. Praveen Singh, CEO, AASOKA, along with the key leaders from MBD to help them climb the programme featured vious and current board Group, including Mr. ladder of success at every esteemed guests of papers in one place. This Sanjay Bhat, GM- Sales, Jammu and Mr. Rajan Magotra, BM, Jammu graced the event with their

Bajaj Finserv to launch India's first multiasset fund with dividend yield strategy

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to provide investors with tial and acting as a hedge a diversified investment against equity volatility. avenue. This fund offers Also, the fund may alloexposure to various asset cate 0% to 10% to REITs/ classes including equity InvITs, focusing on invest- ment strategy, saying, "We cable with high dividend yield strategy, debt with dynamic duration management, commodities, and real estate investment trusts (REITs) or infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs).

ments for regular income, believe in a disciplined diversification, and an opportunistic approach.

Mohan, CEO, Bajaj Finserv tor behaviour. Our focus AMC, said "Bajaj Finserv on dividend yield-based Bajaj Finserv Multi Multi Asset Allocation investing in the current Asset Allocation Fund Fund provides investors scenario has the potential invests across differ- with a unique opportu- to minimise impact against from the date of allotment: ent asset classes with nity to access multiple volatility and maximise maintains a diversified single investment avenue. Investors who are seeking switched out - Nil portfolio with an equity It is India's first Multi Asset reasonable returns, promulti-theme & multi-sec- of stability and growth to atility compared to pure NAV tor approach, and multi- investors. The fund's asset equity funds can consider cap orientation. The fund allocation decisions are Bajaj Finserv Multi Asset switched in from another allocates 10% to 55% to driven by a comprehen- Allocation Fund." fixed income instruments, sive evaluation of macroemploying dynamic dura- economic factors, valua- managed by Nimesh Chan- after 1 year from the date tion management with tion metrics, and investor dan and Sorbh Gupta on of allotment, no exit load macro and quantitative behaviour. The investment the Equity side, Nimesh is payable.

Management Limited 10% to 55% to commodi- ioural edge to outperform Investment. (Bajaj Finserv AMC) has ties, providing exposure the market. Our aim is to announced the launch of to gold ETFs, silver ETFs, offer a well-rounded port- open for initial subscrip-Bajaj Finserv Multi Asset and exchange-traded comfolio that can navigate tion on 13th May, and close Allocation Fund, an open- modity derivatives, there- through various market on 27th May 2024. After ended scheme designed by offering upside poten- scenarios and deliver con- that, it would be open for sistent returns." Nimesh Chandan, CIO,

Bajaj Finserv AMC highlighted the fund's investapproach to asset allocation, considering macro-Speaking on the launch economic factors, valuaof the product, Mr. Ganesh tion metrics, and inves-

inputs, while emphasiz- philosophy, INQUBE, Chandan and Siddharth ing quality portfolio and focuses on gaining an Chaudhary on the Fixed a safety-first approach. information edge, quan- Income side and Vinay Bajaj Finserv Asset Furthermore, it allocates titative edge, and behav- Bafna on Commodities

> The new fund offer will subscription on an ongoing basis on or before 6th June 2024.

Entry load - not appli-

Exit load - For each purchase of units through Lumpsum / switch-in / Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) and Systematic Transfer Plan (STP), exit load will be as follows:

if units are redeemed / switched out within 1 year

o up to 30% of units varying allocations. It asset classes through a returns for the investors. allotted are redeemed/

o any redemption allocation ranging from Fund to offer a dividend fessional asset allocation, / switch-out of units in 35% to 80%, employing yield strategy that aims and an all-weather invest- excess of 30% of units a dividend yield strategy, to provide a combination ment avenue with low vol- allotted - 1% of applicable

If units purchased or scheme of the Fund are The fund will be jointly redeemed or switched out

IMFA Students to participate in International Art Residency

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Two students of Depart- and wished ment of Sculpture, Insti- them to create tute of Music & Fine Arts enchanting art (IMFA), University of work in the Jammu, Zarina Parveen beautiful and and Kundan Gyatso fragile landhave been invited by 'sa scape in the Ladakh'- an organization Himalayas. based in Ladakh Valley, to participate in the presing to Prof. tigious International Art Shohab Inayat

10th June, 2024. Arts (IMFA), University land, USA and India. of Jammu has congratu-

Gyatso on this achievement

and Kundan

Accord

lated Zarina Parveen lation to be executed by in Local Farming' and to University of Jammu.



Residency programme, Malik, the students will Zarina Praveen during followed by Art Exhibition get international expo- the Residency, revolves in Disko Valley Park, Leh sure during this event around the 'Childhood (Ladakh, India) from 1st to as they will work with Memories'. Her work ture, under the guidance contemporary artists of delineates Burden/Strug- of mentor Sh. Sukhjeet

Prof. Shohab Inayat various nations including gle in life. The theme of

ing generation aware about the customs, traditions and rituals of folklore with nuances. Most of his works are inspired by Himalayan Architecture and the lifestyle of the people in Ladakh Valley.

make the upcom-

Zarina Parveen and Kundan Gyatso have studied Visual Arts/ Sculp-Singh Kukkal, Senior Malik, Principal, Insti- Netherlands, Germany, Installation to be executed Instructor, Jasleen Singh, tute of Music & Fine Austria, Italy, Switzer- by Kundan Gystso during Lecturer and Trishla the Residency is aimed at Kumari, Lecturer, Depart-The theme of instal- the 'Traditional Rituals ment of Sculpture, IMFA,

Gurmeet Singh welcomes Bhagwan Parshuram ji Rath Yatra

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was heartily welcomed by Gurmeet Singh President Beopar Mandal and Gen. Sect. JKPCC, a senior congress Leader and shopkeepers of Rajinder Bazar Jammu with great pump and show. The prashad in a big pated in the Shobha Yatra. thaal was also presented

Jammu. Several tableaux of pray God to celebrate such Lord Parshuram were seen birthday of God Parshuram Ji Singh, President Beopar The Parshuram ji Rath Yatra in decorated vehicles/trolleys during the Shobha Yatra popularly known as "Jhanki". Prom- nation of Lord Vishnu. He was panied in are S. Hardavinder inent personalities including born before the birth of Lord Singh, Harbans Lal Gupta, people from all walks of life including a large number of Lord Parshurama was born Sharma, Ashu Sharma, Ashok

Yatra from Chanakya Chowk sion. We again welcome and of justice.

every year with enthusiasm. Shri Ram. It is believed that Gupta Bartan Store, Shami women and children particiin the first prahar of the day kumar, Des raj Gupta & sons, As usual every year the Tritiya. The time of birth of Raj, Ashok Kumar, Chandeep which was distributed among Rath Yatra is welcomed by the Parshuram ji is considered to Singh, Akash Gupta, Bablu, association of the Rajinder be the sandhi period of Satyug Namit Gupta, Subash Gupta, Dogra Brahmin Pratinidhi bazar and many times the and Treta. Parshuram ji, the Amit Gupta, Moti lal kamotra, Sabha today took out Lord Brahman sabha has Awarded supreme devotee of Lord Hardeep Singh, Amit desraj,

Besides to the S.Gurmeet Mandal and Gen. Sect. JKPCC, Parshurama was an incar- other members who accomand night of Vaishakh Shukla Hardeep Singh Arora, Bodh Parshuram Jayanti Shobha to Gurmeet Singh on this occa- Shiva, is considered the god Jatinder Singh and others.

