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RECORDS BROKEN!

Srinagar LS seat records 38 per cent voting, highest ever since eruption of militancy: J&K CEO

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Buoyed by the massive participation of people in the democratic process, Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) P K Pole, Monday said that Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency recorded over 36 per cent voting, a figure highest ever since the eruption of militancy in 1989.



"I am glad to announce that Srinagar parliamentary constituency today recorded highest ever

voting per centage of over 38 per cent. This is the highest figure since the eruption of

As per the data provided, the polling percentage until 5 P.M. stood at 36 percent, marking the second-highest turnout since 1989. The figures for previous years were shared as follows:

2019: 14.43%	2014: 25.86%
2009: 25.55%	2004: 18.57%
1999: 11.93%	1998: 30.06%
1996: 40.94%	

militancy in 1989," Pole said addressing a press conference, as per news agency, adding that the figure was likely to go up as data was pouring in from districts. The official app of the J&K administration also

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The Politics of Votes and Longing for Home; the representative character of KPs in Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 13

In the heart of the bustling election season in Jammu, the plight of Kashmiri Pandits has emerged as a poignant yet significant aspect. Nestled in the Jagti area, just outside Jammu, lies a colony teeming with the displaced souls from Kashmir.

Approximately four thousand families of Kashmiri Pandits have found refuge in Jagti, their lives canvassing

the tale of displacement and longing. While some families chose to remain steadfast in their native land despite adversities, others were forced to seek shelter elsewhere, with Jagti becoming their new abode.

As per news agency, for these displaced families, the electoral process poses a unique conundrum. Despite residing in Jammu, they exercise their voting rights in their native Kashmir. The logistics of this electoral practice are intricate,

with votes cast in Jammu but counted in Kashmir.

The significance of these votes is not lost on anyone. With approximately 1,32,000 such votes scattered across the country, including Delhi and Jammu, they wield considerable influence, particularly in key constituencies like Srinagar, Baramulla, and Anantnag.

Living in camps like Jagti, these families find themselves in a liminal space, devoid of

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CBSE declares class 10th, 12th results; 87.98% students pass 12th



JI NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Monday declared the results of Class 10th and 12th board examinations.

The students who appeared for the exam can check and download their results from the official websites www.cbseresults.nic.in, www.cbse.gov.in as well as digilocker and Umang apps. Accord-

ing to the CBSE, around 87.98 percent of students have passed 12th board exams which is 0.65 percent higher than the last year's percentage. The girls have outshined boys yet again.

Over 24,000 candidates have scored above 95 percent and over one lakh sixteen thousand students got above 90 percent in this examination. In the 10th board examination, the

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INDIA Bloc thinking of rotational PM, one PM a year: Modi

JI NEWS SERVICE
CHHAPRA, MAY 13

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday claimed that the INDIA bloc leaders were toying with the idea of having rotational Prime Minister as they while their time in "Mungeri Lal ke (hasen) Sapne" (daydream) of coming to power at the centre after the Lok Sabha polls.

Accusing the Congress-led INDIA Bloc leaders of "letting down" the aspirations of the people of India, Modi said they were "daydreaming" and would never come to power at the Centre again.



Addressing a rally in favour of the BJP candidate in Bihar's Chhapra, Modi said "INDIA bloc leaders are having Mungeri Lal ke Sapne (daydream) of coming to power at the Centre".

"They are also toying with an idea of rotational Prime Minister having

never come together"

Modi said in Bihar Congress and RJD were struggling for their survival and suggested RJD to seek votes on its achievements and not on the work done by the Nitish government.

RJD had a legacy of 'jungle rule' which unleashed an era of kidnapping, murder and scams during its regime in Bihar, Modi said and told RJD to show all these activities on banners and hoardings while seeking votes.

He alleged that Congress left the poor to starve and the economy slipped

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LG congratulates people, stakeholders on high voter turnout in Srinagar PC

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha congratulated the people and all the stakeholders on the high voter turnout in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency today.

In a tweet, the Lt Governor said: "Today, people came out in large numbers to cast their votes in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and reaffirmed their faith in democracy and the constitution. I



commend the hard work by all the stakeholders for free, fair, peaceful and smooth conduct of the polling.

It is heartening to see the huge surge in voting percentage in the

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DG BRO calls on Lt Governor Sinha



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, Director General,

Border Roads Organisation Monday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan.

The DG discussed with the Lt Governor various ongoing projects in J&K under Border Roads Organisation. KNO

Rahul didn't visit Ram temple for fear of losing vote bank: Amit Shah

AGENCIES
MUMBAI, MAY 13

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did not visit the Ram temple in Ayodhya as he feared losing his vote bank.

Addressing a rally in Maharashtra's Dhule district, Shah also said Gandhi opposed the abrogation of Article 370, which provided special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and sought to know the views of Shiv Sena (UBT) head Uddhav Thackeray on the Congress leader's stand.

The Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) are constituents of the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the state and the INDIA alliance at the national level.

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said. "Gandhi opposed the abrogation of Article 370. I want to ask his ally Uddhav Thackeray what are his views on Gandhi's stand. Gandhi and Congress insulted (Hindutva ideologue) Veer Savarkar. What does Thackeray have to say about it?" he asked.

"I also want a clarification from Uddhav Thackeray. One of the constituents of the opposition INDIA bloc is DMK led by M K Stalin, and his son Udhayanidhi Stalin has insulted Sanatan Dharma. Does Uddhav agree with them?" Shah sought to know.

Further targeting the Congress and the Wayanad MP, the Union minister said 20 attempts were made to "launch and relaunch" Rahul Gandhi as a leader. "How can he (Gandhi)

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From Stones to Ballots: Srinagar's downtown 'walks a step forward this time'

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Removing the tag of being Kashmir's stone pelting hub, Srinagar's downtown or old city areas Monday wore a festive look as Srinagar-Budgam parliamentary constituency went to polls. The areas that remained in the headlines of newspapers for stone pelting, street protests, sounds of pellets and bullets witnessed long queues of elderly, women and youth including first time voters casting their vote with a hope that choosing ballot would change downtown's fate.



Zaid, a young voter, who cast his vote at Nowhatta polling station, while speaking to news agency, said that downtown has suffered a lot in the past despite having rich cultural heritage and huge tourism potential including the pilgrim tourism. "We have revered shrines

and temples across downtown which can attract tourists in large numbers. Boycott never benefited us. I voted to see a change. I am sure, our representative will speak about downtown's huge potential in the Parliament," the 24-year-old voter said. "This is my

first vote as I realised that staying away from the ballot never benefits us. Let downtown flourish as we have suffered a lot in the past. It is time to see change and taste the benefits of votes."

A few hundred meters away from Nowhatta polling station, women and elderly were waiting for their turn to exercise their franchise. "Enough is enough. Sitting at home will lead us nowhere. Vote power is to be utilised and today we have broken the shackles of the past. Downtown is a congested locality where people are downtrodden despite the huge

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MeT predicts mainly dry weather from May 14 J&K

AGENCIES
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Amid forecast for mainly dry weather from May 14 onwards, night temperature recorded drop in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

A meteorological department official said that while there is possibility of isolated light to very light rain and gusty winds of 20 to 30 kts at a few places today, mainly dry weather is expected from May 14-18.

On May 19, he said, generally cloudy

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Shrine Board permits 125 langars this year's Shri Amarnath Yatra

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

As the Jammu and Kashmir administration is gearing up to make all arrangements and preparations for an upcoming Shri Amarnath Yatra, the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) this year has issued permission to set up 125 langars from Pahalgam and Baltal to the holy cave

during the Yatra.

This year Amarnath Yatra is starting from June 29 and will conclude on August 19 (Rakshabandhan).

"The permission letters have been issued to the langar operators and the process of police verification of the sevadars (volunteers) to be engaged in the langars has been initiated," official sources said.

They stated that the advance registrations for the yatra have already started from April 15 while the truck loaded with Langar items will start reaching Jammu and Kashmir from June 15.

"As per the Shrine Board guidelines, each volunteer to be engaged in langars, has to get a certificate after police

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Lok Sabha Elections Phase IV:

ECI establishes 119 special polling stations in Srinagar PC

J1 NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

In a first of its kind move towards inclusivity and environmental consciousness, the Election Commission of India (ECI) had established 119 special polling stations of different categories for voters of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency (PC) which went for polling today in the fourth phase of General Elections to Lok Sabha 2024.

These innovative polling stations viz; women manned, youth manned and PwD manned besides green model and unique polling stations were designed to cater specifically to the needs of women, youth and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and other voters besides promoting eco-friendly practices. These polling stations were established with specific themes in all five districts of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency.

In Srinagar district, eight Women manned, eight PwD manned and eight youth manned besides eight green, seventeen model and two unique polling stations were established. Similarly, four women manned, four PwD manned and four youth manned besides six green, eight model and three unique polling stations were established for ease of



voters in Ganderbal district. Likewise, Pulwama



manned besides four green, eight model and one unique polling station was established. In Budgam (29,30,31) district, three women manned, one PwD manned and three youth manned besides three green polling stations were established. Similarly, Shopian (37) had one women manned, one PwD manned and one youth manned besides two green and two unique polling stations.

The newly established polling stations aim to revolutionize the electoral process by ensuring accessibility and representation for all segments of society. With a special focus on women, youth, and PwD, these stations had been equipped with amenities tailored to meet their unique needs, fostering an environment conducive to their active participation in the democratic process.

Furthermore, the ECI's commitment towards environmental sustainability has visibly been reflected through implementation of green practices at these polling stations. Every aspect is meticulously designed to minimize environmental impact and promote a greener future.

Speaking on this milestone initiative, Chief Electoral Officer, J&K, Pandurang K Pole, said that establishment of these unique polling stations underscores ECI's unwavering dedication towards fostering inclusivity and sustainability in the electoral process. He added that the ECI believes that every citizen should have equal access to exercise their democratic right, and these polling stations represent a significant step towards achieving that goal.

DLTFC discusses BBBP action plan- 2024-25 at Ramban

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, MAY 13

District Task Force Committee (DTFC) on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), chaired by Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary met here today to discuss the action plan for the year 2024-25. At the outset, District Social Welfare Officer Rahul Gupta briefed the members about the scheme and its major objectives. He said the BBBP scheme aims to address concerns about gender discrimination and women empowerment in the country. The name Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao translates to 'Save the girl child, educate the girl child'. The objective of the scheme is to educate citizens against gender bias and improve the efficacy of welfare services for girls. The committee discussed proposals revolving around orientation and sensitization of Anganwadi staff, ASHA workers, Para Legal Volunteers, teaching staff and others concerned

about the issue of gender gap. The committee also deliberated on the plan of carrying out Outreach programmes, Innovation exhibition, Capacity building programmes for girls and women, Skill Development, Self Defense and Self Employment of women, Exposure tours for the girls and other such measures to improve the child sex ratio in the district.

Similarly, the Health Department proposed various activities like conduct of awareness campaigns and sensitization of all the stakeholders, including public, about PC & PNDT Act, MTP Act and convergence for nutrition and health education including menstruation hygiene behavior. The DC asked all the stakeholder departments to work in coordination with each other and draft a holistic action plan based on the facts and figures taking the Panchayat as a unit. He urged them to consider the outcomes of the previous plans and set a target for the current

financial year accordingly. He asked to focus on the Panchayats with poor sex ratio and literacy rate.

The DC directed the Education Department to establish pink toilets dedicated to the female students in every educational institution in the district and stressed the department to ensure no female student drops her studies due to the non availability of basic facilities in the institution. He advocated for 100% institutional delivery and health check to reduce female foeticide and unnatural deaths. He asked the concerned to take special care for the nutritional requirements of girl children in Anganwadi Centres and Government Primary Schools. The meeting was attended by DPO ICDS Ramban Jahangir Hashmi, ACP Mohammad Ashfaq Khanji, DIO DIPR Ramban, DSWO Ramban, CMO, CEO, DYSSO Ramban and other concerned officers from civil and police department.

DC discusses action plan with stakeholders to boost tourist facilities in Samba district



J1 NEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Samba, Abhishek Sharma today held an interactive session with Stakeholders here in DC Office. The discussion focused on enhancing tourist facilities and sanitation in the district, especially at popular tourist destinations like Chichi Mata Temple, Shri Narsing Dev Ji Temple, Baba Sidh Gouria, Baba Chamliyal, Samba Fort and Mogargarh Fort.

The DC encouraged the locals to invest in tourism infrastructure to

cater to the needs of the tourists. He emphasized that Samba has vast conventional and pilgrimage tourism potential and reiterated full support and cooperation from district administration in building tourism infrastructure.

He encouraged the locals to promote the home-stay facility because it allows the tourists to experience host culture and pristine nature in a more authentic way. "Home-stay culture can emerge more strongly if an enabling environment is provided. Furthermore, Home-stays are proving to be a game changer in

attracting more tourists," he added. He underscored that local people will be able to eke out their livelihood from the tourism activities and it will boost the rural economy.

He deliberated upon the scope of camping sites, adventure and recreation setup and added that the home-stay blended with local Dogra cuisine can be offered to tourists to increase length of stay in the district.

The meeting was attended by Tourist Officer, Dr Rajesh Raina and stakeholders from different regions of Samba district.

Div Com Jammu reviews arrangements for Shree Machail Mata Yatra 2024

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for Shree Machail Mata Yatra, 2024.

The meeting was attended by Director Tourism, Director Health Services, Jammu, Chief Engineers of PMGSY, PWD, JPDCL and other concerned officers. Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar along with his team of District Officers attended the meeting via virtual mode.

During the meeting, the Div Com held threadbare discussion and reviewed the arrangements initiated by different departments like PWD, PMGSY, Health, Jal Shakti, PDD, Fire and Emergency Services and other concerned departments.

The Div Com issued directions to the respec-



tive departments to take advance measures to maintain road connectivity and Yatra tracks for hassle free movement of the pilgrimage, make provision of Heli Services, amenities along the Yatra route, Langar arrangements, mobile connectivity, Traffic management, Security, Power, drinking water and medical facilities. He further stressed on laying special focus on sanitation and cleanliness of the ecologically sensitive region.

He asked the Deputy Commissioner to ensure

functioning of Yatri Niwas with all necessary facilities for Yatris. He directed for strengthening of structures adjacent to the holy temple and timely completion of the ongoing works.

It was informed that JPDCL is installing a new Transformer for ensuring uninterrupted power supply during the holy Yatra.

The Director Health Services informed the Div Com on the status of health facilities in Kishtwar. He was directed to maintain availability of

medicines, paramedics and Doctors on rotational basis at Machail.

All the officials were asked to submit holistic arrangement plans of their respective departments well before the commencement of the Shree Machail Mata Yatra.

The Chief Engineer PWD was directed to visit Paddar Machail to submit the report after reviewing ongoing works for facilitating the pilgrims of Shree Machail Mata Yatra. He was further directed to ensure timely completion of the works.

Discussion was also held on initiating wide publicity regarding the necessary information and facilities available for the devotees to attract the maximum number of pilgrims. The Tourism Department was tasked with launching a comprehensive publicity campaign to promote Shree Machail Mata Yatra via Audio, Print and Digital Media platforms and installing flexes at key locations.

It was also decided to provide information regarding the nearby tourist spots in the region to the devotees undertaking the annual holy yatra at Paddar, Kishtwar.

Directions were also issued for keeping in place teams of SDRF, Fire Tenders. SSP Kishtwar apprised the Div Com on the Traffic and security arrangements for the Holy Yatra.

Agriculture Department Staff mourns demise of colleague

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

A solemn condolence meeting was convened today in the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu to condole the sad demise of Ajay Sharma, SMS (SDL) stationed in Marwah, who peacefully departed this life on 12th May 2024.

The meeting was attended by Director Agriculture Jammu and all the Sectoral Heads of the Directorate along with the staff members, all gathered to pay their respects and extend condolences to the bereaved family.



Expressions of deep sorrow and heartfelt grief echoed throughout the hall as attendees reminisced about the valuable contributions and amiable personality of Shri Ajay Sharma. His untimely demise has left a void in the hearts of many, both personally and professionally.

The Directorate of Agriculture, Jammu, stands united in solidarity with the family and friends of Shri Ajay Sharma, sharing in their sorrow and offering unwavering support during this time of loss.

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

The Department of Horticulture, under the chairmanship of its Director, Chaman Lal Sharma, orchestrated a significant interaction programme with the Board of Directors and members of the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) for Aonla crop at village Sungal of block Akhnoor.

The event, which witnessed a commendable turnout of local farmers, served as a crucial platform for dialogue and collaboration, echoing the Department's commitment in empowering agricultural communities. Speaking on the occasion the Director emphasized the intrinsic importance of FPOs to the horticultural

community of Akhnoor and its neighbouring villages. He underscored their pivotal role in empowering farmers, fostering collective action, and amplifying voices within the agricultural landscape. Highlighting the critical role of FPOs in enabling smallholder farmers to access resources, markets and knowledge, Director Sharma commended the proactive efforts of FPO members. He reiterated the Department's steadfast commitment to supporting and strengthening grassroots initiatives. Director Sharma's address resonated deeply with attendees, igniting a sense of purpose and unity among the farming community. His insights into the transformative potential of FPOs sparked

engaging discussions and inspired participants to explore new avenues for collaboration and growth. The interaction programme not only served as a platform for knowledge exchange but also as a catalyst for fostering solidarity and camaraderie among farmers. It underscored the Department's dedication to nurturing inclusive and sustainable agricultural practices that benefit communities at large. Later in the program, Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu, Ashwani Sharma, DLSMS Pomology Sandeep Gupta, MCC Uttam Lal, HDO Akhnoor Virender Kumar and HDO Khour, Amit Saraf also interacted with participants, further enriching the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Opposition Ruled States Denying People Benefit Of Modi's Schemes: Dr Jitendra

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, MAY 13

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today accused the opposition ruled States of denying people the benefit of Modi's schemes.

