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At 43.6 degrees Celsius, Jammu records season's hottest day

Heat wave to continue for next 7 days: MeT; Sgr sizzles at 32.6°C

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Jammu and its suburbs reeled under searing heat wave conditions on Tuesday, with mercury settling at 43.6 degree Celsius, thereby recording the hottest day of the season so far.

Amid the hot and unbearable conditions, Directorate of School Education, Jammu also announced summer vacations from June 1, which normally starts from the second week of June.

As per India Meteorological Department (IMD) intense heat wave conditions will continue in Jammu for the next seven days.

The region has been suffering from extreme heat wave conditions for the past week,



with temperatures consistently rising above 40 degrees Celsius since May 16.

"There will be no respite in heat wave or hot and dry weather conditions over plains

of Jammu Division during next seven days," an advisory as per the news agency, issued by the department reads.

The advisory said a potential slight relief from May 30

to June 2 in most parts of the Kashmir division and some hilly areas of Jammu division is expected. Another spell of heat wave is expected to return from June 3 to 5, it added.

To give people some respite from the increasing temperature, Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today pushed its vehicles in service to sprinkle water on roads so that people get some respite. Even at some religious places including temples and Gurdwaras, water was sprinkled on devotees to get a sign of relief.

To beat the heat people are heading towards water bodies nearby or are reaching to the nearby hill stations to spend some days in the woods.

As per the MeT, Katra has also recorded the hottest

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CS reviews progress on budget utilization for 2024-25

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SRINAGAR, MAY 28

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo Tuesday convened a meeting with the Administrative Secretaries to review progress on utilization of funds released after passing of Vote on Account (VoA) for 2024-25 besides assessing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) implementation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dulloo took stock of the works being uploaded by each department on BEAMS and the funds released on this account. He enquired about the expenditure made, so far, and the progress on completion of these works.

The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Administrative Secretaries to review the list of works of their respective departments on BEAMS and remove the long pending incomplete projects from the portal. He asked for further streamlining the fund releases on BEAMS so that the seasonal activities in Agriculture Production Department and land acquisition through Revenue and Forest Departments are culminated in time.



Dulloo asked the officers to lay focus on funding of critical projects transferred from JKPC to PWD so that are completed at the earliest. He also asked for pacing up the expenditure on NABARD funded works for accessing more tranches from this organisation.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed the JKIDFC funded projects and asked for adjusting rest of the funding of incomplete projects out of the regular budget. He emphasised on exploring the possibility of taking up works of critical village infrastructure including ensuring last field irrigation facilities under convergence with MGNREGA.

Regarding collection of non-

tax revenue, the Chief Secretary emphasised the officers to step up efforts to further increase it from that of the previous year. He called for making this collection more efficient by employing technology and other requisite measures.

In his presentation, Principal Secretary, Finance, Santosh D.Vaidya, threw light on different aspects of this year's budget. He also gave brief analysis of its spending during the past decade right from 2014-15. He elaborated on the current expenditure trends registered, so far, in the UT.

The other major features of the presentation included expenditure-wise

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Coolers, water sprinklers, fibre-rich diet: Jambu Zoo takes measures for animals to combat heatwave

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With Jammu and Kashmir experiencing a heatwave and temperatures predicted to soar further in the coming days in Jammu, the Jambu Zoo has initiated a series of measures to help the animals beat the heat.

Anil Kumar Atri, Deputy Director of the Jambu Zoo, told the news agency about various steps taken to help the animals cope with extreme heat. He said no inmate should suffer

from heat-related illnesses. "We have installed water coolers outside the enclosures of bears and lions, and water sprinklers have been deployed across the zoo to provide relief to both animals and birds," he said.

Atri said that to further combat the heat, the zoo has introduced a fibre-rich diet for herbivorous animals, including watermelons and cucumbers, and added glucose to the liquid intake of

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Article 370 wasn't agenda of people, Kashmir voter turnout in LS polls has sent message to the world: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI, MAY 28

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that Article 370 was neither the agenda of the people of Kashmir nor of the country but only of "four-five families" and that it is a matter of greatest satisfaction for him that the brothers and sisters in Kashmir came forward to vote with great enthusiasm in the Lok Sabha polls.