Youth, business community frustrated under Present regime: NC

JAMMU, MAY 10

National Conference is committed to ensure peace, progress, prosperity, stability and equality among all the sections of the society in Jammu and Kashmir, said Ankush Abrol Joint Secretary Jammu Province JKNC while addressing a meeting at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan. The meeting was organized by Zonal Secretary and Coordinator Jammu about their career for the business community District (Urban) Dr Vikas Sharma.

occasion, Ankush Abrol dren", he added. urged upon the youth to get ready for playing a vital stoppage of 'Darbar Move' tors & bureaucrats are not role to bring change. He said that the present scenario of J&K has pushed the youth towards depres- business community. "The sion and anxiety as they are worried about their traders and commoners speaking on the occasion in darkness.

youth has also impacted levels. the life of the educated



While speaking on the worried about their chil-

has adversely affected the in J&K," Abrol said. "Unemployment among rooted corruption at all

youth who are concerned uation has deteriorated, which their parents are is incurring losses, unemin a doldrums and deeply ployment rate is highest in the country, corruption and scams are happening Abrol criticised the everywhere, administrapractice as immoral by being held accountable. the government because it This is the state of affairs

Zonal Secretary JKNC, business community, small Dr Vikas Sharma while state was among top states "The law and order sit-from unemployment to lit-voice is suppressed by iron Sharma and others.

eracy Jammu and Kashmir was and is in a far better position than other states of India. He lambasted those dividing people in the name of religion and region. He said that the mir. Various employment

such forces and strength-

in the Union Territory. Slamming the JK Govt, future presently looming are all suffering due to said that it was under NC's Dr Vikas said that those policy paralysis and deep rule that the erstwhile who raise their voice Singh, Vinod Kumar, Vicky against the faulty policies of our country. He said that of the Govt, their genuine Ridham Charak, Rahul

hands and harassed by different agencies implicating them in false cases, he

He reiterated the resolve of the NC party to put in backbreaking and painstaking efforts to restore statehood keeping the destructive elements at

Sahil Kerni Secretary Jammu District (Urban) Youth National Conference while speaking on the occasion said that National Conference had always worked to provide more and more employment opportunities to the vouth of Jammu and Kashtime has come to defeat schemes like Rehbar-e-Talim, Rehbar-e-Khel, en the hands of Dr. Farooq Rehbar-e-Zirat etc were Abdullah and Jenab Omar launched by the NC gov-Abdullah for lasting peace ernment.

> Others who spoke on the occasion were Randhir Singh, Gurnam mehra, Abishek Gupta,

Secretary (Power) GOI, CMD-NHPC, review CVPPPL Projects in Kishtwar, J&K

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power) Govt. of India, alongwith Rajendra Prasad Goyal, CMD - NHPC Ltd. and Raj Kumar Chaudhary, Director (Technical & Projects) - NHPC Ltd., were on a two-day visit to review all the hydropower projects of Chenab Valley Power Project Private Limited (CVPPPL) being developed in the Chenab basin region of Jammu & Kashmir.

During the visit, Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power) took stock of various construction activities of Ratle Hydroelectric Project (850 MW). Thereafter, the dignitaries visited Kishtwar wherein Ramesh Mukhiya, MD, CVPPPL and heads of all the projects were pres-

In the meeting, Vishal the said meeting. Anand, HoP-Pakal Dul;

and took a review meeting Suprakash Adhikari, ED acknowledged the efforts (RO Jammu), A.K. Nauriyal, being made by the execut-CEO Ratle H.E. Project and ing agencies. Suresh Kumar, HoP-Dul-

Ramesh Ojha, HoP-Kiru; impressed upon all the under-construction proj-S.K. Giri, HoP-Kwar & stakeholders to put in their ects namely Pakal Dul, Rajendra Kumar, HOP- best efforts to commission Kiru & Kwar alongwith Kirthai-II has appraised the projects at the earli- one Survey & Investigathe progress of the project i.e. Kirthai-II ect through presentation. visited all the projects and in Kishtwar region.

CVPPPL has been hasti were also present in entrusted with 3094 MW of cumulative capacity Secretary (Power) works comprising three

Obstruction, sabotage attempts of BJP's led admin can't stop sunami wave of NC: Rattan Lal

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to obstruct the political Abdullah in the Baramulla constituency when permis- Valley, Poonch and Rajouri sion was granted to hold Districts. rallies and public meetings from 9th of May to 18 of voices.

leader emphasized that the party's momentum and polls were held. police directives to resched- Sunami wave in favour of

nering across the Kashmir tions of the people.

from 11th to 13th was a bla- only expose their collective intervention to prevent the engage in the democratic tant attempt aimed at sabo- inability to resonate with recurrence of such disrup-Rattan Lal Gupta, the Pro- taging the democratic pro- the sentiments of the elecvincial President of Jammu cess and undermining the torate. He asserted that the smooth conduct of rial. and Kashmir National Con- integrity of Omar Abdul- political rivals of National ference (JKNC), vehemently lah's campaign. This delib- Conference or we can say denounced the adminis- erate obstruction not only the A, B & C teams of BJP tration's blatant attempts reflects the desperation of have chosen to hide behind political opponents but also the veil of BJP led admincampaign of Party Vice- highlights their fear of the istration, utilizing it as a President and NC candidate overwhelming support the shield to shield themselves for Lok Sabha Polls, Omar National Conference is gar- from the legitimate aspira-Rattan Lal emphasised

that if the BJP was confident Rattan Lal Gupta of its claims on 'developasserted that the remark- ment and normalcy', then May, 2024 the last day of able response received by the party should field its campaign. Such actions not the National Conference candidates instead of fidonly undermine democratic throughout the Kashmir dling its proxy candidates in principles but also reveal Valley, Poonch and Rajouri three seats in the Kashmir the ruling party's despera- Districts has evidently rat- Valley. He claimed that BJP tion to suppress opposition tled its adversaries, com- has damaged the democra- absence of any BJP candi- are a testament to the NC's pelling them to resort to cy in Jammu and Kashmir date in the electoral fray, unwavering dedication to In a statement issued desperate measures in their as more than ten years have raising questions about preserving the democratic here today, the senior NC futile attempt to hinder the passed since last assembly Chugh's credibility and fabric of the region. That is

uling the programmes of NC Candidates. By obstruct- dent appealed directly to absence of BJP candidates from the core of their hearts election canvassing in the ing the NC's campaign the Election Commission in the region underscores Abdullah's families.

tive actions and to ensure role in the region immatedemocratic processes. He implored the ECI to uphold the principles of fairness and transparency by permitting the NC candidate, Omar Abdullah, to hold rallies unhindered in the Baramulla constituency.

Meanwhile, Rattan Lal Gupta has responded strongly to the irresponsible statement made by BJP leader Tarun Chugh, targetover dynasty politics.

Baramulla constituency efforts, these opponents of India (ECI), urging its the party's reluctance to process, rendering Chugh's

> The senior NC leader reiterated that the contributions of the National Conference to the progress and welfare of Jammu and Kashmir are unparalleled. He emphasized that across three generations, the NC has remained steadfast in its commitment to serving the people of the region. Furthermore, he highlighted the immense sacrifices ing the National Conference made by the NC cadre to uphold democracy and pro-He expressed deep contect the rights of the people cern over Chugh's remarks, of Jammu and Kashmir. particularly highlighting the These sacrifices, he noted, relevance in Kashmir Par- why people of Jammu and The Provincial Presi- liamentary elections. The Kashmir respect and love

CUKashmir's WEC organises workshop on "Ikigai"

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAY 10

The Women's Empowerment Committee, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) organised a workshop on "Ikigai", a Japanese term that blends two words: "iki" meaning "to live," and "gai" meaning "reason," which translates to "a reason to live," at varsity's Green campus here on Thursday.

encourages people to discover what truly matters filled with purpose and

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A ising the event and asked ing life and career." the student participants

Director of International a diverse lineup of ses- of thanks.