He said, the most striking example of this is West Bengal where many people have not even heard of some of the public welfare schemes of the central government, which have otherwise gained enormous popularity across the country. Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of a series of BJP election meetings in the Lok Sabha constituencies of Howrah and Hooghly today, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in the public rally at Howrah yesterday mentioned that Howrah was at one point of time known to be the hub of industry in India.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, people of West Bengal have now begun to realise how the decades-long rule first by CPM and then by TMC has thrown Bengal back for several years and brought entire development to a virtual halt. He recalled that once upon a time, the common adage was that what Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow, which in other words means that Bengal was always ahead of the other



States and other regions of the country. But unfortunately, it is the other way now, he regretted.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, since most of the people-centric schemes like Ujjawala scheme to provide Gas cylinders to needy households or Swachhta Abhiyan constituting the construction for Toilets for women and other households or PM Awas Yozna for construction of pucca houses for those who cannot afford it have not been implemented on the ground in West Bengal. This, he said, has happened because for most of the schemes, it is imperative to have the coordination and cooperation by the State administration down up to the level of the district and Block administration, but here instead of coming forth with such coordination and cooperation, the State administration is invariably instructed by the political establish-

ment not to cooperate in achieving the targets of the Central schemes initiated by the Modi government.

Thanks to social media and other means of real-time information, said Dr Jitendra Singh, people of West Bengal have increasingly realised how while in several other States like Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, all these schemes have achieved the targets and households, and achieved more than 100% saturation, these are yet to reach the needy in West Bengal. The people, therefore, now no longer want to live in deprivation and have made up their mind to turn the tables in ongoing elections so that they too are the beneficiaries of Modi's welfare schemes like in other parts of the country, he said.

Taking a dig at the TMC Govt, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the TMC, the Congress and other opposition parties keep criticising

the Modi government for unemployment but on the contrary the State governments run by these parties don't allow the Modi government initiatives which would have led to generation of employment in large numbers as well as job creation. Under the TMC rule and earlier during the CPM rule, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, three generations of the Bengal youth have missed the opportunity which was available to the other States of the country. In the last ten years of the Modi government, for example, a new Startup policy was initiated and the number of Startups in India went up from around 350 to 1.12 Lakh and India rose at number three globally in the Startup ecosystem. But the benefit of this was not seen in equal measure in West Bengal in spite of the youth here being highly talented and awakened, he lamented.

CIPMC- Jammu hosts Inspiring Drawing Competition at GGHS Gandhi Nagar Emphasizing Plant Health Awareness



JINews Service
JAMMU, MAY 13

The Central Integrated Pest Management Centre Jammu organized a drawing competition at Government Girls High School, Gandhi Nagar, to commemorate the International Day of Plant Health. As many as 45 students from 9th and 10th classes participated enthusiastically.

The winners of the competition were duly recognized with prizes and certificates. The event was graced by the presence of Headmaster, Suman Bala, Nodal Officer Cultural Activities, Saiqa

Khan and several officials of DPPQ&S, Govt. of India such as Chetna Bisht, Haroon Rashid Hakla Assistant Plant Protection Officer (PP), Sudhir Chander Scientific Assistant, and Surinder Kumar Technical Assistant.

Bala extended her appreciation to the department for organizing such enlightening programs, aimed at instilling awareness among students about the crucial theme of "Save Plants, Save the Planet." Such initiatives play a pivotal role in nurturing environmental consciousness among the youth, thereby fostering a sustainable future.

Jammu admin clarifies about renewal of Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana agents

JINews Service
JAMMU, MAY 13

Responding to recent reports appearing in a section of local press, District Administration Jammu has clarified misunderstanding surrounding the renewal process for agents operating under the Government of India's Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana.

The office of the District Magistrate has clarified that it has approved all the applications received so far since last year.

It's important to note that only those cases have been withheld which have failed to declare that none of their immediate relatives hold positions within either State or Central Government as provisioned under the guidelines of Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs Government of India.

Therefore, assertions regarding mass unemployment among agents are unfounded and misleading.

Draft Capex Budget 2024-25 discussed at Reasi

JINews Service
REASI, MAY 13

The Additional District Development Commissioner Reasi, Sukhdev Singh Samyal chaired a meeting to discuss the draft capex budget for the financial year 2024-25. The meeting was held in the conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Joint Director Planning Narinder Gupta presented a detailed overview of the draft budget, highlighting key areas and priorities.

The ADDC emphasized the need to complete ongoing works on a priority basis. One of the

key directives from the meeting was to upload photographs of physically completed works on the Portal within two days, ensuring transparency and accountability in project execution.

Several important issues were discussed during the meeting, including the requirement of funds for the registration and insurance of 9 ambulances. ACD Pardeep Kumar, SE PWD Romesh Kumar, CMO Ravinder Manhas, CEO Mushtaq Ahmed, XENS PWD, Jal Shakti, JPDCL and Other Officers were present in the meeting.

YSS Department concludes 7-day refresher course for Physical Education Educators, Ground-men at Kishtwar



JINews Service
KISHTWAR, MAY 13

The Department of Youth Services & Sports Kishtwar successfully concluded the 7-day refresher course for (PEMs), (REKS) and Groundmen at TRC Kishtwar.

The trainee staff demonstrated commendable discipline and exemplary behavior throughout the duration of the course organized under the supervision of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Jaffer H Sheikh.

The event was graced by the presence of Zonal Physical Education Officers of Kishtwar and Nagseni, alongside trainers and staff

members. This refresher course aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of participants, ensuring they are equipped to deliver quality physical education in schools and communities.

The DYSS Officer extended his heartfelt congratulations to all participants and encouraged them to work with the same dedication to promote sports and physical education in the region.

The culmination of the course was marked by a campfire, fostering camaraderie and bonding among the participants as they embarked on their journey to uplift the youth through sports and physical activities.

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: Hands-on EVM/ VVPAT Training imparted to Election staff at Handwara



JINews Service
KUPWARA, MAY 13

In order to ensure smooth polling, EVM/VVPAT training programmes were organized by the Election Office Kupwara at Environment Hall Handwara and Govt Degree College Handwara. The training was imparted in two sessions. In its first session, the employees

were given a brief description of EVM, VVPAT & documentation.

In the second session, hands-on training regarding the EVM was given to the randomised poll staff, who themselves operated it and got the desired results. Various errors deliberately occurred and their remedial mechanism was taught to the participants.

People voted in large numbers in Srinagar Lok Sabha seat : Waheed Parra

JINews Service
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Srinagar Lok Sabha Candidate Waheed Parra on Monday said that people came out in large numbers to participate in the election after 1987.

"It is a welcome step that the people are coming out to vote", Parra told media after casting his vote at a polling booth in south Kashmir's Pulwama district.

He said these had been the boycotted villages since 1987 in Pulwama district and for the first time people were coming out to exercise their franchise.

"People want to make it a people's election in

Kashmir and send out a message that the people of Kashmir have faith in Indian democracy", Parra said. The Lok Sabha candidate said if he won, he will try to heal the sufferings of the people of Kashmir and break their silence they are facing. He said the people should come out and vote. He alleged that "since last evening some people from the administration are trying to divert and derail the process of election as was done in 1987 by chasing our workers, intimidated, harassed and kidnapped".

Parra also alleged that "the voting process is being delayed at the polling stations of Pulwama and even claimed that

the polling staff admitted that they have directions from the higher ups to delay the process for certain reasons".

"This is the murder of the democracy which is happening and should not have happened", he alleged and said "I don't know which party they are supporting. It is wrong and it is against the interest of India".

Replying to a question, Parra said that "our voice is our manifesto. Today we are silent and what big thing through elections we speak of about the Article 370". He said "when a Kashmiri is being harassed for exercising his right to vote one can understand on what level the democracy is there".

LS polls: Farooq, Omar cast votes in Srinagar

JINews Service
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Omar Abdullah cast their votes in Srinagar for the Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency on Monday.

"It is a matter of joy that the day has come today," Farooq Abdullah told media persons after casting his vote at the Burn Hall polling station in Srinagar. Farooq Abdullah was accompanied by his son Omar Abdullah and two grandchildren, who also polled their votes for the first time. National Conference candidate Aga Ruhulla Syed is contesting a multi-cornered Lok Sabha election from the Srinagar seat and has pitched against the prominent candidates of Peoples Democratic Party youth leader Waheed-Ur-Rehman Parra and Apni Party's Ashraf Mir. "In 2014, I could not vote as I was in a hospital in England. Thanks to the almighty, today I am standing before you after casting my vote for the parliamentary elections," he said.

"It is very unfortunate that, on the one hand, the administration claims that no stone-pelting, violence, or poll boycott is visible anywhere, but I would like to ask the administration why they picked up selected workers of parties, including the National Conference, during the past two days," he said.



Param Pujya Mahamandleshwar Acharya Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giri Ji Maharaj, who is also a member of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, met Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan today. He was accompanied by Swami Harish Chander Puri.

DC flags off First Batch of Haj Pilgrims from Poonch



JINews Service
POONCH, MAY 13

Deputy Commissioner Poonch Yasin M. Choudhary today flagged off the first batch of 42 Haj Pilgrims including 31 Males and 11 Females, here from district Poonch.

SSP Yougal Manhas, ADC, Tahir Mustafa Malik, Dy SP Hqr, Kuldeep Sharma, Adminis-

trative Officer Aquaf, Er. Mohammad Rafiq Chisti, Molvi Farooq Ahmed Misbhai Imam Jama Masjid Poonch and others were present on the occasion.

The pilgrims left in private vehicles to Srinagar from where they will board flight for forward Journey.

Deputy Commissioner interacted with the Hajjis

and congratulated them and extended his best wishes for successful completion of the holy pilgrimage. He informed that all necessary arrangements have been put in place to facilitate the pilgrims on their way to holy pilgrimage.

They were advised to contact district administration for all kinds of logistic support.

Come out to cast vote for peace in Kashmir: Bukhari

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Apni Party President Altaf Bukhari on Monday urged the people of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency to come out to cast their votes for the peace in Kashmir valley. "I want to congratulate the people of Srinagar Constituency for their participation in the elections, which are going on peacefully," Bukhari said.

Bukhari urged the people to cast their vote, as it is very important. "As of tomorrow, an important decision in history is being taken for the restoration of statehood, the release of our youth from detention, and for those whose verifications are pending with the police for the issuance of passports."

In a first, Jammu Police's beat booths initiative reaching out rural masses

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In a first of its kind initiative to increase surveillance and monitoring in the rural belts flanked by National Highway Jammu Police has come up with a unique and innovative idea of Beat Booth.

The police spokesman said that the beat booths shall be designated in each

beat of all the police stations to make accessibility of police more frequent and effective.

"The Beat Booths initiative will also ensure prompt response and mobility in case of exigencies as there shall be more frequent touring and visits of police officers and officials in these booths," he said.

He stated that the rural

areas being vast and far are hard to dominate effectively as there are 25 beats in the Sub-Division Nagrota comprising 15 of Police Station Nagrota and 10 of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and this beat booth system shall enhance capabilities of police for Rural patrolling.

"It will definitely help in better monitoring and surveillance of areas and

persons with suspicious backgrounds with active participation of the public," he said.

The spokesman said that the beat booths shall have detailed information of all villages and mohallas and also contact numbers under provision of 'Dial your police station, dial your police Sub-Division for the assistance of the general public.'

Aarav Vivek Gupta follows in Brother's footsteps to shine in CBSE 10th Exam, Topping J&K UT with 99.4% marks

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JAMMU, MAY 13

In a remarkable display of academic prowess, Aarav Vivek Gupta, son of esteemed medical professionals Dr. Vivek Gupta and Dr. Archana Gupta, has emerged as the top scorer in the 10th CBSE exams within the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory, securing a stellar 99.4% aggregate. Hailing from the prestigious Jodhmal Public School, Aarav's outstanding achievement not only reflects his dedication and diligence but also carries forward a legacy of academic excellence established by his elder brother, Arnav Vivek Gupta, who clinched the top spot in the same examination back in 2019 with an impressive score of 495 out of 500 marks.

Drawing inspiration and guidance from his elder sibling, Aarav acknowledges Arnav as his mentor, attributing much of his success to the invaluable support and wisdom imparted by his



brother. Currently pursuing a career in medicine at the Government Medical College, Jammu (GMCJ), Arnav's accomplishments serve as a beacon of motivation for Aarav, instilling in him a drive for excellence and a commitment to academic pursuits.

The Gupta family's illustrious lineage extends beyond the academic realm, with both parents garnering acclaim in their respective fields of expertise. Dr. Vivek Gupta, renowned for his exceptional contributions to radiology, was honored with the prestigious DGP medal, recognizing him as one of India's foremost

radiologists. Complementing his achievements, Dr. Archana Gupta has carved a niche for herself as a leading pathologist in Jammu, earning accolades for her significant contributions to the field.

Aarav's outstanding performance not only underscores his individual brilliance but also reflects the unwavering support and encouragement provided by his family. Embracing the values of hard work, determination, and academic rigor instilled by his parents and elder brother, Aarav has set a shining example for aspiring students across the region. His achievement serves as

a testament to the power of perseverance and the transformative potential of education in shaping young minds and paving the way for a brighter future.

As Aarav embarks on the next chapter of his academic journey, his remarkable success serves as a source of pride and inspiration for his family, school, and community at large. With his sights set on even greater heights, Aarav's journey exemplifies the limitless possibilities that await those who dare to dream, strive relentlessly, and never waver in their pursuit of excellence.

India's retail inflation dips to 11-month low of 4.83 pc in April: Govt data

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

India's retail inflation measured by consumer price index (CPI) eased further and dipped to an 11-month low of 4.83% in April 2024, as per official data released on Monday.

In March, headline inflation print had come in at 4.85%.

The retail inflation print has remained within the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s tolerance band of 2-6% for nearly eight months now. As per data released by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), food inflation however inched up to 8.70% in April this year from 8.51% in the previous month.

"The annual inflation rate based on all India Consumer Price Index (CPI) number is 4.83% (Provisional) for the month of April, 2024 (over April, 2023). Corresponding inflation rate for rural and urban is 5.43% and 4.11%, respectively," MoSPI said in a statement.

It further said that among the top five groups, the year-on-year inflation in



groups 'Clothing & Footwear', 'Housing' and 'Fuel & light' has decreased since March this year.

Notably, vegetable inflation in the month of April this year remained elevated at 27.80% while pulses and products inflation were at 16.84%. Cereals and products inflation was 8.63% in April this year.

With inflation staying within the upper limit of RBI and also showing a declining trend, the RBI last month kept policy repo rate unchanged at 6.50% for the seventh consecutive time while reviewing the monetary policy.

The central bank has

projected the CPI inflation for the current financial year (2024-25) at 4.5%.

Commenting on the April inflation numbers, ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar said that the rating agency fears that the food and beverages inflation will retrace above the 8% mark in May 2024, partly on account of the adverse base as well as the above-normal temperatures and heatwave conditions during the summer season.

She said that higher food prices could push up the headline CPI inflation to a five-month high of 5.1-5.2% in the ongoing month.

"The impending favour-

able base effects during Q2 FY2025 are expected to materially soften the headline inflation print to 2.0-4.0% in July 2024 and August 2024. Nevertheless, a timely onset and well distribution of monsoon season would be crucial to support agriculture output in 2024-25 and help control food inflation," Nayar said.

She added, "With continued uncertainty, especially on the risks to the food inflation trajectory after Q2 FY2025, the chance of a stance change (by RBI Monetary Policy Committee) in the upcoming June 2024 monetary policy review appears rather dim."

Congress government to improve country's economy after June 4: Rahul

AGENCIES
RAE BAREIL, MAY 13

Former Congress President and candidate from Rae Bareilly seat Rahul Gandhi on Monday said after the departure of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from power at the Centre on June 4, Congress will improve the economy of the country and wearable domestic industries

to compete with China.

Addressing an election rally in Harchandpur area under Rae Bareilly constituency, Rahul said that his family has the oldest connection with Rae Bareilly. He said that his great grandfather Jawaharlal Nehru was taught politics by the people of Rae Bareilly.

He said that Congress will improve the country's economy so that Made in

India could compete with Made in China. Rahul along with his sister and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi campaigned extensively vigorously in many areas of Rae Bareilly.

He was accompanied by many Congress stalwarts including former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

Enumerating many



works done by Congress in Rae Bareilly, he took a

face and Adani and Ambani's marriages are shown but the reality of the country which has many problems is not shown.

The Congress leader said that if the Congress government comes to power, Rs 8,500 will be given every month in the accounts of poor women and also 30 lakh government jobs will be given to unemployed youth.

Taking aim at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he said that Modi left no stone unturned in making people unemployed and fool. "He fooled people by making them clap and banging plates during Corona and gave the country's money to his rich friends," he said.