In an exclusive interview with news agency, the Prime Minister said there is a feeling of more unity with the removal of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, the feeling of belongingness is increasing and the result is visible in the elections and in the increase in tourism.

"Article 370 was the agenda of only four-five families, it was neither the agenda of the people of Kashmir nor the agenda of the people of the



country. For their benefit, they had built such a wall of 370 and used to say that if 370 is removed, there will be a fire... Today it has become true that after the removal of 370, there is a feeling of more unity. The feeling of belongingness is increasing among the

people of Kashmir and hence its direct result is also visible in elections, tourism," he said.

Modi government abrogated Article 370 from Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019, months after it came to office for the second

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Properties of 2 terror handlers attached in Bla: Police

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SRINAGAR, MAY 28

Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Tuesday said to have attached properties (3 Kanals & 19 Marlas) land worth lacs belonging to two terror handlers based in Pakistan namely Jalal Din son of Raj Mohd resident of Zambour Pattan & Mohd Saki son of Mastana Bhatti resident of Kamalkote Uri, after obtaining attachment order from Hon'ble Sub Judge Uri.

The action was taken under sections of 83 CRPC & are linked with case FIR No. 34/1995 u/s 7/25 Indian Arms Act, 4(III) TADA Act & 105/1996 u/s 2/3 EIMCO Act of PS Uri, a

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The Salal Power Station Management Committee has issued a stern warning to the public following the release of water from the Salal Dam due to increased silt accumulation.

The water release, which began at 7 AM on Tuesday,

is expected to cause a significant rise in the water level of the Chenab River, particularly affecting low-lying areas.

In light of these developments, residents of Talwara, Gujjar Kothi, Kansipatta, Panasa, Jedi, Dera Baba, and Pabbar have been specifically advised to avoid the riverbanks. The advisory extends to

the villages in Akhnour tehsil of Jammu district, urging all to refrain from approaching the Chenab River and to keep their cattle away from the banks as well.

"The ongoing high flow of the Chenab River has necessitated this action. We are releasing water from the

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Nursing staff protest against junior doctors at GMC Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Nursing staff at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu are up in arms against the junior doctors for allegedly assaulting a nursing Incharge of the Orthopaedics ward.

They held a protest demonstration against doctors inside the GMC premises today and demanded action against the culprit doctor.

Eye witnesses told the news agency, that a nursing Incharge of Orthopaedics ward was pushed by a Post Graduate student of GMC Jammu, Dr.

Sajjad, which irked the nursing staff, who later held a protest demonstration against the maltreatment they have been allegedly receiving from doctors.

"The nursing Incharge was asking the junior doctor to make a note in the file of the patient so that the medication could be started. The doctor refused and instead abused the nurse and pushed her away. The doctor termed her inferior and told to behave like that," a protesting nurse told media persons outside the emergency wing of GMC Jammu.

They alleged that this has become a routine affair of junior doctors, who don't care about the nursing staff. "We perform our duties 24x7 throughout the month without taking any leave but in return, we are being abused by junior doctors. It is the duty of the doctor to make a note about medication of the patient on the file and on our own can't give the patient medication. The doctors don't want to take the blame on them if anything happens to the patient," said another protesting male nurse.

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More cyber fraud cases getting detected in India due to enhanced vigil: Shah

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NEW DELHI, MAY 28

About 27 lakh complaints of cyber frauds were registered in the country in the last one year and an increasing number of such cases are getting detected due to enhanced vigil, Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said.

Shah also said that 99.5 per cent police stations in the country are now connected with a Central Government network (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems or CCTNS) for the purpose of investigation, data analytics, research, policy making and



providing services to citizens. "About 27 lakh complaints of cyber frauds were registered in the country in last one year," he told PTI in an interview over the weekend.