and Corporate Affairs and sions led by experts to importance of such workshops in shaping students' lives.' future. At the heart of the IKIGAI is a concept that workshop lies the Japanese concept of 'Ikigai' the pursuit of one's reason to them and to live a life for being, explained Prof. during the workshop. passions, values, and pro-purpose amidst the stress-

to interact thoroughly sion, Dr. Mir Insha Farooq, passions. with the experts and seek event coordinator and Sr answers to their queries. Assistant Prof. said, "We Assistant Prof Department Prof. Sandhya Tiwari, have meticulously crafted of Law, proposed the vote

Dean School of Languages, equip participants with chaired the inaugural ses- practical knowledge and sion, and emphasised the tools necessary for leading more fulfilling and happy

Ms. Yasmine and Ms. Mahi, Co-founders of Roots Consulting India, shared their expertise Tiwari. "The aim is to help Ms. Yasmine emphasised participants align their the importance of finding Ravinder Nath, congratu- fessional aspirations, thus ors of the modern world, lated the WEC for organ- paving the way for a fulfill- emphasizing that happiness stems from living a Speaking on the occa- life aligned with one's true

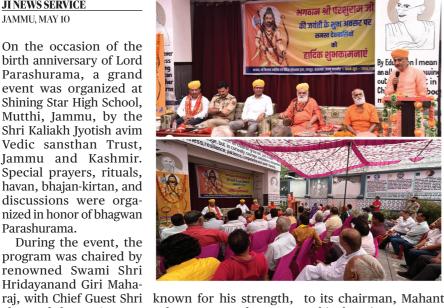
Bhagwan Shri Parashurama is true ideal for youth: Sham Sharma

JAMMU, MAY 10

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Parashurama, a grand event was organized at Shining Star High School, Mutthi, Jammu, by the Shri Kaliakh Jyotish avim Vedic sansthan Trust, Jammu and Kashmir. Special prayers, rituals, havan, bhajan-kirtan, and discussions were organized in honor of bhagwan Parashurama.

During the event, the program was chaired by renowned Swami Shri Hridayanand Giri Maha-Sham Lal Sharma (Former valor, courage, bravery, Rohit Shastri. Minister of Jammu and and devotion to Lord Para-Kashmir Government), shuram ji ,He emphasized anand Giri ji Maharaj Special Guest Shri Vikram the importance of draw-stated that bhagwan Para-Sharma (President Jammu ing inspiration from his shurama is the sixth incarand Kashmir High Court life and urged the youth nation of Lord Vishnu and Bar Association, Jammu), to conserve the environ- one of the eight immortal Honorable Guest Shri ment and keep the sur- characters mentioned in R.K. Chhibber (Former roundings green. He high- scriptures. Chairman of Jammu and lighted that the youth are Kashmir Bank, current the future of India and the remarked that such events member of the Board of country's development would provide society Directors of Jammu and relies on their shoulders. with a new direction,

that Lord Parashurama is extending congratulations edge. He urged parents to zens.



Swami Shri Hriday-

Vikram Sham Lal Sharma said to promoting our culture, both weapons and knowl- and other esteemed citi-

instill good values in their children and ensure they stay away from addictive substances.

During the event, recognition was given to individuals like Dr. Vikas Sharma (JKAS), Purushottam Shastri Vishisht, Subhash Nanda, Ramesh Sharma, Sunil Sharma and Dil Bahadur Singh Jamwal for their outstanding contributions to society.

The event concluded with a feast.

Present at the occasion were Pawan Khajuria Advocate J&K high court, Ajay Sharma, Prabodh Sharma, Naresh Raina, Uttam Chand Sharma, Prof. Sharad Chandra Sharma, Jagdev Singh Chib, Yash Seth, Rajinder Seth, Former Councilor Suraj Padha, Kudip Khajuria, Babloo Sharma, Chander mohan Sharma, Jagmohan Sharma, Bobby Sharma, Raju Kumar Sharma, Kedar Sharma, Veer Vikram Sharma, Master Sukhdev Sharma, Madan Lal, Vicky Khaju-He praised the Trust for emphasizing Lord Para-ria, Rajan Sharma, Sangeet During the occasion, its invaluable contribution shurama's proficiency in Sharma, Ankush Sharma,

Learn from Parashuram's unwavering dedication towards religion, truth: Kavinder



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta on Friday asked people to take lessons from Bhagwan Parshuram's unwavtruth, righteousness and pursuit of justice.

Earlier, the BJP stalwart leader took part in the impressive Shobha Yatra taken out on the eve of Parshuram Jayanti the life of Bhagwan ardship.

injustice and tyranny.

Kavinder said that and environmental stew-Parshuram teaches about functionary said that achieving the goals of life. Parshuram's principles, and security.

upholder of dharma ture is a treasure where- ing the challenges posed (righteousness) and is in there are numerous by anti-national forces often depicted as some- examples of such heroes working against the interone who stood up against from whom people can ests of the country. He learn the virtues of life to underscored the need for "His life teaches the make their life journeys a modern-day embodiimportance of stand- meaningful and com- ment of Parshuram's ing up for what is right, plete. He said that the life resolve to combat the disering dedication towards even in the face of adver- of Bhagwan Parshuram ruptive forces that threatsity, which is true in offers many valuable les- en the unity and integrity today's world also", he sons for people, includ- of the nation. He urged said, adding that people ing the importance of the people to draw inspi-

Parshuram was a staunch He said that Hindu cul- particularly in confrontshould toe his principles righteousness, humility, ration from Parshuram's to lead a life with dignity. discipline, forgiveness, unwavering commitment to righteousness and justice, advocating for a col-Kavinder empha- lective effort to uphold On the sidelines of the importance of dedica-sized the contemporary the values that safeguard the Yatra, the BJP senior tion and perseverance in relevance of Bhagwan the nation's prosperity

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Jalali elected president as **RKPAC conducts elections**



JAMMU, MAY 10

ashrams, properties, shop- Members. ping complexes, cremation

held here today. different posts have been

Jalali as President, Surinder cere gratitude to the Kashers to succeed in their evil Kumar Kaul, Senior Vice - miri Pandit community of deeds.

President, Rakesh Kumar Rainawari who have posed Hangloo, General Secre- immense faith in the canditary, Dr Mahesh Kaul, Joint dates for working towards Rainawari Kashmiri Secretary, Anil Kumar upholding religious and Pandit Action Committee Kachroo, Treasurer, while cultural heritage of Rain-(RKPAC), the apex body to Suman Sharma Mahaldar, awari Kashmir Pandits in preserve, secure and main- Shiban Lal Kher and Kris- exile. We are committed to tain the temples, shrines. han Ji Bhat were elected as safeguard all the temples, their lands and other prop-Ravinder Razdan was the erties that includes shopgrounds and lands of all Election Authority, while ping complexes in and outtemples of the displaced the results were declared side Rainawari, Srinagar. Kashmiri Pandit com- at the Sri Sri Sharika Cha- Our team has included a munity in Rainawari, Sri- reshwari Jagat Amba San- women member as well, nagar, Kashmir has elected astha, Hari Parbat, Doke showing our commitments its new office bearers after Paloura, Jammu by Ravin- towards women empowerthe free and fair elections der Razdan who issued ment. RKPAC has a rich the official notification legacy of striving to defeat All the eight members and announced the names the nefarious designs of who were contesting for of the elected candidates. the land sharks and sub-While speaking after versives who are working elected unanimously. The being elected, Bushan Lal overnight to usurp the contestants who were elect- Jalali, President, RKPAC temples and their lands in ed unopposed for different said,"The elected team of Rainawari.RKPAC will not posts include Bushan Lal the RKPAC expresses sin- allow these bounty hunt-

Grew Energy to set up 3.2 GW capacity manufacturing facility in Jammu & Kashmir with an investment of Rs 4500 crore

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

Grew Energy Pvt Ltd - a flagship venture of the Chiripal Group - is all set to establish a three-stage fully backward integrated manufacturing unit in Jammu & Kashmir. With a commitment to invest 4500 Cr, upon completion, this ultra-modern facility will have annual capacity of producing 3.2GW high-efficiency modules and 2.8GW ingots, wafers and cells.