Rahul assured that a strict law will be made against paper leaks. "We

are going to take a revolutionary step to provide the first permanent job to the unemployed youth in India, in which college and university diploma holders will get a permanent apprenticeship for one year, which will be a kind of apprenticeship right wherein they will get excellent training and a salary of Rs 8,500 per month," he said.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

RECORDS BROKEN!

confirmed the voting per cent of 38.3 per cent in Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency at 10 pm.

Pole said that there was a great enthusiasm among the voters and the polling took place in a peaceful atmosphere. "There was no polling station that witnessed zero per cent polling. No law-and-order incident was reported anywhere," he said, adding that not even a single polling booth witnessed zero per cent polling in Srinagar parliamentary constituency.

"People voted in large numbers here. We are thankful to each and every person involved in making this democratic process a success," said Pole.

Highlighting the logistics involved, Pole mentioned that there were 2135 polling stations across 18 assembly segments. Over 8500 civil employees, along with police and CRPF personnel, double that number, worked tirelessly over the past two days to ensure the smooth conduct of the polls.

"We had special arrangements in place for females and aged persons, with every polling station under CCTV surveillance," he added.

Regarding youth participation, Pole stated that there were 2 lakh registered youth voters, and 26 special polling stations were set up for migrants, with over 6,000 migrant voters casting their ballots, contributing to a tentative poll percentage of 36 percent among migrant voters.

Pole also addressed preventive measures, emphasizing the overall peaceful conduct of the polls. "Preventive measures were taken only in cases where individuals had a criminal background or anti-national history, ensuring that polling stations remained incident-free," he clarified.

Pole added that Srinagar recorded the lowest EVM replacement rate at 0.1 percent, while Jammu reported the highest at 3 percent. To query about absence of boycott call, Pole said that people have realised the benefits of using the ballot and futility of boycott.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Dr Bilal Mohi-ud-din Bhat said that for the first time in three decades, Srinagar Lok Sabha seat witnessed brisk polling and festival atmosphere. "Even children could be seen playing in the premises of polling booths," he said, adding that not a single polling station recorded zero voting.

LG Manoj Sinha congratulates people for high voter turnout: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated the people and all the stakeholders on the high voter turnout in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency today. In a tweet, the Lt Governor said: "Today, people came out in large numbers to cast their votes in Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency and reaffirmed their faith in democracy and the constitution. I commend the hard work by all the stakeholders for free, fair, peaceful and smooth conduct of the polling. It is heartening to see the huge surge in voting percentage in the biggest festival of democracy. I truly appreciate the enthusiasm of electors and hopeful to see historic turnout. "in the

next two phases. I appeal to all to vote without fear and vote with responsibility and pride". KNO

The Politics of Votes...

local representation or avenues for development. Sunil Kumar Pandita, a resident of the Jagti camp, echoes the sentiments of many when he expresses the desire for a return to their homeland. His plea resonates with Krishan Lal, who laments the loss of ancestral lands and the stark contrast of their current living conditions.

Amidst the longing for home, there exists a nuanced narrative of friendship and camaraderie. Sunil reminisces about the bonds forged in Kashmir, transcending the political divides. Yet, the bitterness towards the past governments lingers and overshadows the sense of camaraderie.

The promises of resettlement and rehabilitation, though made, remain largely unfulfilled. While some youths have found solace in employment opportunities, the overarching dream of returning to their roots persists. The political spectrum is fraught with claims and counterclaims, each fighting for the allegiance of a community yearning for closure and restoration. KNO

CBSE declares class...

overall passing percentage is 93.60. The passing percentage of girls is 94.75 while for boys, it is 92.71.

This year also girls outperformed boys, with agap of around 2%. The overall pass percentage of girls has increased from 94.25% in 2023 to 94.75% in 2024.

For boys, the pass percentage increased from 92.27% in 2023 to 92.71% in 2024. For transgender students too, it increased from 90% last year to 91.30% this year.

INDIA Bloc thinking...

from bad to worse during its regime. Congress and RJD leaders, instead of caring for the poor, filled their own coffers by committing various scams, he alleged.

Modi claimed that it was he who ensured that no poor should ever sleep with an empty stomach and made arrangements so that the poor people could get food continuously. Eighty crore people of the country were getting free ration every month, Modi said adding that it was he who guaranteed pucca house to the homeless people.

"I have experienced poverty and lived in it and I do not need any delegation to understand these issues", Modi said adding that in all of his development schemes, these issues are at the centre point.

The PM said that the credibility and prestige of India had increased globally and the election was being held for its progress and to establish its strength in the world.

Claiming himself to be a sevak (servant) of the people, Modi said he was on duty 24 hours everyday to attain the dreams of the people by 2047.

"I am discharging my responsibilities conferred upon me by the people with honesty and also giving my performance report card of the past 10 years", Modi said adding that the country's progress in the last ten years was more than it developed during the 60-year rule of Congress.

LG congratulates...

biggest festival of democracy. I truly appreciate the enthusiasm of electors and hopeful to see historic turnout in the next two phases. I appeal to all to vote without fear and vote with responsibility and pride".

Rahul didn't visit Ram...

even launch Chandrayaan to the moon? Can he or his government ever give a befitting response to Pakistan? Can they end Naxalism or terrorism in the country? Can they make India prosperous?" he asked.

Shah was campaigning for BJP's Dhule Lok Sabha seat candidate Subhash Bhamre, the former Union Minister of State for Defence. The Congress has fielded former MLA Shobha Bachhav against Bhamre in Dhule, where polling will be held on May 20. (Agencies)

From Stones to Ballots...

potential of craft tourism," said Saleema, 42, also a first time voter.

She said that downtown needs a serious touch and "today's vote can change the fate of the old city as our representative will seek Centres attention towards us in the Lok Sabha."

A group of women voters at Mohalla-e-Makhdoom sahib (RA), said downtown was always neglected in the past by Member Parliaments' and also by the Ministers and Members of Legislative Assemblies. "Stones, bullets and pellets took away our youth and paralysed our livelihood. It is time to move forward," they said. "Now that peace is in the air, let's hope for a better tomorrow."

Downtown is a vast area, though congested at most of the places, which comprises half of Srinagar's total population. This time, in absence of boycott calls, street protests and fear of stone pelting, leaders of political parties conducted rallies in many parts of the old city to garner support. Kashmir is witnessing its first Lok Sabha elections post abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019.

Ghulam Qadir, a 70-year-old resident of Nawa Kadal area of old city, said enough is enough and this is the time to see the ease in the sufferings of downtown residents. "How long will we and our children suffer? I voted for better tomorrow and an end to our sufferings. Hope my vote pays back. Staying away is futile," he said.

Brisk voting was recorded at Nawa Kadal, Rainawari and areas surrounding Dal Lake in the Srinagar's old city, reflecting a change in the people's mood who otherwise would prefer to sit home on the poll day. KNO

MeT predicts mainly...

weather is expected with light rain/thunder at few places towards afternoon. From May 20-23, he said, generally dry weather is expected.

Regarding temperature, the MeT official said that Srinagar recorded a low of 9.9°C against 12.6°C on the previous night and it was 1.0°C below normal for the summer capital of JK for this time of the year.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of 9.0°C against 10.8°C on the previous night and it was 0.3°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, he said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of 5.5°C against 5.8°C on the previous night and it was above normal by 0.1°C for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of 7.0°C against 10.2°C and it was 2.4°C above normal, the official said.

Kupwara town recorded a minimum of 6.2°C against 9.6°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 3.5°C for the place, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded a minimum of 1.5°C and it was normal for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

Jammu, he said, recorded a low of 19.9°C against 19.3°C on the previous night and it was below normal by 4.1°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of 10.2°C, Batote 10.6°C and Baderwah 8.2°C, he said. (AGENCIES)

Shrine Board permits...

verification is done in their respective areas," they added.

As per officials, the Shree Amarnath Barfani Langars Organization (SABLO) has requested the Shrine Board to consider the Aadhar card or any other valid photo identity card of the volunteers for police verification.

However, the officials said that 22 langars will be set up in Baltal and Domel, 13 near the holy cave, eight in Sheshnag, five in Pissu Top, 12 in Panchtarni, seven in Chandanwari and other camps en route to the yatra.

"The Board has allowed to engage 65 volunteers in each langar and expecting a huge rush, it is demanded to increase the number," said a member of SABLO.

He added that more than 60 langars will be installed from Lakhnawar to Srinagar in Jammu, Samba, Udhampur, Ramban, Anantnag, Ganderbal and at other identified locations.

"Three langars are also to be established at Bhagwati Nagar Jammu based Yatri Niwas," they said and added that the Shrine Board along with respective district administrations are holding review meetings to make all arrangements in place for smooth and hassle-free facilitation of pilgrims to Shri Amarnath Cave Shrine.

ZPEO Basohli organizes Inter-School Zonal Level Competition at HSS, Bhoond

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BASOHLI, MAY 13

With the direction & overall supervision of DYSSO Kathua Sunil Singh Sambyal Inter School Zonal Level tournament held at GMHSS Basohli on 13.05.2024 under the chairmanship of Principal GMHSS Basohli, Lalit Kumar Sharma & Tara Singh Incharge ZPEO with the cooperation of field staff in following events i.e.- Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, Wrestling, Football.



Block Bhoond The tournament was inaugurated by Vice Principal of Higher Secondary School Bhoond, Dev Raj along with physical education staff. The event showcased

the talent and competitive spirit of the participating youth. The competition was held in various disciplines - Kabaddi, Volleyball, Chess, Football and Wrestling. The detail

of the players are given below: -
U.14 Boys - 418 U.17 Boys - 301
Total - 719 players has taken part in Zonal Level Tournament.

Industry-Academia meet held at Govt Polytechnic Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Government Polytechnic Jammu in collaboration with Department of Industries and Commerce today organised an Industry-Academia Meet as per the directions from District Administration, Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Jammu and Director, Skill Development Department, J&K. The collaboration was based on a collective commitment to bridge the gap between local industries and academia. The meeting witnessed a congregation of representatives from various industrial associations, unit holders, DIC Jammu and TPOs and faculty of Government Polytechnic Jammu. Sh. Virender Kumar Manyal, General Manager, DIC Jammu along with Er. Arun Bangotra, Principal Government Polytechnic Jammu headed the meet.

In his welcome address, Er Arun Bangotra briefed the meet as an opportunity to access the nature and magnitude of the skill gap across the district and to take appropriate measures in conducting skill training to bridge the skill gap. He added that the institute and industry can collaborate on various topics related to research,



innovation, education, and workforce development as such events serve as a platform for fostering meaningful interactions, exchanging ideas, and building partnerships between the two sectors.

Sh. Virender Kumar Manyal JKAS, General Manager, DIC Jammu said that we need industry-academia collaboration to make sure that the engineers of tomorrow are ready to face the challenges of fast-paced world and to share the industry expectations from academic institutions and identify common interests, foster greater understanding and to develop the capacity to address the local issues like unemployment of the local youth. The session witnessed participation from Mr. S. C. Dutta, President Birpur Industrial Association, Mr. Vinod Kumar Vice President, Mr. Ajay Langer, Vice President, Bari Brahmana Indus-

trial Association, Mr. B. L. Koul, representative Pharmaceutical Association, Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Plant head, Saraswati, Mr. Ashok Kumar, Mr. Rajesh and other representatives from industry associations and unit holders. The keynote speeches by representatives from industry and academia, providing insights into current trends, challenges, and opportunities. Panel discussions featuring experts from both sectors delve into specific topics such as technology trends, industry-academia collaboration models, and skill development strategies. It provided a platform to discuss the technological challenges industries are facing and eventually the measures to overcome those challenges.

On the occasion, MoU was also signed between Er. Arun Bangotra Principal, Government Polytechnic Jammu and Center for Invention, Innovation,

Incubation and Training (CIIT) Jammu and Sh. Virender Kumar Manyal JKAS, General Manager, DIC Jammu with a collective commitment to go beyond common boundaries to build the bridge between the local industries and the local skilled youth. The proceedings of the event was coordinated by Smt. Sakshi Kapahi Lecturer I&C department.

Others present on the occasion were Smt. Neena Dullo, TPO, Sh. Rajesh Khajuria TPO (DLTP Cell), Sh. Ankur Kalotra FM DIC, Dr Komal Sharma FM DIC, Dr Sunaina Sharma FM DIC, Ms. Roohi Khajuria FM DIC, Ms. Rupinder Kour FM DIC, Sh. Ajay Thapa Incharge TP Cell, Lecturer-I Mechanical Engg., Sh. Indeerjit Singh, Workshop Superintendent, Sh. Sanjay Koul HoD Computer Engineering, Smt. Rani Devi, HoD MLT, Sh. Amit Sharma HOD T&T, all the member of TP Cell.

Inter School Zonal Tournament: Day 3 Highlights Thrilling Competitions at Akhnoor



JI NEWS SERVICE
AKHNOOR, MAY 13

The third day of the Inter School Zonal Level tournament, organized by the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Zone Akhnoor, witnessed a flurry of activities with Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Chess matches taking center stage for U-14 & U-17 Boys categories at the Indoor Stadium, Akhnoor. The event resonated with the enthusiastic participation of budding players from various institutions in Akhnoor, showcasing their prowess and passion for sports. Under

the esteemed chairmanship of the District Youth Services & Sports Office, Jammu, and the meticulous supervision of Zonal Physical Education Officer, Sh. Ashok Kumar, the competitions unfolded seamlessly, offering a platform for young sports-women to exhibit their talent and spirit.

Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Akhnoor, Smt. Suman Bala, graced the occasion as the chief guest, emphasizing the indispensable role of sports in nurturing holistic development. He underscored the values of discipline and team-

work instilled by sports, molding the youth into well-rounded individuals poised for success.

ZPEO Akhnoor extends heartfelt congratulations to the dedicated technical committee members whose diligent efforts ensured the smooth and safe conduct of the competitions. The vibrant atmosphere and enthusiastic participation underscored the profound passion for sports among the students. He encourages all participants to remain engaged with their respective games as Inter Zone Competitions loom on the horizon.

DYSS holds Inter-School Zone Level Tournament for Boys, Girls

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

The Department of Youth services and sports zone MIRAN SAHIB has organised, Inter school zonal level tournament for BOYS and GIRLS in the age group of U/14 & U/17 yrs in the sports discipline of Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Volleyball,

Chess, Badminton, & Handball Basketball Wrestling for Boys under the overall supervision of Sh. JOGINDER SHARMA ZPEO MIRAN SAHIB at Govt. BOYS High school Simbal w.e.f. 13-05-2024 to 20-05-2024. The tournament / competition was inaugurated by Sh. Kuldeep Raj Sharma headmaster GBHS SIMBAL in the presence of Sh. Joginder Sharma ZPEO Miran sahib and other fields staff of zone Miran Sahib are present their. The Chief Guest congratulates all the participants for taking part in sports activi-



ties at various levels and counted them the benefits of these sports events.

Speaking on this opening ceremony the Zonal Physical Education Officer, MIRAN SAHIB Sh. Joginder Sharma congratulated all team participants for playing under sportsmanship during whole journey and assured them in future the department will try to organise such types of tournaments in more sports events. Today 550 Players from different Schools of (Govt & Private) Zone Miran sahib will be participated in the tournament.

The matches were officiating by following official of zone Miran Sahib Hardeep kour PEM, Gurmeet Singh PEM, Ravinder Singh Bali PEM, Ravinder Singh PEM, Kuldeep kour PEM, Nisha Sharma PEM IQbal Kour PEM, Anil Singh PEM, Amolak Singh PET, Navneet Singh PET, Mukta Gupta PET,

Ravinder Kumar PET, Gurmeet Singh PET, Anit kour PET, Raghunandan REK, Koushal Sharma REK, Gagandeep Singh REK, Ambika Sharma REK, Nadani Sharma REK, Shubham Bakshi GM

JKP in Jammu arrested drug peddler from Kotla Morh

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

In a dedicated effort to combat drug trafficking, Jammu Police under Operation "Sanjeevani" apprehending drug peddler namely Joginder Paul S/o. Bawa Ditta R/o. Bahadrpur tehsil Arnia. The arrest took place in the Kotla Morh area of Arnia, where the accused was found in possession of approximately 3 grams of heroin (Chitta) like substance.

The relentless pursuit of the police team, led by the Station House Officer of Police Station Arnia and supervised by SDPO RSPura resulted in the successful apprehension of the accused.

A case FIR No. 22/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Arnia, marking a step towards curbing the drug trade in the region.

Jammu Police urges the public to remain vigilant against the proliferation of drugs and to promptly report any suspicious activities. The confidentiality of informants will be safeguarded to ensure their safety and security.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 4 vehicles detained

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

PP Sidhra detained one small Tipper bearing registration no. JKO2AS-4231 loaded with Bajri without Form A.

Supremacy Talents organizes Miss Teen, Miss, Mrs Supremacy India 2024



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Anticipation has been built as the stage of grand finale Miss Teen Miss Mrs Supremacy India, graced the halls of Hyatt Regency on May 12th, 2024. This dazzling event was an evening filled with glitz, glamour, and the celebration of womanhood at its finest.

Representing the cultural kaleidoscope of India, contestants from every corner of the nation competed for the prestigious title. Amidst the competition, a spirit of camaraderie prevails, as each participant embodies grace, charm, and the essence of womanhood.