The Home Minister said ear-

lier there was no system to go after cyber frauds but now a toll free number is available for the general public to register their complaints.

"We have made provisions for accounts to freeze. People started registering complaints and within seconds, accounts get frozen (when there is a case of cyber fraud)," he said.

Asked whether cyber fraud cases have gone up in the country, Shah said cases have not gone up but "frauds are getting detected now. We have also made available a toll free number. That's why it is getting highlighted".

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Shree Machail Mata Yatra Crosses 4k Mark

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHITWAR, MAY 28

The revered Shree Machail Yatra has commenced with devotees paying visit to the shrine situated amid the mountainous Machail area of the Sapphire Land of Paddar Sub Division of District Kishtwar.

Pertinent to mention that every year, the celebrations on the eve Baisakhi witness the auspicious opening of the Kappat (Door) at the Shree Chandhi Mata Temple which marks the beginning of one of the most significant pilgrimages in the Jammu Division, second only to the Shri Mata Vashino Devi Yatra.

The popularity of Shree



Machail Yatra has soared in recent years, with over 2 Lakhs pilgrims visiting last year alone. The Pilgrims began arriving in the tens following the opening of the temple doors and the number grows to hundreds and thousands till

the holy mace (Chhari) procession in August Month.

According to officials, this year 4,000 pilgrims have visited Machail Bhawan till date. Today, 26 pilgrims, including 22 males and 4

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Summer vacations in Jammu schools from June 1

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JAMMU, MAY 28

The Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) on Tuesday ordered summer vacation for all government and private schools from June 1 to July 16 in summer zone areas of the region.

"All the government and recognised private schools falling in the summer Zone of Jammu Division shall observe summer vacation from June 1, 2024, to July 16, 2024," read an order.

It is also ordered that teachers remain available for any online guidance

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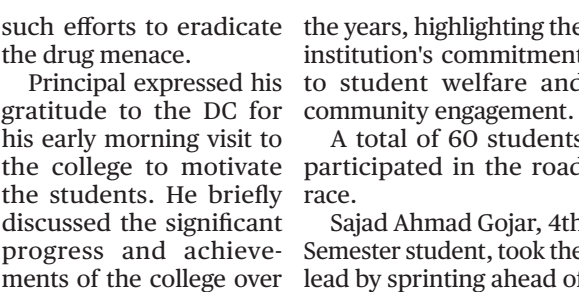
Drug-Free Desh: DC Bandipora flags-off Annual Road Race at HKM GDC Bandipora

J1 NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 28

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ul Rehman in presence of Principal HKM GDC Bandipora, Dr Masood Ahmad Malik, on Tuesday flagged-off Annual Road Race "Drug-Free Desh" a 5-kilometer run from HKM GDC Bandipora college campus to Aloosa.

The event was aimed to raise awareness about the menace of drug abuse and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among students and the community.

The DC commended the college's initiative to combat drug abuse through awareness programs and activities like the Drug-Free Desh. He emphasized the importance of such events in fostering a drug-free community and assured administration's full support in



such efforts to eradicate the drug menace.

Principal expressed his gratitude to the DC for his early morning visit to the college to motivate the students. He briefly discussed the significant progress and achievements of the college over

the years, highlighting the institution's commitment to student welfare and community engagement.

A total of 60 students participated in the road race.

Sajad Ahmad Gojar, 4th Semester student, took the lead by sprinting ahead of

the rest of the competitors and finished in the 1st position with a comfortable lead. Mushtaq Ahmad Khatana, 6th Semester student finished in 2nd position and Shakir Nabi, 2nd Semester student achieved 3rd position.

The run concluded with a felicitation ceremony where the college Principal awarded the top three runners trophies and certificates.

The Drug-Free Desh was a successful event that not only promoted physical fitness but also played a crucial role in raising awareness about the menace of drug abuse. The participation and enthusiasm of the students, along with the support from the college administration and district administration, underscored the community's commitment to fighting drug abuse and fostering a healthier future.