Grew is India's first renewable energy player emony. to establish a manufacturing facility in Jammu state. Located in Kathua, the high-tech facility will be as per international standards with worldclass automated machinery, making Grew the first solar company in India to have such unique technology and a cutting-edge manufacturing facility.

The company conducted a groundbreaking ceremony today at the facility wherein Mr. Vinay Thadani, CEO and Director, Grew Energy, Shri Hardip Singh - COO, Grew Energy and other dignitaries from Chiripal group - Mr. Ved-Prakash Chiripal, JyotiPrasad Chiripal, JaiPrakash Chiripal and Brijmohan Chiripal amongst others dani - CEO and Director,



Grew has already start-J&K's economic landscape by choosing Kathua as the location for its second of 80 acres, this facility will enable Grew to meet the growing solar needs Ladakh, other neighbouring states and the country at large. The company will also drive positive change to empower communities, tunities and upskilling the youth of the state.

Commenting on this the groundbreaking cer- and 2.8GW for solar comemony, Mr. Vinay Tha- ponents by FY25."

endorsed Amir Bhatt, a the occassion were, Amir

candidate from the DPAP, Bhatt Lok Sabha Can-

as someone who would didate, Salman Nizami

echo the people's concerns Chief Spokesperson, Bilal

in Parliament, mirroring Khan Working President

Azad's own approach. Budgam, Gh Nabi Parwana

Among other present on Distt President and others.

were present at the cer- Grew Energy said, "As we embark on this transformative journey, we at ed to pave new ways for Grew are grateful to the Government for the welcome and being so supportive. The new plant manufacturing unit. will not only add to the Spread over a total area socio-economic development of the state but it will also play a pivotal the future demands for role in meeting India's net zero target. It will also of Jammu & Kashmir, help in creating employment opportunities for the people of Jammu & Kashmir. With establishment of our Kathua facility and our existing 2.8GW boost employment oppor- module manufacturing facility in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Grew will achieve a total of 6GW manufacturauspicious occasion of ing capacity for modules

Release of Kejriwal will be a booster for INDIA Alliance: Tony

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

In a bold declaration, Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Suchetgarh has emphasized that the release of Arvind Kejriwal, the stalwart leader of the Aam Aadmi Party, will serve as a monumental boost for the INDIA Alliance, poised to dismantle and annihilate the ruling ian rule of the Modi NDA in the ongoing Lok Government. "Kejriwal's Sabha polls. With fervent leadership symbolizes conviction, Tony declared, the spirit of grassroots "Kejriwal's return to the democracy and relentless political forefront will advocacy for the rights resoundingly expose the of the common citizen," misdeeds of the Modi Gov- remarked Tony. ernment. His unwavering stance against the dictato- nificance of Kejriwal's rial tendencies of the pres-release, Tony confidently ent regime, which threat- asserted, "This pivotal ens the very fabric of our moment will undoubtdemocracy, is paramount. edly pave the path for the Modi's relentless pursuit INDIA Alliance's triumph to alter the constitution, on June 4th, marking a painstakingly crafted by decisive turning point in the visionary Baba Saheb the political landscape of BR Ambedkar, cannot go

unchallenged." against the authoritar- constitution.



Highlighting the sigour nation."

As the Lok Sabha polls Tony further iterated intensify, Tony urged the that Kejriwal's reemer- electorate to rally behind gence will infuse a fresh the INDIA Alliance, united surge of energy into the in the pursuit of uphold-INDIA Alliance, galvaniz- ing the democratic prining the collective effort ciples enshrined in the

Vicky sets up Kaith Music Factory in Bhagwati Nagar

Jammu. R.L.Kaith said, Vicky musical equipments.

is a composer and musician, who has completely changed. enhanced and revolutionized Song album builder Vicky music. His fusion of classihailing from R.S.Pura's Vil- cal music with contemporary lage Dablehar, has set up a sounds has garnered him rec-Kaith Music Factory in Bhag- ognition, and has also estabwati Nagar with an object lished him as an innovative to provide all latest musi- man who brought fame to a cal facilities to locals here at rather regional and underrated

Reject Exploiters, vote for progress, peace: Azad

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR MAY 10

DPAP chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad has urged the people to take charge of initiating a transformation in Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the vital necessity of abolishing the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the region, citing it as a critical step towards fostering lasting peace and stability. While addressing a public



meeting in Chackipah- tion of vegetable vendors tance of track records and through hollow slogans. roo he criticized the past and their families met me, tangible results in gover- He stressed that citizens administrations, including claiming that those who nance. He challenged the are craving authentic the National Conference were killed were inno- notion that regional parties transformation, devel-(NC) and the Peoples Dem-cent, falsely portrayed as only deceive the public, opment, and tranquilocratic Party (PDP), for the militants by the police. asserting that his adminity. Azad lamented the unjust detention of indi- Upon investigation, the istration's actions speak regional parties' history viduals under the Public truth emerged that they louder than words. He of duping Kashmiris, Safety Act (PSA) also the were indeed innocent, cited numerous initiatives pointing to their vacilfake encounters, revealing and I ensured that the undertaken during his lation from advocating his personal investigations responsible officers were tenure aimed at uplifting autonomy to self-rule, during his tenure as Chief put behind bars. If my gov- the underprivileged and and now fixating on Minister, which uncovered ernment comes to power, fostering development. Article 370. Reflecting cases of innocent civilians I will never exploit the One notable achievement on his solitary stand in being falsely implicated as people and will ensure Azad highlighted was Parliament against the militants. He said, "If the justice." Azad referred to the construction of the abrogation of Article 370, government claims there a video where an ex-chief Hajj House in Srinagar he contrasted it with the is normalcy, they should minister was confronted within a record time of six reticence and abstenrevoke AFSPA. Also, many by citizens over unfulfilled months, showcasing the tions of select regional youths were detained commitments, indicating efficiency and dedication MPs. He emphasized under PSA during NC, a growing dissatisfaction of his administration. He the significance of elect-PDP rule. When I became among the electorate. He stressed the imperative to ing candidates who pri-Chief Minister, a deputa- emphasized the impor- cease exploiting people oritize public issues and

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

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e-NIT No. 31 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.	Repair to Auto transformer starter Panel (ATS Panel) of V.T Pump unit no. III of intake-III Sitlee.	2,03,800/-	200/-	4100/- in the shape of CDR / FDR	180 days	180 days

Position of AAA: Accorded Position of TS: Sanctioned

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- 1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 09-05-2024 (06.00 pm).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website
- http://jktenders.gov.in from 09-05-2024 (06.00 pm) to 24-05-2024 (02.00 pm). The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
- The Technical bids received shall be opened online on 25-05-2024 (02.00 pm) or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
- 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.
- The bidder should make payment for cost of bidding document in shape of single window challan of JMC / online payment through the JMC website link http://www.jmcjammu.org/onlinepayment.html in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu.
- 7. The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of CDR/FDR and other relevant document of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L₁ bidder opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Jal Shakti Mech. Division North lammu

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(BBA), Bachelor of Com- appear for a single test continues to serve as a

Aptitude Test (UGAT) 2024

Registration open for AIMA's Under Graduate

Business Administration wherein candidates can tor, AIMA said, "UGAT process.