Adding to the allure of the evening will be the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Sh. Rajeev Gupta (IAS), a figure of influence and inspiration nationwide. The grand

spectacle is made possible by the generous support of the sponsor.

Guiding the proceedings with finesse and charm by our distinguished Presenters, Aryans Group of collages and Showbizz Empire, whose expertise haselevated the grandeur of the evening. Founder Ashima Sharma expressed, "Tonight, we witnessed the embodiment of beauty, grace, and resilience. These remarkable women have not only dazzled us with their elegance but have also inspired us with their passion and determination. As we celebrate their victories, let us also celebrate the spirit of womanhood that unites us all."

The competition has been unfolded in four captivating rounds: State Costume Round: Contestants will showcase the vibrant cultures

and tourism treasures of their respective states. Fitness Round, Ethnic Wear Round and the Top 6 Finale with the climax of the evening, where the finalists will vie for the ultimate title of Miss Teen Miss Mrs Supremacy India. The excitement reached its peak as the winners were announced for the Miss Teen Miss Mrs Supremacy India Grand Finale, held at Hyatt Regency on May 12th, 2024. Amongst cheers and applause, the following emerged victorious:

Miss Teen Supremacy India winner: Arshdeep Kour from Jammu
1st Princess Miss Teen Supremacy India: Mannat Sangha from Punjab
2nd Princess Miss Teen Supremacy India: Shivastha Bhardwaj From Jammu
Miss Supremacy India winner: Sakshi Thakur From Himachal

1st Princess Miss Supremacy India: Devanshi Gupta From JAMMU
2nd Princess Miss Supremacy India: Prableen Chaudhary from Punjab

Mrs Supremacy India Winner: Priya Nandy Das from West Bengal
1st Queen Mrs Supremacy India: Preeti Kakar from Punjab
2nd Queen Mrs Supremacy India: Gurpreet KAUR from Himachal
Mrs Gracious Supremacy India: Trapti Sharma from Maharashtra
1st Queen Mrs Gracious Supremacy India: Neeta Dogra From Punjab
2nd Queen Mrs Gracious Supremacy India: Poonam Kapoor From Chandigarh
The event concluded with the crowning of these deserving winners, marking the beginning of their journey to represent India with pride.

HSM releases 4 Poetry books of Dr. Nirmal Vinod

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Four poetry collections titled 'Chhed Ghazal Aisi Nirmal', and 'Shayad Ye Ghazal Ho' (in Hindi) and 'Den Ranglely Mausmein Di', and 'Nirarthak Neyeen Akkhar', (free verse poetry in Dogri), written by Dr. Nirmal Vinod, a noted writer of Jammu & Kashmir, were released today by Hindi Sahitya Mandal, Jammu (HSM-J) in a function organized by HSM-J at K L Saigal Hall, Writers' Club, Cultural Academy, Jammu. Dr. Lalit Magotra, President Dogri Sanstha & a noted writer was the special guest on this occasion whereas Sh. Prakash 'Premi', Sahitya Akademi Awardee noted writer of J&K was the guest of honour. Prof. (Dr.) R D Sharma, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Jammu presided over the programme. Dr. Chanchal Dogra, President, HSM-J, and Dr. Nirmal Vinod shared the dais. A large number of intellectuals and writers attended the programme.

The programme started with the formal invitation of guests to the dais by Manto Dutta Sharma, acting General Secretary, HSM. Welcoming the guests and the audience Dr. Chanchal Dogra, President, HSM-J gave a brief of



the activities of HSM.

A two minutes silence was observed to pay tributes to S. Surjit Sing Patar, a prominent Punjabi writer and Sahit Akademi Awardee, on his sudden demise on 11th May, 2024.

Two papers on the merits and critical evaluation of the released poetry books were presented by Sh. Raj Kumar Chandan and Prof. Veena Gupta during the programme. While speaking on this occasion,

Prof. R D Sharma in his presidential address appreciated HSM for arranging such literary events. He also appreciated Dr. Nirmal Vinod's contribution in the field of literature of multiple regional languages. He said that pen is mightier than sword, which is clear from the poems of Dr. Nirmal Vinod.

While expressing his views, Dr. Lalit Magotra emphasized on the content of the poetry included in the book He said the

introvert tendency and speaking to oneself is evident in his latest poetry. Sh. Prakash 'Premi' said that Dr. Nirmal Vinod's poetry lead to research rather than reading only.

Earlier, Dr. Nirmal Vinod recited his poetry and expressed his views on his journey and process of creative writing. Hailing from Jammu, Dr. Vinod Nirmal has done Ph. D. and has been contributing in genres of poetry, short stories, research papers, translation, editing, news reader on Doordarshan and All India Radio, and so on since 1976 in different local languages and dialects. He has written 8 books in Hindi (1976 onwards); 7 books in Dogri (1990 onwards); and a Punjabi poetry book (during 2019); 3 books of translation from Dogri to Hindi; 1 book each of translation from Hindi to Dogri, and English to Dogri; and has edited 4 books. His creations and

their translated versions have been published in many local and national newspapers and magazines. He has presented his poetry in many national and international literary programmes. He has been awarded at national level by Sahitya Akademi, N. Delhi for translation work; Sauhard Samman by UP Hindi Sansthan; State Award by Govt. of J&K; Best Literary Award by Hindi Nirdeshalya, N Delhi; and many other prestigious organizations. He has been on the Advisory Board of many organizations like J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages; CCRT, N Delhi; Dogri Advisory Board of Sahitya Akademi; The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Smt. Uma Sharma, Literary Secretary HSM-J. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Sh. Sanjiv Bhasin, Vice-President, HSM-J.

EDITORIAL

Transforming health through nutrition!

In the midst of the country's escalating health crisis, the unveiling of the Dietary Guidelines for Citizens by the Indian Council of Medical Research-National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN) emerges as a timely intervention. With over half of the nation's disease burden attributed to unhealthy dietary practices, the imperative for transformative action in nutrition has never been more apparent. The unveiling of these guidelines signifies not only a revelation of the dire state of public health but also a call for a comprehensive overhaul of dietary habits. A primary focus lies on cautioning against the consumption of packaged foods laden with excessive oil, salt, sugar, and artificial additives. These modern dietary choices deviate perilously from traditional patterns that have sustained communities' well-being for generations. One striking revelation from the guidelines is the correlation between excessive mobile phone usage and obesity, highlighting the multifaceted nature of contemporary health challenges. Inadequate sleep coupled with prolonged screen time disrupts physiological rhythms and predisposes individuals to weight gain across all age groups. As technology's influence pervades our lives, recalibrating lifestyle choices becomes imperative to mitigate its adverse health effects. Furthermore, the guidelines address the alarming rates of obesity, particularly among vulnerable groups like children, adolescents, and women. The prevalence of high-fat, sugary, and salty foods has fueled nutritional imbalances, contributing to non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes. Addressing this crisis requires promoting nutrient-rich foods and discouraging ultra-processed options detrimental to metabolic health. A holistic approach to weight management, emphasizing gradual, sustainable changes and incorporating physical activity and whole grains, is advocated. However, the guidelines' efficacy depends on their translation into actionable policies and programs. Making them relevant and practicable within India's socio-cultural context necessitates efforts to promote food safety, educate consumers on reading labels, and incentivize minimally processed foods. The responsibility for effecting systemic change lies not only on individuals but also on policymakers, healthcare providers, and the food industry. Incentivizing the production and distribution of nutrient-rich foods and implementing regulatory measures to curb unhealthy options are essential steps. A synergistic approach mobilizing stakeholders across sectors is vital to reverse the tide of malnutrition and obesity. The unveiling of the Dietary Guidelines for Indians signals a call to action, urging a paradigm shift in our collective approach to nutrition and health. It underscores the government's profound concern for citizens' health and highlights the importance of adopting healthier dietary practices. Ultimately, embracing these guidelines paves the way for a healthier future, emphasizing the importance of individual responsibility and concerted efforts across society.

AKHITARUL WASEY

Fortunately, Professor Naima Khatoon has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, a moment long-awaited by the Aligarh community. Professor Khatoon's journey within AMU has been extensive, having served previously as the Principal of the Women's College. Her association with the university spans an impressive 46 years, beginning as an outstanding student who consistently excelled in her examinations. Graduating with a doctorate in Psychology in 1989, Professor Khatoon's rise to the Vice Chancellorship on April 22, 2024, a testament to her dedication and academic prowess.

An interesting facet of her appointment is the transition from her husband, Professor Muhammad Gulrez, who held the position of Acting Vice Chancellor prior. Professor Gulrez is recognised for his significant contributions to West Asian Studies and has displayed exemplary integrity and resilience during his tenure. Professor Khatoon's administrative journey within AMU includes noteworthy positions such as Chairperson of the Department of Psychology and Director General, Superintendent, Provost and more.

Her appointment as Vice Chancellor also holds

historical significance, marking her as the second Muslim woman to hold such a position at a Central University. This achievement follows Dr. Najma Akhtar's appointment as the first Muslim lady Vice Chancellor at Jamia Millia Islamia five years prior. The legacy of women's Leadership at AMU traces back to its inception, with Begum Sultan Jahan being the university's first elected Chancellor in December 1920.

Professor Khatoon's contributions to the field of Psychology are well-documented, with six books and 31 papers, earning acclaim both nationally and internationally. Her academic pursuits have taken her across the globe on various academic assignments, enriching her perspective and expertise. Beyond her scholarly achievements, Professor Khatoon's adeptness in administrative roles underscores her capability as a leader to steer AMU towards greater heights of excellence.

Recognising in the evolving landscape of education, there is a pressing need to boost departments offering professional and technical education while also introducing emerging disciplines. Professor Khatoon's leadership is expected to facilitate the successful launch of these new programmes. Additionally, there is a call to establish new centres for



regional and area studies, building upon the foundation laid by previous leaders like Professor Abdul Aleem.

Her strategic appointments, such as that of Professor Anwar Masud Alavi as Principal of the Women's College, reflect her commitment to academic excellence and diversity within the institution.

It is anticipated that Professor Naima Khatoon will leverage the expertise of the internationally renowned scholar, Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai, Honorary Director of the K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies. Profes-

or Kidwai, besides being a Professor of English, has earned acclaim for his critiques on the translations of the Quran into English and other languages. The Department of Islamic Studies and the Faculty of Theology at AMU hold the potential to evolve into Think Tanks for Muslims worldwide. Aligarh Muslim University, known not only for its academic excellence but also as a centre of Muslim culture and Civilisation can reshape the narrative. Indian Muslim faculty Members specialising in Islamic Studies and Sunni and Shia theology dedicat-

ed to nation-building and community welfare. They are well-positioned to provide guidance grounded in scriptures and to serve as beacons of harmony and unity within the Indian Muslim community.

The AMU Jama Masjid stands out as perhaps the only mosque, besides the Kaaba and the Prophet's mosque, where both Sunnis and Shias offer congregational prayers. This model of fraternity should be emulated across India. Nigerians should take the lead in promoting better understanding and unity among various schools of thought.

Aligarians take pride in the fact that the first educational institution to impart modern knowledge was established at Aligarh. The election of a Muslim woman as Vice Chancellor of AMU, following in the footsteps of Professor Najma Akhtar, underscores this legacy. Professor Naima Khatoon, who has recently assumed office, brings with her impeccable academic credentials and a commitment to faith. Her success will undoubtedly bring honour to AMU and our nation.

The appointment of the first female Vice Chancellors at both AMU and JMI reflects the evolving landscape of our country. Asrarul Haq Majaz, the author of the AMU Tarana (Anthem), an eminent Urdu poet, had expressed the hope that women would one day be the catalysts for social transformation. This hope is gradually being realised. It is heartening to note that Professor Khatoon, in addition to her academic achievements, embodies this spirit as a practising Muslim woman. We extend our best wishes to Professor Khatoon and fervently pray for her remarkable progress.

(The writer is Professor Emeritus, Jamia Millia Islamia & Former Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad University, Jodhpur; views are personal)

Chinese interest in Teesta project has India uneasy

GUNJAN SINGH

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra recently visited Bangladesh and met with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. This is the first top-level visit to Bangladesh after the re-election of Hasina, and the formation of the government in January. The recent talks focussed on security, water, neighbourhood, connectivity, energy, power, and co-operation. The visit was to underscore the closeness between the two countries and reassert New Delhi's 'neighbourhood-first' policy - and Dhaka's centrality to its success.

However, given the developments in the last few months, it is becoming quite apparent that India is again trying to react and manage the growing Chinese inroads in Bangladesh and South Asia. Given the reactionary nature of

India's overtures, the question remains if these are too little too late. Dhaka has managed to maintain a good balance between India and China, and has played the regional power politics to its benefit. However, one needs to ponder how long will it be able to continue with this policy. A lot is being speculated over whether Hasina will visit India or China first. She has invitations from both neighbours.

One of the major areas of concern for New Delhi is the growing debt challenge in the South Asian region. Bangladesh has many outstanding loans to Beijing, and recently it has again extended a request for a soft loan of \$3 billion from Beijing 'to help businesses import raw materials and also for budget support'. The discussion regarding the rates and mode of payment is pending. Dhaka owes around \$6 billion in

external debt to China. In April, Hasina even urged that Dhaka needs Beijing's help in developing the southern region. Bangladesh is also a signatory to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

China has also shown its interest in developing the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration project. This will be a \$1 billion project. The challenge for India here is that the project will be too close to the India's 'chicken's neck' in the North-eastern region. Though Beijing has submitted a formal project, New Delhi expressed its interest and has conveyed its security concerns if the project is awarded to Beijing.

China's interest in gaining access to ports in South Asia will also be a major concern vis-à-vis the Teesta project. This can further exaggerate China's geopolitical footprint in

South Asia, and provide the Chinese navy with a foothold in the Indian Ocean Region.

On the security front, China and Bangladesh have been growing closer. Both announced they would conduct the first-ever bilateral military exercises this month. The announcement was made by China's Ministry of National Defense. It said, "that such activity is conducive to enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the two militaries and deepening practical exchanges and cooperation".

Last year Bangladesh inaugurated BNS Sheikh Hasina, at Pekua in Cox's Bazar, a submarine base built by China at the cost of \$1.2 billion. China has also been one of the largest arms suppliers to Bangladesh. In 2016, Bangladesh bought two Type 035G submarines from

China for \$203 million to upgrade the navy to a 'three-dimensional force'. Beijing also provided training to Bangladesh's navy.

This indicates the growing closeness between Beijing and Dhaka, and points towards the regional and geopolitical challenges for New Delhi. China is proving to be a good collaborator for Bangladesh on almost all the parameters.

Beijing's inroads in South Asia are also a challenge for the United States. No surprise then that the US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Donald Lu is visiting India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh between May 10 and 15.

For China, South Asia is essential for its global geopolitical aspirations. Most of the countries today seem to be leaning towards Beijing. In addition to Pakistan, countries like the Maldives, Sri

Lanka, and Nepal seem to have developed close economic and political ties with China. With such inroads, Beijing has consistently argued against the idea that South Asia is New Delhi's natural sphere of influence. All these countries are also struggling with major debt trap challenges.

The growing Bangladesh-China ties should prompt India to relook its diplomatic positioning and regional politics. There is a need for more proactive and consistent efforts to challenge China's access to the region. However, the question remains: can India counter the intensity of Chinese presence in the region? India has been working towards improving its relations and has extended help to its neighbours.

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Poll rhetoric: Ethics take a backseat

VINOD BEHL

In the heat and dust of national elections marked by the fiercest poll slugfest, we are seeing the ugly face of humanity with ethics getting a big hit. On the face of it, politicians of all hues flaunt their spiritual and secular credentials, making rounds of religious shrines and swearing by the secular constitution. But their public discourses in election rallies and conduct are to the contrary as they take to deception and false narratives with truth being a major casualty. With their poisonous outbursts, they display their unholiness as they don't hesitate even to resort to character assassination to run down their opponents. In this digital age, the rampant use of AI makes matters even worse.

Today in the poll arena where money and muscle power have become a

byword, we see dignity, honesty, and nobleness giving way to greed, dishonesty, wickedness and immorality. Seeing the ever-increasing trend of 'turncoats' and election engineering by political parties, we find that society is being divided on the lines of caste, community and religion, with impunity.

Truly speaking, the problem with us is that we humans are in a mad race for power and material possessions. This weans us away from spirituality. So overwhelming is the influence of materialism that we even forget our true identity as 'Spiritual Beings' (a constituent of Super soul /Divine Soul/God). Instead, we consider the physical body and all material assets associated with it as our identity. Blinded by the glitter of materialism, our true nature - purity and nobility gets completely



overshadowed and we end up embracing sinfulness. And then we don't mind going to any length in selfishness, cheating, corruption and criminality for material gains and to fulfil ulterior motives. Our intoxication of wealth and power leads to moral bankruptcy, robbing us of happiness and peace.

We may have wealth

and high positions. But what's its use if it comes at the cost of our moral values and ethics? Such material success is devoid of bliss. Humans are a crown creation among all species on this planet earth and we have been given this rare birth with a mission to know God and become one with Him. The oneness of God leads

to the oneness of humanity. Once that self-realization dawns on us, our negative tendencies gradually give way to divine attributes. Maintaining the purity of our soul leads us to become true human beings, real and everlasting happiness and peace come into our lives when we stay connected with One God, the powerhouse of love, happiness and peace and learn to maintain a balance between spirituality and materialism.