World Environment Day 2024 DEERS hosts quiz, slogan writing competition under special series



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

The Department of Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing (DEERS) Jammu, organized a quiz competition and slogan writing competition here at Dogra Higher Secondary School, marking the commencement of a special series to celebrate World Environment Day 2024.

The event saw the enthusiastic participation of more than 195 students.

The event was inaugurated by Sajad Ahmed Khan, Environment Soil Conservationist, DEERS, Jammu. He extended heartfelt thanks to the school administration for its cooperation and support in hosting the event.

The EIACP Hub of DEERS Jammu conducted the quiz competition. The winners will be awarded the prizes on the culmination of the series of events on 5th June on world environment day. All participants, includ-

ing Principal of the school Kamlesh, School staff and DEERS-EIACP members, reaffirmed their commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

This event marked the beginning of a series of activities planned by DEERS EIACP Jammu in the lead-up to World Environment Day -2024, emphasizing the importance of collective action in combating climate change and preserving our natural resources.

DCD Anantnag conducts Special Drive to ensure compliance of CCTV & CBS by Medical Shops

J1 NEWS SERVICE
ANANTNAG, MAY 28

The Drug Control Department (DCD) Anantnag today conducted a drive to verify the implementation of mandatory CCTV and computerized billing systems (CBS) in medical shops within the district.

During the drive, the team inspected various pharmacies for adherence to regulations.

The inspections encompassed both private medical establishments and establishments within healthcare facilities. Notably, Jan Aushadhi store situated inside the premises of GMC Anantnag, along with the GMC's own dispensary/drug store, were included in the drive.

All inspected pharmacies were found to have installed CCTV and CBS systems and were also found issuing invoices as per the norms and standards. Additionally, 20 drug samples from Jan Aushadhi store inside GMC Anantnag were lifted for testing and analysis purposes. CCTV footage of various pharmacies was also reviewed and found satisfactory.

The Drug Control Department Anantnag emphasized that such drives will continue within the district until satisfactory results are achieved. This on-going monitoring ensures the proper functioning of these critical systems, promoting transparency and accountability in the sale of medicines.

District Administration organises Job Fair for Recovered Patients of Addiction Treatment Facility Kishtwar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 28

In a commendable effort to support individuals on their path to recovery after struggling with substance abuse, the District Administration Kishtwar, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department and District Employment & Career Counseling, today organized a job fair specifically for recovering patients here at the Addiction Treatment Facility.

The move has been taken under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Devansh Yadav. The event was graced by the presence of Additional District Development Commissioner, Ghulam Rasool as the chief guest besides District Social Welfare Officer/Nodal Officer Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan District Kishtwar, Tariq Pervaiz Qazi; CMO



Kishtwar, Dr. Rajinder Kumar were the special dignitaries.

Also present were District Employment Officer Kishtwar, Vinod Kumar, Nodal Officer ATF (Addiction Treatment Facility Kishtwar) Dr. Haris, TSWO Kishtwar, Rajesh Kumar; the ATF Team Kishtwar and concerned staff from the departments.

The event aimed to provide these individuals with opportunities to reintegrate into society through gainful employment. Numerous prominent private and Semi

Government Employer organizations like LIC, Bajaj Allianz, Tata Motors, SBI and Mahindra & Mahindra offered a range of job openings suited to different skill levels and experiences. The fair also featured workshops to aid attendees in their quest for employment.

Additional District Development Commissioner Kishtwar, Ghulam Rasool highlighted the administration's commitment to the rehabilitation of recovering patients, emphasizing that gainful employment is a criti-

cal step in their recovery process. "We are dedicated to supporting the holistic recovery of these individuals. By providing them with employment opportunities, we aim to foster a sense of purpose and stability in their lives," he stated. He also added that with willpower and the proper mindset, the patients will overcome their challenges.

DSWO/Nodal Officer Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan, Tariq Pervaiz Qazi, thanked Deputy Commissioner for such initiatives and highlighted the pre-

ventive measures being taken by the Department of Social Welfare to curb the menace of drug addiction in the district.