puter Applications (BCA), and be considered for vital platform for stu-Bachelor of Hotel Manage- admission to numerous dents aspiring to pursue The All India Manage- ment (BHM) and Bachelor reputed institutions and undergraduate studies in ment Association (AIMA) of Commerce (B.Com). universities offering the UGAT scores are aforementioned promanagement profession- accepted by premier uni- grams nationwide. This tration for UGAT 2024, als in India, dedicated to versities/institutions such streamlined approach we encourage all elienhancing management as University of Kashmir, not only simplifies the skills and capabilities Islamic University of application process for through various pro- Science & Technology, students but also provides to seize this opportugrams, initiatives, and Ahmedabad University, them with a comprehen- nity and showcase their examinations. AIMA is New Delhi Institute of sive platform to showcase pleased to announce the Management, NICMAR their aptitude and technicommencement of reg- University, VM Salgaocar cal skills. A large number istration for the Under Institute of International of students from Jammu of students and promot-Graduate Aptitude Test Hospitality Education, appear for competi- ing excellence in manage-Kalinga University, Birla tive exams or academic ment education." UGAT serves as a gate- Global University, KIIT, entrances each year and way for aspiring students Sharda University, and UGAT can help them to in appearing for UGAT secure admission to their 2024 from Jammu are To streamline the favorite courses or col- encouraged to visit the

management and related fields. As we open regisgible candidates, including those from Jammu, potential. AIMA remains committed to facilitating the academic aspirations

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Truth prevails- Kejriwal gets interim bail wide spread impact expected in general Elections: AAP

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exhumeration and vic- country men are bound Sh. S. Deep Singh, Maj. tory of Justice over the to pay BJP in the same Gen Retd. R.S. Jamwal, judgment pronounced coin in the ongoing Lok Farooq Ahmed Banday, by Hon'ble Supreme Sabha elections. The AAP R.S. Chauhan, Kuldeep Court in granting interim leaders further said that Kumar Rao, Amit Langer, bail to Delhi Chief Minis- this is not only a relief S.S. Jamwal, Agya Kour, ter Sh. Arvind Kejriwal, to the acting CM, Sh. Ram Pal Khajuria, till June 1st., Aam Aadmi Arvind Kejriwal but it is Romesh Lal Bhagat, Party, Jammu welcomed an victory of democra- Adv. Arvind Bhandral, the judgment and fore- cy, Constitution and the Adv. Dalvinder Kumar casted that besides supremacy of law of the Bhagat, Suresh Bhagat, PUNJAB, HARYANA & land against the Dictator- Ashni Matoo, S.Ranjodh other states, the elec-ship. tion result in Delhi elec-7, AAP anticipated. The ent that in order to avoid upon Chief Justice of AAP leaders reminded character assassination India to take SUO-MOTO general masses that BJP of the leaders of opposi- action in public interest shamelessly embracing tion political parties at to ensure cleanliness, all noted fraudsters in the time of elections, ED transparency & fearless

great paganda of BJP and that by AAP Senior leaders S/

men are now watching biggest democracy of the Singh, G.N. Khan, Sand-The Aam Aadmi Party, eep Parihar & Sham Lal tion on the other hand tion, at least 6 months Citing an example of employment, de-valua- spots in seconds.

and that whole country before election in the worst ever character tion of Indian rupees as assassination by BJP gov- compared to US dollar, the false & baseless pro- world. This was stated ernment of opposition paper leakage, Diesel & leaders be it Hemant petrol prices etc. Soren acting Chief Min-The AAP leaders furister of Jhurkhand, Chief Minister Delhi, Sh. hand BJP is arresting Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia. Dy CM, Saty- fake corruption charges inder Jain, Health Min- while they themselves

ther said that on one political opponents on ister AAP, Sanjay Singh are on an MLA & coun-MP, AAP & so many other cilors purchasing spree. opposition leaders, the Hard-earned public AAP leaders vehement- money is being misused ly assailed the present to quench BJP's thirst for government saying that power, the AAP leaders Indian democracy, has alleged. They further earned a BAD NAME of said that the BJP & Prime tions will come out as Jammu has felt it expedi- Thakur, here urging acute black mailing of Minister Modi cannot opposition leaders at the talk about fighting cortime of election to secure ruption now; the tainted political gains throw-leaders under the scaning dust in the eyes of ner of ED & CBI for corgeneral masses there ruption have been put their Party fold on one or CBI intervention need election in Indian polity by diverting the atten- into "washing machine" hand and advocating be stopped to ensure to set an example before tion of masses from real & BJP's detergent washcrusade against corrup- free, fair & fearless elec- the democratic world. issues like price rise, un- ing powder cleans all

AIJMS takes serious note of nonissuance of OBC Certificates to Jat community members by authorities

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KATHUA, MAY 10

The All India Jat Maha Sabha convened a crucial meeting today to address the pressing issue of the non-issuance of OBC (Other Backward Class) certificates to members of Jat community by the authorities.

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Ch. Manmohan Singh, President of AIJMS, Jammu & Kashmir, and former Mayor of Jammu in which several key issues related to the Jat community were discusses threadbare. The notably the Tehsildar. meeting was attended by Retd.)

The Sabha members

OBC benefits. They high- proactive in guiding and

Avtar Choudhary District mohan Singh laid stress pass education, aware-President Kathua, Ch Sat upon strengthening the Singh, Ch. Ramesh Kumar, the needs of the commu-Ch. Rakesh Kumar, S. nity comprehensively. youth. Swarn Singh, Ch. Parkash He said we need to work Singh, Ch. Charan Dass together better so we can issue of the non-issuance of and S.P Choudhary (AGM help our community more effectively.

raised serious concern emphasized the vital role ering resolve to expedite over the non-issuance of of youth empowerment in resolution. He assured to OBC certificates to Jat com- shaping the future trajecto- take this matter with the munity members, despite ry of the Jat community. He Divisional Commissioner, the government's affirma- called upon Sabha mem- Jammu, to resolve this crutive stance on extending bers to remain vigilant and cial issue at the earliest.

lighted the unfortunate educating the youth about bureaucratic hindrances the detrimental effects of faced at the level of the substance abuse, particuconcerned authorities, larly drugs. He stressed the need for holistic In his address, Ch. Man- approaches that encomness campaigns, and com-Pal Tehsil President, Ch. working of the Sangathan, munity support systems to Krishan Lal, Ch. Lekh Raj, emphasizing proactive out- address the root causes of Ch. Dalip Singh, Ch. Jagar reach initiatives to address drug abuse and promote healthier lifestyles among

> Addressing the pressing OBC certificates, Ch. Manmohan Singh reassured Ch Manmohan Singh attendees of his unwav-

DoT, MHA and State Police join hands to combat cyber fraudsters

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 10

Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and State Police have joined hands for curbing the misuse of telecom resources in cyber-crime and financial frauds. This collaborative effort aims to dismantle networks of fraudsters and protect citizens from digital threats.

Analysis carried out by MHA and State Police have revealed that 28,200 mobile handsets were misused in cybercrimes. The DoT further analyzed and found that a staggering 20 lakh numbers were used with these mobile handsets. Subsequently, DoT issued directions to telecom service providers for pan India blocking of 28,200 mobile handsets and to carryout immediate reverification of 20 lakh mobile connections linked to these mobile handsets and disconnect failing re-verification.

The unified approach demonstrates a shared commitment towards public safety and to safeguard the integrity of telecommunications infrastructure and ensure a secure digital environ-

02 Bovine smuggling bids foiled, 25 bovines rescued, 02 vehicles seized

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Jammu police tightening noose against Bovine smugglers under operation Kamadhenu Police team of Police station Nagrota foiled one bovine smuggling bid, rescued 12 bovines and seized one vehicle (Truck) bearing registration No.Jk08A-0047 from Naka Ban Toll Plaza ,driver namely Ishtaiq Ahmed Chowan S/o Abdul Rashid Chowan R/o Jakhani District Udhampur was arrested on spot.