In the midst of heated national elections characterized by intense political rivalry, we witness a disturbing erosion of ethics and morality. Despite politicians' outward displays of spiritual and secular values, their actions tell

a different story as they resort to deceit and character assassination for electoral gains. As money and power dominate the political landscape, principles like dignity and honesty are overshadowed by greed and immorality. Political tactics based on division along caste, community, and religious lines further fragment society. Fundamentally, humanity's relentless pursuit of power and material wealth has distanced us from our spiritual essence. We often prioritise material possessions over our true identity as spiritual beings, leading to moral degradation and a pursuit of selfish gains at any cost. However, true fulfillment lies in aligning with our spiritual nature and connecting with the divine, which fosters unity and genuine peace.

(The writer is a veteran journalist; views are personal)

Modi wave becomes tsunami now: Yogi

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BARABANKI (UP), MAY 13

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday said the Modi wave has now transformed into a tsunami with the fourth phase of polling.

Attacking Congress and Samajwadi Party (SP) while addressing a public meeting in Haidargarh to seek votes for the BJP candidate Rajrani Rawat, the CM said their history has been marked by scams whereas Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership has ensured that all individuals benefit from development schemes irrespective of their physical appearance or caste.

He said, "Even our Lord Ram wants his great devotee to take charge of the country once again."

Yogi said that Haidargarh resides in the heart of the BJP, noting enthusiasm among people in the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha



elections currently in progress on 96 seats across 10 states of the country.

He said that the Modi wave, discernible in the third phase across the nation, is now gathering momentum akin to a tsunami in the fourth phase. "The resounding chant of 'Fir Ek Baar Modi Sarkar' reverberates nationwide," he said.

The CM said, "Today's new India bears witness to the transformative shifts occurring domestically and globally. Our interna-

efited from free ration, 12 crore farmers have received support through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, and initiatives such as the Ujjwala Yojana and Har Ghar Nal Yojana have provided essential amenities. Moreover, housing and sanitation facilities have been extended to four crore people," he said.

Yogi said, "PM Modi has demonstrated inclusive governance, ensuring that the benefits of schemes reach every individual irrespective of their appearance or caste."

He underscored the significance of fostering self-reliance and progress in India. "Congress and SP have a notorious track record of scams, setting alarming standards of corruption. Nonetheless, the BJP is steadfastly committed to safeguarding the nation's heritage while propelling its advancement," he said.

I want to be consistent with my performance: Mohammed Raheel Mouseen

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, MAY 13

Hailing from Bengaluru, Mohammed Raheel Mouseen belongs to a family that has hockey in its blood. His grandfather, Mohammed Amiruddin, and his father, Mohammed Naseeruddin, played significantly in the domestic circuit, while his brother, Mohammed Nayeemuddin, made it to the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team.

Raheel is now carrying the baton further, all set to play in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24 after making the 24-member squad for the mini-tournament in Antwerp and London.

Speaking on the significance of the upcoming FIH Hockey Pro League 2023/24, Raheel said, "I think the main focus is to prepare for the Olympics. I believe our previous train-



ing block was really good; it was a heavy block, and I believe the FIH Pro League matches will help us as a team and help me as well. I have been in and out of the squad a few times, so this will be the perfect opportunity to seal a spot in the squad for the Paris 2024 Olympics. It doesn't matter what role I play during these matches; I will aim to be consistent with my performance."

Raheel made his debut in the FIH Pro League 2022/23 playing against New Zealand and Spain.

He was also part of the Indian team, which travelled to Australia in 2022 and 2024.

"I'm excited to face Belgium, Germany, and the other teams because it's a new challenge for me. While I've watched them play, stepping onto the field against them is an entirely different experience. I'm eager to showcase my skills and adapt to playing against these new opponents. Currently, many European teams employ similar strategies, and I believe my dodging

abilities will prove invaluable, especially when they attempt to shut down the aerial route," he added.

With the Paris 2024 Olympics right around the corner, the Indian Men's Hockey Team will be looking to apply the finishing touches in the upcoming matches against Argentina, Belgium, Germany, and Great Britain. These games will be one of the last opportunities for the players to make their mark in the contention to secure a spot on the squad for the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Offering insight into the competition for a place in the team, Raheel said, "The competition in the team is truly healthy as we push each other to do better. Each player strives for improvement, contributing to the team's overall growth. This collective effort will undoubtedly enhance our performance for the Olympics."

Karnavati Knights emerge inaugural champions of Gujarat Super League

AGENCIES
AHMEDABAD, MAY 13

Karnavati Knights emerged as the inaugural champions of the Gujarat Super League 2024, the first franchise-based football league in the state, after a penalty shoot-out victory over Vadodara Warriors in the final on Sunday at the EKA Arena here.

Karnavati Knights, who emerged as league stage toppers with 11 points, took the lead in the 32nd minute as Irfan Abbasi let fly from 25 yards out and picked out the top corner. Vadodara Warriors equalised 10 minutes into the second half, with Manvir Singh drilling a low shot into the bottom corner from 12 yards.

With the score locked at 1-1 until the end of 90 min-



utes, the final went into penalties, where Karnavati Knights converted all five of them to grab a 5-3 victory. Daniel Patel scored the winning penalty after goalkeeper Vishal Dube came up big to save Vadodara Warriors' Mohammed Rizwan's spot-kick.

The six-team Gujarat Super League began on May 1, and was played in a single round-robin format. Karnavati Knights

remained unbeaten with three wins and two draws, while Vadodara Warriors joined them in the final as runners-up with 10 points.

Ahmedabad Avengers and Saurashtra Spartans missed out narrowly, finishing third and fourth, respectively, with nine points each. Gandhinagar Giants were fifth with three points, while Surat Strikers ended up bottom with a solitary point.

Lalnginglova Hmar, Minister of State of Sports and Youth Services, Govt. of Mizoram and AIFF League Committee Chairperson, was the chief guest at the final.

The guests of honour included Mukesh Puri, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat, Syed Husain Naqvi, AIFF Executive Committee Member, Vrajraj Kumarji Mahodayshri of VYO.

Karnataka CM rubbishes 'Operation Nath'

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, MAY 13

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, responding to reported statements from his Maharashtra counterpart, Eknath Shinde, regarding efforts to replicate the 'Maharashtra model' to overthrow the Congress government in the state, dismissed the claims as mere 'illusions and daydreaming'.

Siddaramaiah asserted that none of his MLAs were willing to be swayed.

Deputy Chief Minister and state Karnataka Congress President DK Shivakumar countered Shinde's remarks by suggesting that the Maharashtra government led by Shinde would lose strength after the Lok Sabha polls, casting doubts on its survival.

Shinde, speaking at a campaign event in Maharashtra's Satara, allegedly



referred to 'Operation Nath (Eknath)', hinting at plans to topple the Congress-ruled government in Karnataka similar to the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition in Maharashtra in 2022.

Siddaramaiah, addressing reporters, dismissed Shinde's claims, citing the impending loss of the NDA in the Parliamentary

polls. He reiterated confidence in the stability of his government, stating that attempts akin to 'Operation Kamala' would fail in Karnataka.

Shivakumar echoed Siddaramaiah's sentiments, expressing doubts about the survival of the Shinde-led government in Maharashtra post-Lok Sabha polls. He predicted

a realignment of political forces in Maharashtra, leading to the resurgence of the Congress-NCP alliance.

The statements come amidst speculation of a power struggle within the Congress in Karnataka, with rumours of potential leadership changes surfacing after the Lok Sabha polls.

Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, both prominent figures within the Karnataka Congress, had previously vied for the chief ministerial position. While a compromise reportedly existed regarding a "rotational chief minister formula," its official confirmation remains pending.

Shivakumar's ambitions for the chief ministerial post have been no secret, while Siddaramaiah has focused on bolstering the Congress party's electoral prospects in Karnataka.

CSK felicitated for its 50th IPL win in Chepauk

AGENCIES
CHENNAI, MAY 13

Five time winners and reigning champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) were felicitated on Sunday evening for recording its 50th IPL win at its home ground of Chepauk.

CSK defeated Rajasthan Royals by five wickets in its last home league match last evening and stayed in the hunt for a place in the play offs.

After registering its 50th win in 71st match, the team was felicitated at the iconic M.A.Chidambaram Stadium in front of a packed yellow brigade, which savoured the victory. A CSK release said "Chennai Super Kings registered their 50th IPL win at the MA Chidambaram



Stadium after they comfortably defeated Rajasthan Royals by five wickets in their final league game at Anubuden."

The team was felicitated by the management for the milestone feat.

After the game, the Rituraj Gaikwad-led team took a lap of honour around the stadium, thanking all the Super Fans for their support

throughout the tournament.

Replying to RR's 141 for five, CSK finished at 145 for five in 18.2 overs, winning with 10 balls to spare in a tense finish.

With this win, CSK jumped to the third spot with 14 points (seven wins in 13 matches) and need to win its last league match against RCB at Bengaluru on Saturday next to con-

firm its spot in the knockout. Sunrisers Hyderabad too had 14 points (12 matches), but CSK was placed ahead on better net run rate.

Following is the CSK's landmark wins in Chennai:

First win - CSK won by six runs against Mumbai in IPL 2008

10th win - CSK won by 25 runs against Pune Warriors in IPL 2011

25th win - CSK won by 14 runs against Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL 2013

30th win - CSK won by 97 runs against Punjab Kings in IPL 2015

40th win - CSK won by 80 runs against Delhi Capitals in IPL 2019

50th win - CSK won by five wickets against Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2024.

India inks contract with Iran to develop, operate Chabahar port for 10 years

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI/TEHRAN, MAY 13

After long negotiations, India on Monday inked a contract with Iran to develop and operate the strategic Chabahar Port, located along the Gulf of Oman, for 10 years, marking a new chapter in regional connectivity.

Indian Ports and Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, who arrived in Tehran today, oversaw the inking of the contract.

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X: "Scripting a new chapter in bilateral partnership!"

Minister of Shipbuilding and @moayush @sarbanandsonwal witnessed the signing of the long-term contract for the operation of the Shahid Beheshti Port in Chabahar, between India Ports Global Ltd. & Ports and Maritime organisation of Iran. "The contract will give a boost to regional connectivity & India's linkages with Afghanistan, Central Asia and Eurasia."

Minister Sonowal is quoted as saying on the occasion: "With the signature of this contract, we have laid the foundations of India's long-term involvement at Chabahar."

Sonowal posted on X: "At Tehran, Iran today, delighted to be part of the signing of the Long Term Bilateral Contract on Cha-



bahar Port Operations in presence of HE Mehrdad Bazrpash, Minister of Roads & Urban Development, Iran.

"India will develop and operate Iran's strategic Chabahar Port for 10 years, marking a historic moment in India-Iran ties and regional connectivity."

"Led by relentless effort of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi ji, the agreement not only strengthens links between two great nations but also places India's firm footstep in the global supply chain and maritime sector."

"This is a realisation of Modi Ji's vision of enhancing global trade by providing an alternate trade route to India for Iran, Afghanistan, Eurasia and Central Asian Republics. India's operation of Chabahar Port will also be significant in providing humanitarian aid, opening new vistas in fostering peace and stability in the region."

"The Chabahar Port located on Iran's southwestern coast has easy access to India's west

coast.

"It also forms a crucial link in the International North-South Transport Corridor. The long-term contract will give a significant boost to economic activities and establish our growing role in developing global trade & commerce," he posted.

Chabahar Port, which sits at the mouth of the Gulf of Oman, offers India an alternative route for trade with Afghanistan and Central Asia - bypassing Pakistan which has denied India land access to these regions.

The port, located in southeastern Iran, has been developed with Indian aid.

Chabahar is also part of the proposed International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), a multimodal transportation route linking the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. The deep sea port of Chabahar also offers an alternative route bypassing the congested Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz.

Indian Ambassador to Iran Rudra Gaurav Shresth

said that with the signing of the contract New Delhi has lived up to its obligations to develop the Iranian port of Chabahar, according to Iranian media.

"Before long, a new chapter of cooperation between New Delhi and Tehran will open to deploy advanced equipment in the port of Chabahar and increase the transportation of commodities," Shresth said on Monday while visiting the Shahid Beheshti port in the southeastern city of Chabahar.

"India is committed to increasing capacity, efficiency, and development of equipment in the Iranian port," he noted.

In mid-January, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said that he and his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar have had discussions over "strategic connections", including the development of Iran's Chabahar Port and the significance of the International North-South Transit Corridor (INSTC).

Manipur end Tamil Nadu's title defence at Sr Women's NFC for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, MAY 13

Record 21-time champions Manipur defeated defending champions Tamil Nadu 2-0 in the first semi-final of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy at the AIFF National Centre of Excellence here on Monday.

In a battle of titans

between two of the favourites to lift the trophy, Manipur came out all guns blazing following their shock 0-1 loss to Haryana two days ago which denied them top spot in Group B. And while Tamil Nadu didn't have to break much sweat to top Group A, the semi-final was a different story as they failed to find the pace to match Manipur's dominance in the first half,

and didn't have much left in the tank to force a comeback in the second.

Head coach Nongmeikapam Itocha Singh's Manipur did all the damage in the first half. Their two goalscorers Sibani Devi and Bala Devi were born 17 years apart, which signifies the good blend of youth and experience in their star-studded squad.

The first goal was an amazing team effort.

It all started with a long clearance from right-back Kritina Devi, which was seized upon by a pacy Dangmei Grace, who skipped past Kowsalya and swung in a high cross from the right. Sibani, left unmarked by the Tamil Nadu defence, arrived at great speed at the far post and thumped a solid header past goalkeeper Sowmiya Narayanasamy.

Only NC can fulfil aspirations of general public: Sunil Verma

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UDHAMPUR, MAY 13

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) District Team, led by Sunil Verma, District President of Udhampur, paid a visit to the polling station accommodating the migrant Kashmiri Community at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Udhampur for 4th phase of Lok Sabha polls. The purpose of the visit was to facilitate the smooth voting of Kashmiri Pandit migrant community for the Srinagar 2 Parliamentary Constituency, Aga Syed Ruhullah Mehdi.

Kishore Sadhotra and Vinayak Dar were appointed as Polling Agents. S. Gurmeet Singh Joshi, Ch Mohd Rashid and Farooq Khatana Dist Secretaries, Om Parkash Block President, Akash Verma,



Sudesh Kumar and Ravi Kumar were present.

During the visit, Sunil Verma, raised serious concern over problems being faced by the people under the current administration. He highlighted the lack of adequate infrastructure, economic opportunities, and social development initiatives, which have disproportionately impacted the lives of the residents.

Verma stressed the urgent need for respon-

sive governance and proactive measures to alleviate the hardships endured by the community.

Verma reiterated that the people have high hopes from the National Conference, affirming that only the NC possesses the capability to comprehensively address the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the party's legacy of inclusive governance, commitment to democratic principles,

and dedication to serving the interests of all communities within the region. Sunil Verma underscored the importance of grassroots engagement and community outreach in fostering inclusive representation and addressing the concerns of marginalized groups. It exemplified the party's unwavering dedication to building a more equitable and prosperous future for all residents of Jammu and Kashmir.

KVK Kishtwar holds Farmer Training, critical inputs distribution under FLDs on Paddy



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JAMMU, MAY 13

Krishi Vigyan Kendra Kishtwar today organized one day training programme coupled with the distribution of critical production inputs to the farmers selected under Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) under Paddy crop at village Chingam of the district. The programme was attended by 40 farmers of the village. T

The programme was organized under the

guidance of Dr Amrish Vaid, Director Extension SKUAST Jammu for demonstrating the production potential of variety, protection and management practices in paddy crop on the farmers' fields under the supervision of scientists.

During the programme, Dr Narinder Paul incharge KVK Kishtwar highlighted the complete package of scientific paddy cultivation and called for use of balance nutrition, proper spacing, plant protection management practices in

paddy crop. He stressed upon seed as well as seedling treatment to protect the crop from soil and seed borne pathogens.

The farmers were also educated about various paddy diseases and their management. At the end of the programme seed and different critical inputs for weed and pest management were distributed among the participants. Mukesh Kumar, Dewan Chand, Jagdish Raj, Yog Raj, Som Nath and other farmers attended the programme.

Missing person reunited with family by PS Arnia, Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 13

On 07/05/2024, Police Station Arnia received a missing report for Satinder Deep, son of Kamlesh Kumar, resident of Trewa, Arnia, Jammu (vide DDR No. 10 Dated 07/05/2024).

With dedicated efforts and a combination of technical assistance and human intervention, the Police team of PS Arnia diligently worked to trace missing person. After 8 days of relentless pursuit, he was successfully traced out.

Following all legal formalities the said missing person was reunited with his family, bringing relief and joy to his loved ones. The missing person report has been officially closed.

Central, UT Govt plunged J&K into an ocean of miseries: Mian Altaf

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RAJOURI MAY 13

The BJP Government at the Centre/UT has failed in every sphere, plunging the people of this sensitive region into an ocean of miseries. The height of mis-governance can be well gauged from the fact that today the people of J&K are craving even for the basic amenities and facilities essential for their very survival. This was stated by Mian Altaf Ahmed, NC Lok Sabha candidate for Anantnag -Rajouri constituency and former Minister while addressing a series of workers meeting in Budhal and Khandi areas of Rajouri District.

The former Minister lamented that the present government has dejectedly failed to address political and developmental aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that lack of direction and political will have compounded

miseries of people of J&K. He said Center/UT Government rather than engaging with aggrieved people with an aim to address their issues, had chosen to tread a path of isolation, arrogance and confrontation contradicting the promises made to the people of J&K.

Mian Altaf Ahmed emphasized that the Center/UT has neglected the remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir, leaving them devoid of basic amenities, employment opportunities, and struggling against inflation and poverty. The lack of attention to these vital issues has exacerbated the challenges faced by the people living in these regions. He emphasized that only the National Conference (NC) has the capability to effectively project these pressing issues in the Parliament, advocating for



the rights and welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir at the national level. With a deep-rooted understanding of the region's needs and a commitment to addressing them, the NC stands as the voice of the marginalized and the beacon of hope for a brighter future.

Rattan Lal Gupta, in

his address, said that the party's legacy of steering Jammu and Kashmir towards progress and unity has been unwavering since its inception. Today, as we navigate the complex landscape of Jammu and Kashmir's future, the representation of three NC MPs stands poised to reshape the destiny of our

region. With a steadfast dedication to progress and the well-being of all inhabitants, the National Conference continues to chart a course towards prosperity and stability, the Provincial President added. Mr Gupta appealed to the Voters of Anantnag Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency to support and vote NC candidate Mian Altaf Ahmed to in order to save the future of their coming generations.

Abdul Ghani Malik, Zonal President and former Minister, expressed that people are looking towards the National Conference (NC) as a beacon of hope. With its long-standing commitment to serving the interests of the people and addressing their concerns, he said that NC has garnered trust and credibility among the populace.

Ch Liaquat, Central Secretary, JKNC, emphasized

that people have made a resolute decision to support the NC candidate, transcending conventional party politics. This collective choice stems from the candidate's distinguished reputation and high standing in the community.

The senior NC leaders urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen the hands of Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah by supporting and voting National Conference candidates including Omar Abdullah from Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency and Mian Altaf Ahmed from Anantnag - Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency in the progressing Lok Sabha polls in Jammu and Kashmir.

Among those who were present include Vijay Lochan Chairman JKNC SC Cell, Yashu Vardhan Singh Additional Spokesperson, Rakesh Singh Raka, Mohd Shafi, Vikar Bhaji and others.

Bee Enn General Hospital celebrates 'Int'l Nurses Day'



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Kunil Bhalla, Managing Trustee and Mrs Neelam Bhalla emphasised the importance and role of nurses in day to day patient care at hospital. They encouraged the Nursing staff to be compassionate towards patients and their attendants as they are suffering and their approach and good service will ease their stress during these testing times.

During the function, nurses presented lot of cultural items. Tribute

was paid to Florence Nightingale, whose services as nurse is being remembered and appreciated till date and this day is celebrated in her honour. More than 80 nurses participated in the function.

Nurses said punctuality, regularity and dedication towards patient care is the mantra of our success. The theme of the function was "Our Nurses, Our Future, The Economic Power of Care." Everyone congratulated the nurses for their dedicated services towards patients.

CUJ Organizes Shiksha Shastrarth on recent advancements in educational research



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JAMMU, MAY 13

The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, under an academic platform namely Shiksha Shastrarth Lectures' Series, organised Sixth Shiksha Shastrarth on "Recent Advancements in Educational Research".

On behalf of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, H.O.D. Prof. Asit K. Mantry welcomed and introduced the Resource Person Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma, Dean and Faculty of Education, University of Jammu. On the occasion Prof. Mantry said that the key objective of this lecture series is to enhance the potentialities of schol-

ars and make them aware about the global trends and technology in the educational field.

While focussing on the key theme, Prof. Rajeev Rattan Sharma started his deliberations regarding the advancements in research right from 50's in which the research was based on behaviourist pattern, going through 60s and 70's research encompasses new phase with the focal area on Psychological domain; followed by the post 80's and 90's women's education and special education took the new phase and in the same line entering into 90's research gone changed and the era of Bloom's taxonomy, Technology, Radio, Television became

popular. While entering into the 90's to 2000 the classroom era got changed and virtual reality, Artificial Intelligence came into limelight. Further, Prof. Sharma emphasised on Bharat Centric Research and asked scholars to do research in Indian context for reshaping the future of Indian society. He said that it is the need of the hour to re-focus our research perspectives in Indian context rather than following the western trends. There is a need to identify the differences between western ideologies and Indian Philosophy so that we can find out the specific solutions of our local problems. While referring the ancient texts and scriptures like Vedas, Manu

Samritis, Bhagavad Gita, he further took up some examples of Science and technology, how it was relevant and used in that time. While addressing the queries asked by the scholars, he said we need to integrate the Indian Knowledge System with the recent advances and trends in our research for developing rational and value-based society.

Other faculty members Prof. J.N. Baliya, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dr. Aman, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Ravi Vanguri and Dr. Mohan Galgotra and Research scholars of the Department were present at this event. The session was moderated by Ms. Tarandeep Kour and Ms. Meenakshi.

DPAP will represent all, ensure Justice in Parliament: Azad

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SRINAGAR MAY 13

Chairman DPAP, Ghulam Nabi Azad, has called out both the NC, PDP as products of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). While addressing the crowd at Pahalgam, he reminded about their histories of forming governments in coalition with the BJP and questioned their commitment to genuine development. Azad emphasized the lack of tangible progress under the NC and PDP regimes, asserting that they have little to show beyond empty promises and hollow slogans. He criticized their failure to effectively address issues of development and governance, instead focusing on political posturing. Furthermore, he condemned the MPs of both parties for their alleged failure to vocally oppose the revocation of Article 370 in Parliament, accusing them of betraying the trust of the people they represent. He characterized their current actions as an attempt to deceive the public with false narratives and diversionary tactics. He said, "Let me clarify, it was not me who served as a Minister in the BJP government; it was Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti. Omar Abdullah enjoyed six years of Chief Ministership, courtesy of my sup-



port and that of my MLAs. However, his tenure was marred by failure, pushing Kashmir backwards into a cycle of violence and stagnation instead of progress. The people of Kashmir are well aware of their rule, and they will not be fooled again. Their style of politics revolves around exploitation. Today, the people are suffering due to the skyrocketing electricity fees. We must address these pressing issues and prioritize the welfare of the people over political gamesmanship. He further said, "I have a track record of delivering tangible results. I established a medical college in Anantnag, Kulgam district, and even in Ganderbal, where the NC traditionally held sway, I prioritized development. My agenda has always been centered on progress and development. I have never

misled the people; I speak the truth and stand by my convictions. My commitment to the welfare and advancement of the people remains unwavering."

Azad Criticizes Government's Governance, Pledges to Prioritize People's Needs Ghulam Nabi Azad strongly criticized the current government's failure to effectively govern, particularly in managing the complexities of such a sensitive state and garnering the support of the people. He emphasized the need to win the hearts of the people through genuine engagement and responsive governance. Azad outlined key priorities for his party, stating that if they were to form the government, their focus would be on addressing the pressing needs of the people, such as job creation, development initia-

tives, and ensuring reliable electricity and power supply as crucial areas for attention. He said, "If we are entrusted with forming the government, our foremost priority will be to win the hearts of the Kashmiri people, who have long felt alienated. We are committed to providing opportunities through job creation, business schemes, and implementing developmental projects. The desire for change and progress resonates deeply among the people, and we are uniquely positioned to deliver on these aspirations, given our clear track record of effective governance and meaningful progress." Among others who were present on the occasion were, Adv Saleem Parray candidate, Mohd Yusef Gorsi Chairman DDC, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Shuby Jaan and others.

Mission LiFE Events Culminate at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 13

Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) in collaboration with NAHEP-IDP and NSS wing of SKUAST-Jammu hosted an expert lecture on "Environmental Degradation and Climate Change", as part of series of events held under "Mission LiFE". Prof. B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu was the chief guest on this occasion. Prof. Tripathi in his address expressed concern over the climatic aberrations occurring due to over exploitation of the resources which might have serious implications in future. He emphasized the need for a shift towards sustainable practices, in light of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) envisioned by Sh. Narinder Modi, Prime Minister of India in 2021 UN Climate Change Conference at Glasgow, commonly known as COP 26.



Prof. Tripathi stressed upon the importance of adopting lifestyle that is eco-friendly and promotes environmental conservation at individual and community level. On this occasion, an expert lecture was delivered by Prof. A.S Jasrotia, Head Department of Remote Sensing and GIS, University of Jammu, who spoke at length about the critical issues such as natural calamities owing to impact of climate change such as floods in rivers like Jhelum, Chenab, and Indus. Prof. Rajinder Peshin, Director

of Education & Chairperson Mission LiFE Programme, SKUAST-Jammu, in his opening remarks provided an overview of the "Mission Life", its alignment with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and focus on circular economy principles. Winners of the poster and ideation competitions, held earlier as student events, were awarded certificates, mementoes and cash prizes by the Chief Guest. The first prize in poster making competition was awarded to Ms. Yashaswini Sharma for her poster on the theme "Swat-

cha Bharat-Unnat Bharat", and in ideation competition first prize was bagged by Mr. Divyansh Pandey for presenting his concept on "Hormones from Stallion Urine". During the event, certificates were also awarded to winners of competitions held on water day and earth day. Officers of SKUAST-Jammu Prof. S K Gupta, Director of Research; Prof. Amrith Vaid, Director Extension; Prof. Sanjay Khar, Director Planning and Monitoring; Prof. Anil Kumar, Dean Faculty of Agriculture; Prof. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences &

Animal Husbandry; Prof. Vikas Tandon, Dean Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry; Prof. Sushil Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Prof. S.E.H Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Sciences graced the event with their presence. The programme was attended by Heads of Divisions, Associate Director Extension, faculty members and over 700 students of various faculties of the University. Prof. Sudhakar Dwivedi, Dean Student Welfare extended formal vote of thanks. Dr. Ankur Rastogi conducted the proceedings of the event.

BJP can't be fool farmers, youths, women with Election Jumla Guarantee's now: AAP-J&K

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JAMMU, MAY 13

The Sr. AAP leader Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Rao, in a press statement issued here has expressed great wander and astonishment as to how some prominent leaders of ruling dispensation, used to call as "MUFT KI REWARI" the welfare steps of Arvind Kejriwal for Delhi people and later on for PUNJAB people, are now openly promising & doling out subsidized LPG cylinder, electricity & water, "Muft Ka Rashaan" for 5 years, from January, 2024, etc forgetting that same leaders criticized Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal for free electricity, world class health care for all, free bus fare for women, world class education for all, CHAAR-DHAM free YATRA for Senior citizens etc etc.



He further said that shame on those who once criticized Kejriwal are now following his foot prints clearly establishing that Delhi Model of Governance, is most beneficial for the welfare of general masses and that of BJP promised the LPG cylinders @ Rs 450 to the people of MP & Rajasthan during Assembly elections & later on proved JUMLA. BJP cannot be fool farmers, un-employed youths & women across the country with election Jumla Guarantees now. He further said that people of the country are now fed up with the false promises & JUMLAS of ruling Party leaders especially Prime Minister & also asked about the Modi's MSP guarantee on all crops? & that countryman has virtually decided to teach them a lesson in these Lok Sabha elections. The country is being dragged towards unitary type of government & that is why all other leaders of BJP are missing in the print & electronic media and only one

face is being given prominence under a calculated plan which is harmful and dangerous for the democracy and unity & integrity of the country, the AAP leader cautioned. He further questioned that all the promises made to the countrymen by Modi or his government have turned futile & that nobody is ready to trust his so called guarantees, now called "JUMLAS", as Mr. Modi thumping his 56 inch, in a public meeting in BHOPAL had openly accused Ajit Pawar of Maharashtra of engulfing 70,000 crores and strangely he made him Dy. Chief Minister the other day; the AAP leader wondered & asked about Modi Ji's thumping Guarantee of taking action against Ajit Pawar? & also his MSP guarantee on all crops? Where as it is Mr. Kejriwal who founded the culture of public guarantees in Delhi as also Punjab & has proved as synonyms before the masses and that is why there is no taker of Modi washing Powder in Delhi UT, MCD or Punjab, he claimed.

Outstanding Results in CBSE Class 10th, 12th Board Exams 2024 at DPS Kathua

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The students of DPS Kathua have once again achieved remarkable success in the CBSE Class 10th and 12th Board Examinations 2024, maintaining a tradition of excellence and academic achievement.



Class 10th Result Highlights: In the Class 10th CBSE Board Exam 2024, all 68 students who appeared have successfully passed, achieving a 100% pass rate. The top performers include: - Sayam Khajuria: 98% - Rudar Sharma: 97.2% - Manav Singh: 96.4% - Peunica Sharma: 96% - Nitika Khajuria: 95.4% - Ridhima Saini: 95.4% - Megha Choudhary: 95% - Taanvi Khullar: 94.2% - Vansh Sharma: 94.2% - Ruhani Thakur: 93.6% - Rakshitha Sharma: 93% - Simranjeet Kour: 93% - Sugandhi Mahajan: 92.4% - Vrinda Sharma: 91.2%



The result distribution is as follows: - 91-100%: 14 students - 81-90%: 21 students - 71-80%: 22 students - 60-70%: 11 students Class 12th Result Highlights: In the Class 12th CBSE Board Exam 2024, Shivani Sharma has achieved remarkable success with 94.4%. Her exceptional performance is a testament to her dedication and hard work. Tajinder Kour, Senior Coordinator, Mr. Vikram Singh Slathia, School Coordinator for CBSE and Senior TGT and PGT Staff members extends congratulations to the students for their outstanding results. Kanta Andotra, Founder Chairperson, Mrs. Gauri Thakur, Director, Mr. Vivek Arora Principal of DPS Kathua, congratulate the students and staff for their hard work and dedication. They also express heartfelt thanks to the parents for their support and cooperation in nurturing the students' academic journey. The success of the students in both Class 10th and 12th CBSE Board Exams 2024 highlights the commitment to academic excellence upheld by DPS Kathua.

JKBS Members felicitate Vicky Kaith

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The Jammu and Kashmir Batwal Sabha Members visited the Music Factory of Mr Vicky Kaith in Bhagwati Nagar here today, and felicitated him with a 'Certificate of Achievement'.

JKBS General Secretary Mr R.L.Kaith said, We are so thrilled to hear that you reached your goal. You inspire by having such ambitious dreams, then putting in the hard work to achieve them. May success follow you every step of the way. As you embark on this new journey, we want you to know that we have every confidence in your abilities. You are capable, talented, and driven, and you have all the qualities necessary to achieve greatness, wished the JKBS Members.

05 Day CD Training Programme of Civil Defence, Jammu inaugurated

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JAMMU, MAY 13

On the directions of Directorate of HG, CD and SDRF J&K, 05 days Civil Defence basic training programme was started at Soil Conservation Training School Miran Sahib, Jammu under the supervision of Deputy Controller Civil Defence, Jammu. In the training camp 42 Trainees are going to attend the basic training. The said training will be given by the Civil Defence Experts on the knowledge of First Aid, prevention, management and control of Fire Fighting, Snake



bite, Choking and other basic life saving technique and preventive measures during the natural/ man-made disaster. On the occasion Sh. R. Vijay Magotra, Dy. Chief Warden Civil Defence, Jammu delivered a lecture on Civil Defence Disaster Management and highlighted the role of Civil Defence and importance

of this training in our daily life. Smt. Neha Mehta Principal training School appreciated and thanked the Civil Defence team for organizing such training programme. Sh. Rakesh Verma Range Office, Sh. Rajesh Slalia, Range officer and other staff of the School also present on the occasion.

Wazir demands formation of commission to investigate fake encounters, massacres across country since 1980

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JAMMU, MAY 13

We the Sikhs demand setting up of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in India headed by a Supreme Court Judge to look into the fake encounters and genocides which have happened in the country since 1980 onwards.

encounters properly. The investigating agency seems to be either incompetent or busy in other matters which are perhaps more important than looking into these heinous crimes. This is quite baffling that a premier investigating agency has filed such an affidavit before the Honorable High Court and speaks volumes about the intentions and motive behind them



Uttar Pradesh and many others states and union territories of the country from time to time especially since 1980.

While addressing the press conference Mr Wazir said that India is the largest democracy in the world which is going through a massive exercise of electoral process the biggest ever in the history of the world but Mr Wazir expressed his dismay on the political leaders of all political parties as none of them has made reference to this menace of killing youth and other people who, perhaps, raised their voices in a democratic system against the misdoings of the state and have been punished for speaking the truth and their families are made to suffer because all these encounters have led to deaths of thousands and thousands of people in various states whether it is Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh,

Mr Wazir referred to the genocide during all the communal riots which have happened in various parts of the country during past decades since 1980 and said that the failure of the premier investigating agency to probe the Punjab fake encounters speaks volumes about the conditions prevailing in the nation. Mr Wazir further said that India is a country where the secularism is the ethos of every breath of Indians and they believe in the Maryada of Shri Ramchandra ji, and sacrifices of the Sikhs Guru, and the selfless services provided to the downtrodden and needy by their gurus in defending the culture and ethos of Bharat. He further referred to the role Christian missionaries in various far flung areas

Sikh organization said in one voice that Sikhs have been the defenders of the borders of the country and the rich culture and heritage of India even during Mughal era and British raj, the sacrifices of other martyrs belonging to all communities and religion of the country are commendable and should not be forgotten.