Moreover, one more bovine smuggling bid foiled by Police Post Manwal, rescued 13 bovines and seized a Vehicle Truck bearing registeration No. Jk08E/ 5524 from Nadal Naka. Driver namely Amjad Ali S/o Mamtaz Ali R/O Rajbagh Kathua was also arrested.

Dogra Grameen Brahman Sabha holds Yagnopavit Ceremony during Brahman Sammelan

JI NEWS SERVICE AKHNOOR, MAY 10

On Friday, on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, the birth anniversary of Lord Parashuram, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, was celebrated with great pomp throughout India. Many processions and many big Brahmin conferences were organized in different districts of Jammu and Kashmir. During the relidevotees.

grams were also orga- Miles Resort.



under the leadership of started with Havan, Yagya Pradhan Ashok Shastri at and Purnahuti under the Lord Parshuram Temple of chairmanship of Presi-Havan Yagya and prayers During the program, a was started from the Yagnopavit Ceremony the temple throughout cession was also taken out the day. Bhandara Prasad by the youth which passed No. 1, Agore, Jandial and as special guests. Similar religious pro- concluded at Ranjan 20

man Sammelan at 20 Miles tri, Pt. Vijay Parashar

preneurs and students

with the remarkable

transformation jour-

gious program organized on Friday. The program Shastri, Pt. Devraj Shastri bhajans to enthrall the was the Guest of Honors. Former minister Sham Lal Sharma, former MLA Akhnoor, the program of dent Krishna Lal Sharma. Devendra Singh Rana, advocate Abhinav Sharma, Vishwa Hindu Parishad morning itself. There was was also performed for general secretary Shakti a steady stream of devo- hundred students. During Dutt Sharma, Somnath tees paying obeisance at the program, a grand pro- Khajuria, Vijay Sharma, Brahmin Sabha Akhnoor

ing to follow the path of present.

Sanatan Dharma and wage war against various social evils in the society. Saying that Brahman is one who has knowledge of both scriptures and scriptures, he called upon people to acquire more and more knowledge and spread it in the society so as to create a well-informed society and nation. Pandit Suresh Shastri sang

devotional songs and gathering with the religious and spiritual atmosphere. Vijay Parashar Maharaj threw light on the responsibilities of a Brahmin in his sermon.

During this, Suresh Sharma, Neelkanth Sharma, Bhagwan Das Sharma, Ashok Sharma, president Ashok Shastri Kewal Krishna Sharma. was distributed among the through Thati, Dumi, Sua attended the conference Madan Lal, Kishore Sharma, Romesh Sharma, The chief guest Pad- Parshotam Sharma, mashree Pt. Vishwamur- Naresh Sudan, Ankush nized in many other areas During the grand Brah- thy Shastri ji present Sharma, Vinod, Vijay of Jammu. To celebrate man Sammelan, Pad-during the conference Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, the birth anniversary of mashree Pt. Vishwamur- told the people about the Sita Ram Sharma, Tara Lord Parshuram, Dogra thy Shastri ji was present history and importance of Mani Sharma, Suresh Grameen Brahmin Sabha as the chief guest while Lord Parashuram. He also Khajuria, Rahul Sudan, organized a huge Brah- Pt. Pandit Suresh Shas- appealed to the gather- Himanshu Sudan etc. were

CBC hosts awareness program under **SVEEP on Voting & democracy** participation at Lal Chowk

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 10

The Central Bureau of Communication, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Field Office Srinagar, organised an awareness programme at Ghanta Ghar, Lalchowk Srinagar on Friday, to promote voter awareness and highlight the significance

of active participation in

the electoral process.

The event, organized under the Systematic Voters' Education and **Electoral Participation** Program (SVEEP), aimed to engage citizens and underscore the importance of casting their votes during the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

The program witnessed enthusiastic participation ing democratic values and





commitment to uphold-democratic principles.

vided with informative a broader series of pro-cratic participation. literature elucidating grams being orchestrated

from the local commu- the pivotal role of public by the Central Bureau of nity, reflecting a shared engagement in fortifying Communication, Field Office Srinagar, spanning Field Publicity Officer, across the Kashmir region exercising voting rights. CBC Srinagar said the to promote informed citi-Attendees were pro- programme was part of zenship and bolster demo-

LEAD, SKUAST-J organised a Summit on Promoting Entrepreneurship



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

of Jammu region. N. Tripathi in his keynote positive outcomes for address enlightened the the region's agricultural farmers, youth, entre-sector.

ney of agriculture in India highlighting the progress of nation from a country with insufficient food to a self-sufficient and even exporting agricultural produce. The credit for this achieve-The second edition of ment, he emphasized, SUYOG-LJK Opportunity goes to the dedicated Summit, held at Sher-e- efforts of agricultural sci-Kashmir University of entists who have devel-Agricultural Sciences and oped numerous crop Technology of Jammu varieties, technologies (SKUAST-J), focused on and thus significantly illuminating opportuni- increased the producties for youth in the Agrition. Prof. Tripathi outculture and Food Pro- lined the importance of cessing Sector. Organized boosting the agri start-up by LJK Economic Growth ecosystem by motivating and Development Dia- young students to look logue - LEAD in partner- beyond traditional job ship with SKUAST-Jam- opportunities and broadmu and NAHEP-IDP, the en their vision to become event witnessed partici- job providers by running pation of various stake- their own enterprises. holders, including young Prof. Tripathi also underand progressive farmers, scored the pivotal role of entrepreneurs, indus- the Agribusiness Incubatrialists, academicians tor SKUAST-Jammu in and agriculture sector nurturing youth startups experts from all districts under the RKVY-RAFTA-AR project. He expressed Prof. B. N. Tripathi, optimism regarding the Vice Chancellor, SKUAST- collaborative efforts Jammu was Chief Guest between SKUAST-Jammu on the occasion. Prof. B. and LEAD, envisioning

NS Bhau pays obeisance during Parshuram Jayanti, lays emphasis on 'Unity in Diversity'



JI NEWS SERVICE KHOUR, MAY 10

On the auspicious occasion of Parshuram Jayan-President, Narinder Singh Bhau, offered his respects during a grand tableau

to the revered deity. Narinder Singh Bhau's words underscored the significance of unity in diversity, emphasizing ti, All India Bhau Rajput the communal harmony exhibited during such sacred observances.

As the President organized by the Brah- of All India Bhau man Sabha. Reflecting Rajput, Narinder Singh on the event, Narinder Bhau's presence at the Singh Bhau highlighted Parshuram Jayanti tabthe inclusive nature of leau epitomized his comthe gathering, noting that mitment to fostering people from all walks of goodwill and inclusivity life came together to among various societal honor God Parshuram groups. The event served Maharaaj. The tableau, as a testament to the colmeticulously arranged lective reverence and by the Brahman Sabha, shared devotion transerved as a focal point for scending cultural boundindividuals from diverse aries, encapsulating the communities to con-spirit of oneness and verge and pay homage mutual respect.

Police seizes 19 vehicles involved in illegal mining, arrests 18 drivers in Baramulla

BARAMULLA, MAY 10

Baramulla.

Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, police have seized 19 vehicles and arrested 18 drivers in

Under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla/ SDPO Kreeri & Pattan, police parties seized 19 vehicles (11 Tippers, 8 Tractors) & arrested 18 drivers at Delina, Chakloo, Singhpora, Khawajabagh, Sheeri, Kreeri & Palhallan areas of Baramulla district. been identified as Shabir Ahmad Bhat resident of Adil Ramzan Dar resi-Shilwat Sumbal, Mansoor dent of Naranthal, Mohd of illegal mining activities Ahmad Wani resident of Yousuf Sheikh & Javed from any Nallah/river as it Kanlibagh, Irshad Ahmad Dar, both resi- is the violation of Govern-Malla resident of Khan- dents of Khanpora, Afeer ment rules. Persons found pora, Waseem Ahmad Ahmad Bhat resident of indulging in illegal mining



Siraj resident of Bomai Kreeri and further investi-Dar resident of Kanisuth, Sheikh & Wahid Maqbool Mujgund, Farooq Ahmad activities shall be dealt as Mir, both residents of Shil- Dar resident of Takanwari per law. wat Sumbal, Ab Hameed Srinagar, Nasir Ahmad

Sheikh resident of Pehliharan, Aijaz Ahmad Malla & Gh Rasool Marazi, both residents of Sheeri, Faisal Ahmad Khan resident of Bangdara & Adil Khaliq Alaie resident of Waripora Payeen.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Baramulla, Sheeri, Pattan &

The arrested drivers have Sopore, Sameer Ahmad gation have been taken up.

People are requested not to indulge in any kind

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DHS Jammu visits SDH Bhaderwah, inspects healthcare facilities

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MAY 10

Director Health Services (SDH), Bhaderwah to eval-

visit was to gain first- healthcare management. SDH Bhaderwah.

On the second day of his dures and overall health- ness, infection control, tour to District Doda, care delivery system. Dr. and adherence to medical Rakesh Magotra engaged Jammu, Dr. Rakesh Mago- in discussions with the and well-being of patients. tra, today visited Govern- hospital administration, He inquired about the ment Sub District Hospital medical staff, and front- availability of medicines, line healthcare workers. uate the healthcare servic- He exchanged valuable other services at the hoses and facilities available insights and ideas on ways for the community. The to enhance the quality and visit was part of the ongo- accessibility of healthcare ing efforts by the Health services in Bhaderwah faction with the care pro-Department to monitor Hospital. The Director and improve healthcare Health Services Jammu standards across the acknowledged the dedi- a brief meeting with the cation and hard work of staff members of SDH During the visit, the the healthcare profession- Bhaderwah and listened DHS Jammu inspects difals, expressing gratitude to their grievances. Dr. ferent departments within for their tireless efforts in Magotra was accompa-Bhaderwah Hospital, serving the community. nied by Chief Medical Offiincluding the Emergency Dr. Magotra emphasized cer Doda Dr. Om Kumar ward, inpatient units, the importance of con- and DIO Doda Dr. Versha outpatient clinics, Labor tinuous improvement Sharma, while BMO Bhad-Room, and diagnostic in healthcare delivery, erwah Dr. Mohd Ashraf focusing on patient-cen- and other medical and

hand knowledge about He also highlighted the sigthe hospital's infrastruc- nificance of maintaining ture, patient care proce- high standards of cleanliprotocols for the safety diagnostic facilities, and pital and interacted with patients and their attendants to assess their satisvided at SDH Bhaderwah.

Later, DHS Jammu held The purpose of the tered care and efficient paramedical staff from

Ramban Admin holds workshop on **Decision Support System, Digital Risk Database application**

JI NEWS SERVICE RAMBAN, MAY 10

District Administration Ramban, in collaboration with Jhelum and Tawi Flood Recovery Project (ITFRP) and J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency (JKERA), under the guidance of District Magistrate, Ramban, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized a comprehensive training program on the Operationalization of Decision Support System (DSS) and Digital Risk Database (DRDB) application today here in Conference Hall of the District Administrative

Presiding the train-Varunjeet Singh Charak highlighted the significance of the twin applications and advised the par-

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Deputy Commissioner

Rajouri Om Prakash

progress of the Jal Jeevan

Mission schemes, aiming

to ensure clean drinking

water access to rural com-

The Deputy Commis-

crucial aspects of high-

quality work, timely proj-

ect completion and effec-

tive supervision to achieve

the goals of the Jal Jeevan

To accelerate the imple-

RAJOURI, MAY 10

munities.

Complex.

frontline officers and officials about the operation of applications in disaster and emergency like situation to report and tackle the incident.

was attended by senior officers including Assistant Commissioner Revenue, S. Harpal Singh the Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Banihal, Ramsoo, and Gool, Assistant Commis-Tehsildars of Ramban, Banihal, Ramsoo, Pogal-Paristan (Ukhral), Batote, as well as Executive Engineers and Engineers from PWD (R&B) Division ing session, Additional Ramban, Banihal, JPDCL efforts of all the stakehold-Deputy Commissioner, Division Batote, Jal Shakti, ers have utmost signifiand various other con-

> cerned officers. Besides sensitizing par- community.

adhering to strict time-

work, the mission is rapid-

ly transforming into a real-

ity, promising a healthier

and happy life for the resi-

For the schemes where

sioner emphasised the the work has not been Sharma; EXEN Jal Shakti

started yet, the Deputy

officers to promptly

the progress of work on

Jayanti celebrations; greets people

such schemes.

Rana participates in Parshuram

dents of the region.

Bhagat today chaired a lines. Through focused

meeting to review the efforts and dedicated

mentation of the scheme, the need for a holistic

the Deputy Commissioner approach towards water

directed officers to adopt management, emphasiz-

a result-driven approach, ing that it is not just about

Commissioner directed EXEN Jal Shakti Nowshera,

address issues hindering Rajouri, Mohd Rashid;

The DC emphasised of Jal Shakti Department.

the senior BJP leader paid has always withstood test

DC Rajouri reviews status of JJM schemes

ticipants to sensitize their ticipants through Power-Point presentations, the resource persons including Dr. Murlikrishana, Mohammad Junaid, Consultant from RMSI and AEE, Shabeer Hussain, AE The training program Sajad Rafiq from JTFRP, JKERA also provided handholding to participants in installing and operationalizing the Apps on their

smartphones. The programme aimed to enhance understanding sioner Development, and proficiency in utilizing the Decision Support System (DSS) and Digital Risk Database (DRDB), Gool, Khari, and Rajgarh, crucial applications for efficient decision-making and risk management.

These collaborative PMGSY Division Ramban cance towards bolstering disaster preparedness and ensuring the welfare of the

providing access to clean

drinking water but also

about preserving and sus-

tainably utilizing these

The Officers who

attended the meeting were

CPO, Magsood Ahmed; SE

Hydraulics, Bharam Jyoti

Rajouri, Ashwini Sharma;

Bipin Kumar; EXEN PDD

EXEN Jal Shakti Mechani-

cal, Manoj Gupta and AEEs

vital resources.

DLSA Kupwara conducts Awareness programme under SVEEP at HSS Nagri Malpora

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KUPWARA, MAY 10

ongoing Lok Sabha Elections-2024 and as per the directions of Member Sec- ering, Resource Person, retary, JK Legal Services Authority, an Awareness empanelled PLV of DLSA programme under Sys- Kupwara, highlighted the and Electoral Participa- awareness about voter tion (SVEEP) initiative education and underlinthe District legal Services every citizen, particularly laboration with Education nation's democratic tra-Department, Kupwara at Govt. Hr. Sec. School Nagri Malpora, Kupwara.

The programme was Chairperson, DLSA (Pr. community involvement. District & Session Judge) Ahmad Khan, Secretary DLSA/Sub-Judge, Kup-

The objective of the pants.

programme was to spread voter awareness among the participants and to In anticipation to the encourage young voters to exercise their franchise.

Addressing the gath-Irfan Ahmad Shah tematic Voters Education significance of raising was today organized by ing the pivotal role of Authority (DLSA) in col- the youth, in shaping the jectory.