The leaders of these organization called upon the political establishments to immediately set up a 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission to be headed by a Supreme court judge who should look into all such pending disappearances, fake encounters, genocide, and all those innocent killings which have taken places in various parts of the country ever since 1980. The people and the agencies responsible for these acts should be identified and punished after the probe by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Since the electoral process is on and the new Government will come into being in India after 4th of June, so we call upon all political parties to take a pledge that after the formation of new Government such a Commission would be announced as a

JK OBC holds Mushaira at Anantnag



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ANANTNAG, MAY 13

All Jammu and Kashmir Backward Classes and Backward Classes Welfare Forum organized a special Mushaira in District Anantnag, Kashmir in which well-known Urdu Dogri poet Abdul Qadir Kundria was the special guest. Mohan Lal Pawar graced the occasion as guest of honor. The Mushaira was started with the poetic recitation of Abdul Qadir Kundria. The poets recited Ghazals and poems and gave the message to the youth to stay away from drug addiction and followed the footsteps of Dr.

APJ Abdul Kalam. Those who recited the poems on different problems living in the society includes, Ghulam Hussain Sher Gujri Sahib in Kashmiri Mr. Naem Hameed and Mr. Ashraf Sahib in Kashmiri. People praised the mushaira and said that such interesting mushairas are the need of the hour. This is a very good message on behalf of the poets, especially for the younger generation. The strong appeal was made to the parents through the poems to keep an eye on the children so that the children of this society are able to save their lives from any kind of drug addiction.

Migrant Kashmiri Pandits, Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj extend support to Apni Party candidates

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The migrant Kashmiri Pandits and Youth All India Kashmiri Samaj have extended their support to Apni Party and its candidates contesting for Parliamentary seats, Srinagar Shri. Mohammed Ashraf Mir, and Rajouri - Anantnag, Shri Zafar Iqbal Manhas.

As a part of the election campaign, the Migrant Cell of the Party held series of meetings and worked tirelessly among the migrant Kashmiri Pandits informing them about the policy and agenda of the Party, especially regarding the honorable return and rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir. These election campaigns were led by General Secretary of the Party, Shri.



Vijay Bakaya Ji, Provincial President of the Party, S. Manjit Singh, Additional General Secretary, Arun Chibber, Provincial Vice President, Jammu, Ex-MLA Faqir Nath, Provincial Secretary / Membership Drive, Dr Rohit Gupta, Provincial

President Jammu, Women Wing, Pavneet Kour, prominent social activist, and senior leader of the Party, M.K. Yogi, Provincial Secretary Minority, Nana Ji Wattal, and others. On the other hand, the youth campaigning team

was headed by General Secretary of the Youth Wing and Spokesperson of the Party, Abhay Bakaya, and senior youth wing leader, Muktesh Yogi.

The campaigning was held at head office Gandhi Nagar, Jagti Township, Barnai, Bohri, Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo, Patoli Brahmana, TRT Nagrota, Muthi, Adarsh Nagar Bantab, Khanpur in Nagrota, Subash Nagar, Kangra Fort Barnai, Durga Nagar, Datta Colony and door to door campaigning at migrant camps and various non-camps.

In these meetings, Vijay Bakaya and M. K. Yogi appealed to the KP community to amass votes in favour of Apni Party Parliamentary candidates whose election symbol is "BAT".

Those who arranged the meetings at various

places and accompanied us for door-to-door meeting are District Senior Vice President Jammu, Vaibhav Mattoo, Publicity Secretary, Vishal Jyotshi, Provincial Secretary KP wing, Vivek Sapru, TRT Nagrota, Chand Ji Bhat, Ashok Koul, Chand Ji Khair, Jai Krishan Pandita, Ashok Bhawnoo, Hira Lal Bhat, Bal Krishan Bhat, Virender Sathoo, Pran Ji, Chand Ji Raina, Dr O.N. Safaya, G. L. Pandita, Krishan Lal Koul, Pyare Lal Mawa, P K Dembi, Pyare Lal Pandita, Rajesh Labroo, Rattan Lal Bhat, Rattan Lal Koul, Shubhan Krishan Bhat, Raj Nath Bhat, Bansilal Raina, Santosh Khar, Subash Kachroo, Ashok Kumar Koul, Bansilal Bhat, Nazir Ahmed Lone, president political migrants, social activist Bittu Ji Bhat, Ashwani Bhat and others.

Dogra Degree College organizes poster making competition on "Female Foeticide"



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JAMMU, MAY 13

The Equal Opportunity Club of Dogra Degree College is proud to announce the successful organization of a Poster Making Competition centered around the critical theme of Female Foeticide. The event was held on the college premises on the 13th of May 2024.

With a firm commitment to promoting awareness and initiating dialogue on pertinent social issues, the Equal Opportunity Cell orchestrated this competition to engage students and the wider community in confronting the grave issue of gender-based discrimination, particularly the troubling practice

of female foeticide. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various disciplines, who exhibited their creativity and passion for social change through their visually striking posters. Each artwork served as a powerful medium for conveying messages against female foeticide, urging society to reflect and take action.

The judging panel, comprising of Mr. Ravinder Kumar Rao, Assistant Professor, Dogra Degree College, Ms. Indu Puri, Senior Lecturer, Dogra College of Education and Ms. Shazia Kouser, Assistant Professor, Dogra Law College, evaluated the submissions based on criteria such as

creativity, relevance to the theme, clarity of message and overall effectiveness in advocating for gender equality and condemning female foeticide. After scrutiny, the results declared were as under: In poster making competition the first prize was bagged by Priya Sharma (B.Ed. sem. 2nd), Student of Dogra College of Education, Second prize was bagged by Shiv Sharma (B.Com sem. 2nd) and third prize was bagged by Isha Sayal (B.Com sem. 2nd) Students of Dogra Degree College.

The Equal Opportunity Cell of Dogra Degree College is dedicated to creating a more equitable and inclusive environment within the college and beyond.

Airtel and Google Cloud enter into a Collaboration to Accelerate Cloud Adoption, Deploy Generative AI Solutions

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Bharti Airtel ("Airtel") and Google Cloud today entered into a long-term collaboration to deliver cloud solutions to Indian businesses. The strategic collaboration will offer a suite of cutting-edge cloud solutions from Google Cloud to fast-track cloud adoption and modernization for Airtel's customers. In addition, Airtel will provide a suite of cloud managed services to its customer base of more than 2,000 large enterprises and one million emerging businesses. Through this collaboration, the two companies are targeting the large and growing Indian public cloud services market, which is

expected to reach \$17.8 billion by 2027, according to IDC.*

The two companies will bring together their unique strengths of connectivity and AI technology to develop industry-leading AI/ML solutions that Airtel will train on its large data set. These unique solutions will drive greater value to Airtel's customers and will include geospatial analytics solutions with advanced location intelligence for trend-spotting, predictive capabilities, market assessment, site selection, risk management, and asset tracking; voice analytics solutions for superior conversational applications trained across languages; and marketing technology



solutions to forecast consumer behavior, perform tailored audience segmentations, and streamline content creation with high-precision contextual ads at reduced costs.

In addition to these offerings, Airtel has developed an end-to-end IoT solution designed for the utility sector that combines connectivity, Google Cloud services, and application software under one offering, enabling seamless, hassle-free, and faster deployment.

To power its cloud-based solutions business, Airtel has set-up a managed services center

in Pune with 300+ experts who are being extensively trained to champion Google Cloud services and develop world-class tech solutions.

Gopal Vittal, MD & CEO, Bharti Airtel, said: "As India accelerates its digital transformation, cutting-edge cloud and AI solutions will be at the heart and center of this change. We are happy to partner with Google Cloud and jointly address this market opportunity with secure and scalable Cloud solutions for government, enterprises, and emerging businesses. Together, we will also accelerate the deployment of gen AI in the country and unlock its potential to solve problems."

Thomas Kurian, CEO, Google Cloud, added: "Our strategic collaboration with Airtel marks a significant milestone towards our commitment to accelerate cloud and AI adoption in India. Through this partnership, we aim to explore and build transformative solutions that can enhance Airtel's customer experiences."

Airtel will also leverage Google Cloud's gen AI capabilities to transform its customer experiences and interactions across its offerings of mobile, broadband, and digital TV, and to streamline its internal processes and operations. Airtel will also extend these capabilities to its B2B customers in India and globally.

Col. Mahan urges LG Sinha to release funds for repair of hand-pumps in Kathua

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BILLAWAR (KATHUA)

DDC Chairman Kathua, Col. Mahan Singh (Retd.) visited Dambra West and Pallan Panchayats of Basohli and Billawar Sub-districts respectively to inspect the ongoing work of JJM projects in these Panchayats and to resolve the issues pertaining at these sites.

In Dambra West Panchayat there was a land issue for construction of OHT which was amicably resolved with the intervention of DDC Chairman in the presence of villagers, AEE (PHE) Billawar, Tehsildar Mahanpur who were also present on the site. At Pallan Panchayat there is a long-standing issue of repair and protection of the damaged pump room & desilting of the dug well.

The DDC Chairperson



inspected the aforesaid site in presence of Surinder Sambyal, AEE, Jal Shakti Billawar, Surinder Kumar, Tehsildar Billawar & residents of Villages Pallan, Parnala and Dharalta. He directed the officials on spot to prepare the estimate for protection work and desilting of the affected lift station. He further directed the AEE (PHE) Billawar to expedite the work of construction of upcoming filtration plan, pump room and sump tank in the near vicinity of the existing lift station.

Col Mahan appealed to the LG Manoj Sinha for the emergent release of funds amounting to Rs 20 lakh for the repair of more than 800 hand pumps in district Kathua which are lifeline for the supply of drinking water to the public and also sent a letter to the Raj Bhawan authorities regarding this issue.

Later, the DDC Chairman interacted with residents of Pallan Village and discussed various issues confronting the public.

First election in Kashmir after decades, without bloodshed and boycott coercion: Andrabi



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi today Cast her vote at Municipal Office Polling Booth at Lalbazar in Srinagar and spoke to media after her vote. She said that Modi ji has ensured that democracy in the true spirit of it is ensured in Jammu and Kashmir.

"This is the first election in Naya Kashmir after decades without any violence, death threats, boycotts, coercion & rigging.

Still some politicians with myopic mentality say that nothing good has happened in Kashmir". Prime Minister Modiji has transformed J&K into a peaceful place. LG administration has gifted us an environment in which we are able to vote freely. Dr Darakhshan said that never has she seen such a positive atmosphere in the valley on the polling day. She appealed to all to be part of this great democratic process and contribute in strengthening the democratic values of this great nation.

Ashutosh appreciates role of Yudhvir in resolving Bus Stand Traders issue

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Ashutosh Gupta, Convenor BJP Transport Cell, J&K, today lauded the role played by Yudhvir Sethi, J&K BJP Vice President for resolving the issue being faced by the transporters amicably by taking up the matter with the District Administration.

Addressing media persons here today, Ashutosh Gupta informed that the

District Administration has issued some restrictions on the parking of buses in the BC Road area and the transporters have accepted the direction issued by the authority. But suddenly the authorities have denied the transporters to run their business smoothly on the BC Road.

He the transporters have approached Yudhvir Sethi, highlighting the issues they were facing

due to unnecessary restrictions imposed by officials of the District Administration. These restrictions were significantly impacting their travel-related businesses.

Upon receiving this issue, Yudhvir Sethi immediately took up with Deputy Commissioner Jammu and effectively resolved the issue in a collaborative manner. His



proactive intervention led to the amicable resolution of the matter, alleviating the burdens faced by the traders.

Expressing his commitment to the welfare of the business community, Yudhvir Sethi said that the BJP has always stood shoulder to shoulder with the business community, which plays a

vital role in driving economic growth, creating employment opportunities, and contributing to the overall development of the region. He lauded the role of the business community as indispensable contributors to the socio-economic fabric of the region, acknowledging their resilience, innovation, and dedication towards fostering prosperity and progress for all.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh raises serious concern over escalating situation in PoJK

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

M.K Ajatshatru Singh, senior BJP leader and former minister, expressed serious concern over the escalating situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) following violent clashes between JAAC protestors and police in various cities of PoK. He emphasized the urgency for the United Nations to take concrete steps to ameliorate the situation faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir under Pakistan's occupation.

In a statement issued here today, the former minister said that the clashes, which erupted following the government crackdown on JAAC leaders, have resulted in unfortunate casualties and

injuries. Reports indicate that amidst the turmoil, an Assistant Commissioner in Dadyal was held hostage and subjected to violence, highlighting the intensity of the situation. He strongly condemned the use of force and calls for an immediate cessation of violence. He emphasized the need for authorities to respect the rights of citizens to peaceful assembly and expression.

Notably, M.K Ajatshatru Singh had also raised the issue of PoJK in the Geneva Convention and apprised the international community about the atrocities being faced by the people of Jammu and Kashmir under Pakistan occupation.

Tragically, amidst the chaos, a college girl lost her life due to teargas



shelling, underscoring the urgency for de-escalation and restoration of peace. The announcement of an indefinite wheel-jam and shutter-down strike by JAAC further exacerbates tensions, necessitating urgent efforts to defuse

the situation and facilitate meaningful dialogue.

He said that the situation in Muzaffarabad remains volatile, with an indefinite shutter-down and wheel-jam strike adding to the uncertainty and apprehension among residents. Reports of protests in various cities, including Samahni, Sehansa, Mirpur, Rawalakot, Khuratta, Tattapani, and Hattian Bala, underscore the widespread unrest gripping the region.

The former minister expressed solidarity with the people of PoK and called for an immediate cessation of hostilities to pave the way for peaceful resolution of grievances. He highlighted the importance of upholding democratic principles and respecting the rights of all

individuals, emphasizing that the path to stability lies in dialogue, not violence. He also raised concerns over the reported crackdown on dissenting voices in Kotli, Bagh, and Muzaffarabad, urging authorities to uphold human rights and ensure transparency in all actions.

As Kashmir prepares for democratic elections, senior BJP leader stressed the need for PoJK to be treated with the same respect for democratic values, condemning the atrocities being perpetrated against its citizens.

M.K Ajatshatru Singh sought intervention of United Nations over the deteriorating situation in PoJK and urged them to take concrete steps to ameliorate the situation faced by the general public.

Bachpan Play School, Kathua celebrates Mother's Day



JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 13

Bachpan play school Kathua celebrated Mother's Day with joy and fervour. The event, filled with fun and excitement, was a special tribute to the mothers who play a vital role in shaping the lives of their children.

The program commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, marking the beginning of the celebration. The chief guest, Mrs. Sushma Rani, guest of honor, Mrs. Ritu Mahajan, Director of Tiny Scholars school and principal of Bachpan play school Mrs. Manisha Gupta, and the Principal of Tiny Scholars School, Mrs. Reena Khajuria, were present to join in the festivities.

The mothers were treated to a variety of games and activities designed

specifically for them, providing a fun-filled experience. The students of the school also showcased their talents through various performances, including music and dance. To make the occasion even more special, different titles were awarded to the mothers, including Best Dancer, Gorgeous Mom, Fashionista Mom, Best Singer, and Super Active Mother, among others.

The highlight of the day was a cake-cutting ceremony, where the guests and students indulged in a sweet treat. The event was a testament to the bond between mothers and their children and the joy that they bring to each other's lives.

The program was well-hosted by coordinators Mrs. Monika Sharma and Mrs. Jyoti Sharma, who ensured that the event ran smoothly and efficiently.

Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Sushma Rani, Chief Guest, said, "It is an honor to be a part of this special celebration. Mothers are an integral part of our lives, and it is essential that we acknowledge their hard work and dedication."

Mrs. Manisha Gupta, Director of Tiny Scholars School, added, "We are thrilled to have celebrated Mother's Day in such a grand manner. We believe that mothers are the backbone of our society, and it is essential that we show our appreciation for all that they do."

The event was a resounding success, with both the mothers and children having an unforgettable experience. The celebration will be remembered for years to come as a testament to the love and bond between mothers and their children.

Groom goes to vote in wedding attire in Kangan

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 13

As the fourth phase of voting for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections is underway, a groom in wedding attire turned up at a polling station in Kangan area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district to cast his vote.

According to the news agency, a video of the groom in wedding attire has gone viral on social media, where he can be seen at a polling station to cast his vote.

Ganderbal district is part of the Srinagar constituency where polling is underway in the 4th phase of Lok Sabha polls along with 92 other constituencies across the country.

"This is our duty to exercise our right to franchise and choose our representatives, so I'm here to cast my vote," he told reporters.

Srinagar recorded 14.94 percent voter turnout till 11 am on Monday even as long queues were seen outside polling stations with people waiting for their turn to cast votes. This is the first major election being held in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into two union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in 2019. KNO

Bloodshed may return if dynasts return to power: Khatana

JJ NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 13

Peaceful polling with good poll per cent in the ongoing Lok Sabha (LS) elections in Jammu and Kashmir is only possible due to the prevailing peace and normalcy in the Union Territory (UT).

This was stated by the senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (MP) Rajya Sabha, Gulam Ali Khatana in a press statement issued at National Capital New Delhi.

He further said that people of Rajouri-Poonch should not support the Political Parties like National Conference (NC) and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) which work exclusively for the interests of a single family as such Political Parties will give nothing to the people except hollow promises.

Khatana said that voting for the dynasts will bring back the stone pelting, protest calendars, killings and the era of bloodshed will again return to J&K.