Engaging students from Nagri Malpora Senior Secondary School exemcarried under the super- plified the cultivation of vision of Shazia Tabsum active citizenship and

The programme was Kupwara, and under the attended by Staff Memguidance of Manzoor bers of the said institution, Students, Para legal Volunteers, DLSA Kupwara, and other partici-

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: RO Jammu PC Sachin Kumar reviews counting plan

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 10

District Election Officer from May 13. Sachin Kumar Vaishya, also the Returning Officer instructed to oversee for 5-Jammu Parliamen- barricading and parking tary Constituency, con- management, with spevened a meeting today to cial emphasis on security review the plan for count- access through proper ing on June 4.

Assistant Returning Offi- staff welfare, such as food, cers, various election drinking water and other Nodal Officers and Direc- basic amenities, were tor IT (DIO NIC) Jammu, meticulously reviewed by Sanjeev Kapoor were present in the meeting.

The RO led a comprehensive review of arrange- cerned officers to ensure ments concerning operatimely completion of the tions, logistics, equipment arrangements for the handling, signage installa- smooth conduct of the tion and security.

Director IT Sanjeev

Postal Ballot Management System (ETPBMS). Training is set to commence

Officers were also

security passes. Addition-SSP Dr Vinod Kumar, ally, arrangements for

> The District Election Officer directed all concounting process.

Counting of votes for Kapoor was assigned the the Lok Sabha elections is responsibility of train- scheduled on June 4, starting the counting staff, ing from 8 am at Governincluding AROs and ment Polytechnic College Micro Observers, for the Bikram Chowk and MAM Electronically Transferred College Jammu.

Darakhshan visits Mendhar to take stock of the facilities for pilgrims at Sakhi Peer Chhote Shah Shrine



JAMMU, MAY 10

Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi today visited the visit Dr Darakhshan Mendhar and took stock said that this shrine is of the facilities for the pil-situated in border area of grims at Sufi Shrine of Sakhi Mendhar and people have Peer Chhote Shah in Sakhi great reverence and respect Maidan in the border area in for the shrine and we are Poonch district. Dr Andrabi committed to upgrade the was accompanied by Waqf infrastructure here. "I have Board CEO Dr Amir Hus- issued instructions to the sain and the Administrator staff to streamline the manof the Board Mohammed agement system so that we Rafiq Chisti. Andrabi took are able to provide better a meeting of the Waqf staff facilities to the devotees at the shrine and issued on visiting the shrine in large the spot orders for upgrad- numbers daily", said Waqf ing the facilities and ser- Board Chairperson.

vices for the visitors. She also held a meeting with the local religious scholars and preachers. Speaking to media after

DPS Kathua Celebrates Mother's Day with Special Assembly and Activities

JI NEWS SERVICE KATHUA, MAY 11

DPS Kathua marked Mother's Day with heartfelt celebrations, featuring a special assembly and a range of engaging activities to honor mothers and

motherhood. The day commenced with a vibrant assembly, where students showcased their talents and appreciation for mothers through a captivating play dedicated to Mother's Day. Following the play, various class activities were organized, including paper gratitude for their mothers in creative ways.

ticipated in a poetry activ- for their unconditional ity, composing heartfelt love and sacrifices. poems dedicated to their mothers.



organizing the event. He happy Mother's Day." extended warm wishes to

our students actively children.

Principal Mr. Vivek participating in celebrat-Arora expressed his admiing the essence of mothration for the students' erhood," said Principal flower making and crown efforts and commended Arora. "We are grateful for crafting, allowing students the teachers for their the love and support of all to express their love and guidance and support in mothers and wish them a

The Mother's Day cel-In addition, the junior all mothers, conveying a ebration at DPS Kathua wing of the school par- message of appreciation served as a beautiful tribute to the irreplaceable role mothers play in "It's heartening to see shaping the lives of their

DHS Jammu visits SDH Bhaderwah, inspects facilities

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MAY 09:

On day second of his tour to District Doda, the Director Health Services Jammu Dr. Rakesh Magotra, visited Govt. Sub District Hospital, Bhaderwah today on 10-05-2024 to evaluate the healthcare services and facilities provided to the community.

This visit was a part of the ongoing efforts by the Health Department to monitor and improve services in Bhaderwah about the availability of healthcare standards Hospital. across the region.

various departments of edged the dedication and Bhaderwah Hospital, hard work of the health-Room and diagnostic serving the community. facilities. The purpose of delivery system.

to enhance the quality and patients. accessibility of healthcare



The Director Health The DHS Jammu toured Services Jammu acknowl-

In their remarks, DHS the visit was to gain first- emphasized the imporhand knowledge about the tance of continuous Jammu held a brief meethospital's infrastructure, improvement in health- ing with the staff members patient care procedures care delivery, emphasiz- of SDH Bhaderwah and and the overall healthcare ing the need for patient-listen to their grievances. centered care and efficient During the visit, DHS healthcare management. panied by Chief Medi-Jammu engaged in dis- They also highlighted cal Officer Doda Dr Om cussions with the hos- the significance of main- Kumar, DIO Doda Dr pital administration, taining high standards medical staff and front- of cleanliness, infection BMO Bhaderwah Dr Mohd line healthcare workers. control, and adherence to Ashraf, medical and para-They exchanged valuable medical protocols for the medical staff of the SDH insights and ideas on ways safety and well-being of Bhaderwah hospital was

The DHS enquired

medicines, diagnostic and other facilities in the hospital and services being provided to patients there and also interacted with including the Emergency care professionals and the patients and attenward, inpatient units, expressed gratitude for dants to inquire about outpatient clinics, Labour their tireless efforts in their satisfaction with the services of this health institution.

Later on, the DHS

The DHS was accom-Versha Sharma whereas present on the occasion.

homage to the sixth incar- of times. "The observance Senior BJP leader Mr known for unparalleled vides an opportunity to us Devender Singh Rana today participated in the cation and righteousness. Parshuram Jayanti celebrations at Dogra Brah- an opportunity to rededi- Rana said, adding, "Let us

sage warrior Bhagwan Rana said, adding that society". the unity in diversity has In the serene and spiribeen the biggest strength prayed for peace and tran-

nation of Bhagwan Vishnu, of Parshuram Jayanti prodevotion, strength, dedi- all to immerse ourselves in the divine aura of the "Pray such festivals to be revered sage warrior", Mr min Prathinidhi Sabha, cate ourselves to strength- come together to honour Dogra Grameen Brahmin en the bonds of inclu- His legacy and draw inspi-Sabha and Nagrota greet- siveness, share our joys ration from His noble ed the devout on the birth with others and serve the deeds as we strive towards anniversary of legendary humanity", Mr Devender a harmonious and virtuous Mr Devender Rana

tually filled atmosphere, of this great nation, which quility across the country.

functioning of the post

SSP Jammu conducted inspection of far flung Border Police Post Jogwan in Subdivision Akhnoor

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 10

BPP Jogwan.

Parshuram.

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Today on 10.05.2024 SSP Jammu Dr. Vinod Kumar-IPS conducted inspection of Border Police Post Rural Jammu, Sh.Brijesh Sharma-JKPS and SDPO Lal Sharma-JKPS ,SHO Khour,Inspector Neeraj Choudhary,Incharge PP



During his visit he conducted casual inspec-Jogwan. During the visit he tion of the Border Police was accompanied by SP Post Jogwan and checked various registers/records which are currently being policing.

Pallanwala and Incharge apprised regarding the ity.

and the emerging challenges in border areas. Akhnoor, Sh. Mohan maintained in all the remain extra alert. Some police post of Jammu Dis- welfare oriented issues of trict, as part of proactive jawans were also resolved on spot & those pending Thereafter he was will be resolved on prior-

He also held the security review meeting of the area with concerned officers and on spot directions were given to have a joint naka with army in vulnerable areas. Apart from this brief VDG members to

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