"BJP has worked a lot for bringing peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir," he maintained adding: "It was only BJP which has worked for all



the sections of the society without any discrimination." The BJP leader said that in the last ten years of the government led by BJP with PM Modi at the helm, our country has witnessed remarkable developments in every field and empowerment of common public was ensured.

"The third term for PM Modi will take the nation to newer heights which a common man can't even think of and there will be much for every Indian ranging from better education facilities, better healthcare, housing for all to unlimited job avenues in a peaceful and progressive atmosphere," he continued.

Khatana said that a good citizen should not sit at home on the polling day but should vote to a proper candidate taking it as his moral responsibility.

SMVDU Annual Sports Festival comes to Grand Closure



JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

The annual sports festival of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU) culminated with the closing ceremony wherein the winners were awarded prizes. The Sports festival, a semester long event, involves the participation of the students in athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, cricket, football, kabaddi, kho-kho, table tennis, tennis and volleyball in both male and female categories. The chief guest for the closing ceremony was Prof. Pragati Kumar, the Vice Chancellor of SMVDU, who in his address emphasized upon the importance of sports in life for learning discipline, team work, and perseverance besides attaining physical and mental health. He applauded the efforts of the organizers, participants and spectators in

making the event happen. He also updated about the new sports facilities being developed in the university for the benefit of students. In the closing ceremony, medals to the winners and awards to the best players were distributed by the chief guest along with the Registrar, Mr. Ajay Kumar; Dean, Students Welfare, Prof. R.K. Mishra, President, Board for Sports Activities, Dr. Parvez Singh Slathia, and Vice-President, Board for Sports Activities, Dr. Kamaldeep. The organizing body for the sports festival, Board for Sports Activities (BSA) expressed gratitude to all the departments of the university and especially students for their help and role in organizing the festival. BSA extended special thanks to the Vice Chancellor for his unwavering support for conduct of sports activities in the university.

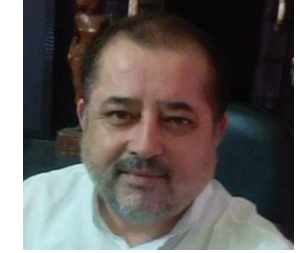
BJP slogan 'Ab ki baar 400 par' will prove a hollow slogan: Rajesh Gupta

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Bahujan Samaj Party J&K UT General Secretary and Media Head Rajesh Gupta while in an interview with a local media channel on Monday said, "BJP slogan Ab ki baar 400 par" will prove to be a hollow slogan. In this campaign, Modi looks like a pale shadow of himself. He lacks confidence. He has miserably failed to weave a national narrative in these elections.

Gupta maintained Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya would make these elections a formality, and thought of himself as invincible, then after the announcement of these elections and the beginning of the campaign in April he seems to have received a rude shock.

Gupta said, voters were happy with the construction of the Ram Temple,



but other pressing livelihood issues gained importance. Unemployment, price rise, and corruption are now gaining importance in the election campaign. People are asking tough questions and Modi and his party have no credible answers. Rather, they are trying to change the goalpost.

BSP leader said, "Modi is a polarizing figure, who unhesitatingly uses communal issues to consolidate Hindu voters. In the 2014 and 2019 general elections, he did play the Hindu-Muslim card, but sparingly. This time he has crossed all limits. Modi

is rattled. He has sensed that his defeat can't be discounted. Whenever the BJP is in doubt, it goes back to its communal agenda. For the party, hate-mongering for the consolidation of Hindu voters is the main crisis management tool during elections". Rajesh Gupta said from one rally to another, Modi is only spewing venom on communal lines. He has gone to the extent of saying that if the opposition comes back to power, then "locks would be put on Ram Mandir" and "only Muslims would be selected to play for India in cricket." Home Minister Amit Shah is saying that if opposition wins then "Sharia law will be implemented."

It is apparent that despite being in disarray, the opposition is very much in the race. Modi magic has disappeared into thin air, Gupta, added.

Corporator Sahil Gupta Celebrates Mother's Day



JJ NEWS SERVICE
BISHNAH (JAMMU), MAY 13

BJP Leader and Municipal Committee Bishnah Councillor Sahil Gupta today organized a program with women on Mother's Day in which he congratulated the Mothers by cutting cake and distributing sweets on Mother's Day and talked about their day's work.

Women Congratulated Sahil Gupta in the program and Praised the

work of Councillor Sahil Gupta. Miss Icon Priyanka Dogra and ASI Naresh Digra were also present with Gupta in the program. They also celebrated the program well and told all the women the importance of this day.

Ratan Lal (Bittu), Rohit Kumar, Neha Mehra, Sudesh Sharma, Tushar Digra, Tania, Vansh Mehra, Ayan, Akshay Sharma and others were also present with Gupta's team.

CEO UT Ladakh, continues second leg of Nubra Valley tour for Election Preparation Review



JJ NEWS SERVICE
LEH, MAY 11

Continuing his visit to Nubra Valley to review election preparation, the Chief Electoral Officer UT Ladakh, Yetindra M. Maralkar visited Naibat Turtuk village and Diskit Headquarter of the Nubra Sub-division. During the visit, the CEO conducted review meetings with concerned officials to assess the progress of election preparedness. He expressed satisfaction with the level of pre-

paredness observed but underscored the need for continuous vigilance and strict adherence to protocols to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections in Nubra Valley. The CEO also interacted with voters and urged for maximum participation in the voting process. The CEO's visit reaffirms the Election Commission's dedication to conducting elections with integrity and transparency, instilling confidence among voters and stakeholders in the electoral process.

Srinagar LS Polls: Gujjar-Bakarwal villagers travel from terrain to plain to cast votes for 'optimal change'

JJ NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, MAY 13

For Noor Mohammad Poswal—a 60-year-old Schedule tribal voter in south Kashmir's Shopian district, 'casting a vote in parliamentary elections 2024 was more important' for which he didn't budge from the queue for more than five hours.

Poswal says that he and his three sons were eligible to cast their votes. "We travelled more than 12 Kilometers from Shalidar terrains to plains of Zraken village of Shopian district to cast our votes."

Not only the Poswal family—the residents of the Shalidar area told the news agency that the whole village encompasses Gujjar-Bakarwal community and have travelled all the way to cast their vote.

Noor Mohammad Poswal said that he had to wait for more than five hours in a queue to cast his vote. "In this month, we usually start grazing our cattle, horses and sheep in the pastures. However, I believe that casting a vote for this election was more important than grazing my cattle."

Another voter, Mohammad Shareef Tedwa of Shalidar terrains said that the villagers have never let the vote go to waste but the concerned authorities 'never tried to ease their living standard in any ways.'

"Before the elections, we were told that the authorities will set-up polling booths near the Shalidar village. But, unfortunately, the senior citizens of our tribe were forced to walk miles to cast their

vote," Tedwa said. He said, "In this area, there are two villages that include Shalidar and Zarkan. Whole Shalidar area is a Gujjar-Bakarwal region and falls under Schedule tribe category. The positive part of it is that the whole village comes to the plain in the Zarkan area to cast their vote."

Likewise, another resident of Shalidar area, Baba Gorski said that the villagers cast vote only for the betterment purposes. "So far we haven't seen many developments for the Shalidar villagers and the Gujjar-Bakarwal community but this time we are very optimistic for the change."

Presiding officer of Zraken Shopian said that there are 1050 votes in the segment and till 2pm more than 300 votes were recorded. KNO

Driver dies after vehicle falls into gorge at Zojila

JJ NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, MAY 13

A driver died after his vehicle fell into a deep gorge near Bajri Nallah on Zojila Pass in Ganderbal district on Monday morning.

An official told the news agency that the driver identified as Ansari Hussain Khan son of Yousuf Ali Khan of Leh died on the spot after his vehicle skidded off on Zojila Pass and fell into a gorge.

He said that the vehicle was on its way to Leh from Srinagar when it met with the accident.

Police have taken cognizance of the accident. KNO

Chairman JKBOSE reviews functioning of DIET Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 13

Chairman Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education, Prof. Dr. Parikshat Singh Manhas, who is also Director SCERT, visited District Doda and reviewed the functioning of District Institute of Education Training there.

The visiting Dignitary was warmly welcomed by the DIET Principal Purshotam Gouria on his arrival in the district.

During the visit, the Director enquired about the status of the interventions currently under operation at training Institute including the recently conducted Middle Standard Examination, Trainings of Teachers, Preparation of Annual Plan, Action Research etc.

The Chairman interacted with staff members and exhorted them to utilize their full potential to make the training institute vibrant.



He also inspected ICT Lab of the institute where different training programmes are being conducted to implement the Digital Initiatives introduced for improving teaching learning process.

The Director also reviewed the status of under construction DIET building at Mochhan Doda

and hoped the same will be completed by the executing agencies in the current financial year.

The Director further directed the Principal of the Institute to start a training program for Teachers under current AWP so that the teachers update their pedagogical skills.

During the visit, the Director SCERT was accompanied by Suraj Rathore Joint Secretary Exam JK BOSE, Kuldeep Sharma Deputy Secretary, Ranjeet Singh Manhas, Sunil Sharma, Rajesh Hali Senior Academic Officers Central Move Office and Assistant Secretary JK BOSE office Doda.

DDC assesses implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Program in Kathua District

JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, MAY 13

District Development Commissioner, Kathua Dr Rakesh Minhas today reviewed the implementation and progress under the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) scheme in the district in a meeting held in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex.

At the outset, Chief Agriculture Officer Sanjeev Rai Gupta put forth a comprehensive update on the advancements made in implementing the HADP across various sectors. He highlighted the promotion of Garlic and Rajmash crop cultivation, alongside efforts to encourage farmers to take up cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic plants. Additionally, initiatives promoting the production of Millets, Mushroom, Commercial Floriculture, and oilseed



projects were emphasized, aiming to diversify farmers' income streams.

The meeting noted a significant response to the HADP scheme, with a surge in applications exceeding the allocated targets which underscores the program's effectiveness in engaging

and empowering local farmers.

The DDC Kathua reiterated the importance of scaling up the coverage of allied sector schemes, including Animal Husbandry, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, and Horticulture

Planning and Marketing. The emphasis was placed on extending benefits to more beneficiaries, thereby maximizing the impact of the HADP programme across the district.

In a bid to enhance the transportation infrastructure for perishable goods such as Fish and Milk, the Horticulture, Planning, and Marketing department was tasked with procuring Refrigerator Vans. This initiative aims to facilitate seamless market access for farmers, ensuring the preservation and quality of their produce without any loss.

The DC called upon all stakeholders for collaborative efforts towards fostering sustainable agriculture and rural development in Kathua district. He also impressed upon the Banks to prioritise the sponsoring of loan cases with proper hand holding to the beneficiaries.

Upholding Democracy: Kangan to Shopian show unwavering commitment to voting

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 13

In the heart of the picturesque Kashmir Valley, the twin districts of Pulwama and Shopian showcased a glimmer of hope, as the residents of Pulwama and Shopian Assembly Segment displayed an unwavering commitment to democracy by turning out in large numbers to exercise their right to vote.

By participating in the electoral process, they hope to elect representatives who will address their concerns and work towards improving their quality of life.

At Polling Station, 55-Awantipora of Pulwama district, first time voter Umar Ayoub was very enthusiastic to cast his vote. "I came to vote with a reason to celebrate the spirit of democracy. My vote will be for the development and progress in terms of basic needs",

said passionate Umar while standing in a long and serpentine queue.

Similarly, in Polling station Sher Abad Tral, 92 years old Zaiba Begum came to vote to with the only hope of having better future for her grandchildren. "I am voting with an aim to see development in my area for the betterment of our future generations", said elderly Zaiba Begum.

Likewise, in Koil, Bunroo, Rappura, Nikas areas of Pulwama district as well as Tukroo, Bun Bazar and other areas of Shopian Assembly segment witnessed brisk polling as long and serpentine queues of voters, both male and female, were seen from the early morning.

The significance of this turnout extends beyond the confines of Pulwama and Shopian. As the sun sets over the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas, casting a golden glow over the lush

valleys below, the people of Pulwama and Shopian can take pride in their actions. They have shown the world that even in the face of adversity, the flame of democracy burns bright in the Kashmir Valley, illuminating the path towards a brighter tomorrow.

Similar, scenes were witnessed in Kangan, ST Assembly segment of Ganderbal district which forms part Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency. The people of the area once again reposed trust in democracy by exercising their right to franchise in large numbers.

The people of this area despite living in the remotest part of the Constituency showed way by coming out in large numbers to vote. Not only elders but younger as well as first time voters even exercised their voting rights with full enthusiasm. Be it 20 years old Rahil or 19 years Arif at Nunner Polling

Station or Iqra Sultan, 25 at Wussan all were equally jubilant in casting their votes as per their free will.

Similarly at the far-off Wangat Polling Station, Noor-un-Nisa, 18 and Rukana, 20 had come for casting their votes with other members of their family in the wee hours of the Polling in their village. In another Polling Station of this village housed in a Middle School, young friends Adil Qureshi, 25 and Ibrahim Qureshi, 23 had come together to take first leap in celebrating the spirit of democracy.

The locals of the area believe that by exercising their right to choose their representatives is only for their larger good of entire area as well as future generations. The locals, this time again participated in the festival of democracy with great enthusiasm and fervor despite having difficult terrains and other adversities.

Government Nursing College Kishtwar Commemorates International Nurses Day

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 13

The Government Nursing College (GNC) Kishtwar marked the celebration of International Nurses Day today with fervor and enthusiasm at TRC Kishtwar. Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) of Kishtwar, Ghulam Rasool was the chief guest, while Dr. Medical Superintendent District Hospital Dr Yudhvir Kotwal was the Special Guest.

The event saw active



participation from the students of GNC, engaging in a variety of activities including cultural performances, singing, speeches, and dramatic presentations.

The ADDC commended the faculty of

GNC for organizing such a remarkable event, acknowledging the pivotal role played by nurses in the society.

Additionally, the ADDC presented trophies to the examination toppers, recognizing their

outstanding achievements.

Other Speakers at the event shed light on the historical significance of nursing, tracing its roots back to ancient times, and emphasized Florence Nightingale's pivotal role in shaping the profession as we recognize it today. International Nurses Day, celebrated annually on May 12th, commemorates the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing.

DRSC discusses District Road Safety Plan at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 13

The District Road Safety Committee today discussed the current year Action Plan here at its meeting chaired by the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, who is the chairman of the Committee.

SSP Abdul Qayoom, ADC Pawan Kotwal, Dy.SP Traffic, Shamsher Singh, Accounts Officer DC Office, Satender Singh, ARTO Mohammad Saleem Manhas, EXEN PWD Ravinder Kumar, EXEN PWD Marwah Mohd Aslam Lone, EXEN PMGSY Rajesh Sharma, CMO, GM NHIDCL, GM Megha Engineering and other concerned officials attended the meeting.

The chair was updated on ongoing road safety initiatives such as the installation of Crash Barriers, Road Signages, Parapets, etc., across the district.

The Deputy Commissioner urged executing agencies to promptly submit plans for the current financial year.

Timely submission is crucial to kick start



implementation without delay, ensuring immediate action on road safety initiatives.

The DC also reviewed other safety measures such as constitution of Quick Response Teams, Procurement of Breath Analysers and Speed Guns, Installation of Cameras and Rumble Strips at Subhash Park, Malipeth, Bhandarkoot, Hasti Morh, and other identified locations. Additionally, providing geo-tagged photos of completed Crash Barriers installed in the district was emphasized.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed the

importance of road widening and creation of parking spaces for the hassle-free traffic movement, commuter safety and minimization of accident risks.

The meeting updated about details of the accidents as per the classification of the road from the dashboard of I-RAD, besides the month wise mishaps uploaded on I-RAD platform for comprehensive analysis and action.

ARTO Kishtwar informed that notices have been issued to individuals with more than 40 traffic challans.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 13

Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Industrial Area Bhagthali and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 14 from 6 am to 12 noon. Similarly, the power supply to Jerda and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 14, 16 and 18 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Mahal and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 15, 17 and 19 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Bandral and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 14, 16 and 18 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Koulpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 15, 17 and 19 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Similarly, the power supply to Jogpur, Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 14 and 16 from 6 am to 12 noon.

STOP...! MOSQUITO BREEDING Prevent Malaria, Dengue & Chikungunya

- Do not allow water to stagnate in and around your surroundings.
- Keep water tanks and other water containers tightly covered with lids.
- Get your blood tested from Health Institutions/Health Workers in case of fever with chills, headache.
- Empty water coolers once in a week
- Discard/destroy junk items like old tyres etc.
- Empty air coolers, drums, flower pots and bird baths weekly.
- Use mosquito repellent creams and bed nets while sleeping.
- Use netted screens on doors and windows.
- Wear full body clothes to prevent mosquito bites.
- Improve basic sanitation.

Symptoms

- Dengue: High fever, frontal headache, pain behind the eyes worsening with eye movement, muscle & joint pains, rash on the body, pain abdomen, nausea, vomiting, bleeding and low BP in severe cases.
- Chikungunya: fever, joint pains, muscle pain, fatigue, headache, rash.
- Malaria: high grade fever with chills, sweating, headache, vomiting, convulsions, weakness.

Visit nearby Health Institution if any of above diseases is suspected. Investigations & Treatment are free of cost in Govt. institutions



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