The job fair saw a significant turnout of more than 100 recovering patients, with more than 250 job openings available for them. Many participants expressed optimism about their future prospects. The Department of Social Welfare and the Department of Employment reiterated their ongoing support for similar initiatives, underscoring the importance of community involvement in the rehabilitation process. This initiative marks a positive step towards the social and economic reintegration of recovering individuals, showcasing the district's proactive approach in addressing the challenges associated with drug addiction and recovery.

Jammu Administration on mission to rehabilitate children in street situations



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JAMMU, MAY 28

District Administration has launched a mission to rehabilitate children in street situations, which includes those engaged in child labour and begging.

In an effort led by the District Child Protection Officer Mamta Rajput, 38 children found begging, employed in business establishments including hotels and dhabas and other similar situations, have been taken into custody in coordination with their parents. These children have been enrolled in the Aadhaar database and will soon be admitted

into the formal education system.

District Magistrate Sachin Kumar Vaishya has constituted

a District Task Force and announced a strict stance against all forms of child exploitation. He has mandated stringent action, especially cancellation of the registration of business establishments of those found forcing children to work in dhabas or appropriate criminal action against trafficking or forcing children into begging.

The District administration has appealed public to inform about the instances of child abuse, trafficking or any other form of child exploitation to District Child Protection Unit/ Childline by calling on 1098.

Div Com Jammu conducts on spot inspection of upgradation project works in Transport Nagar

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, who is also Additional Chief Executive Officer JMRDA, on Tuesday conducted on spot inspection of the improvement/upgradation works in the Transport Nagar.

Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Vice Chairman JDA, SSP Traffic Jammu, Superintending Engineer JDA and other concerned accompanied him during the visit.

The Div Com inspected the works being executed for the development of Yards, roads and creation of other amenities. It was informed that maximum works have been completed in Yards, while the works of footpath and bitumen are nearing completion.

The Div Com directed the concerned Engineers to prepare the PERT chart after thoroughly visiting all the yards. He further asked the Vice Chairman JDA to hold meetings with stakeholders in Transport Nagar for speedy completion of the project. The Div Com directed the concerned officials to complete the works of up-gradation/development of Transport Nagar in two months.



chaired a meeting to review the progress of repair and maintenance of roads within Jammu City.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner JMC, ADC Jammu, SSP Traffic Jammu City, Chief Engineer, PWD, Chief Engineer UEED, J&K, PD NHAI, ED NHIDCL apprised the chair of the status of roads under their jurisdiction.

The Div Com asked the concerned to complete the repair and maintenance

work of all the main roads before Monsoon, while ensuring the quality execution of works. He directed them to submit comprehensive work plans for the early repair of roads under their responsibility.

The Div Com asked the Commissioner JMC, ADC Jammu and SSP traffic to conduct inspection of the roads for prioritizing the works and share the same with the executing agency.

He also asked for assess-

ing the condition of the internal roads and to ensure all are pothole free.

Superintending Engineer PWD apprised the chair about the major roads being taken up for repair and maintenance in the coming days. The Div Com also directed NHAI and NHIDCL to ensure maintenance of the roads being maintained and constructed by them.

DC Kupwara chairs District level Zoonosis Committee meet

J1 NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 28

A meeting of District Level Zoonosis Committee was held on Tuesday under the chairpersonship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan at DC Office, here.

During the meeting, the DC took a comprehensive review of incidence and risk factors of infectious diseases that transfer from animals to humans especially through dog bites, their prevention, hot spots in the district, anti-rabies vaccination drive and its effectiveness.

The DC meticulously evaluated the functioning of NRCP (National Rabies Control Programme) and HIP (integrated health information Portal) in the district.

CMO Kupwara, Dr. Ramzan, apprised the chair through a detailed PowerPoint Presentation and said that from 01-04-2023 to 30-04-2024, the district has reported 1860 cases of bites inflicted by stray dogs, out of 1860 PEP (post-exposure prophylaxis), 1859 cases recovered in the district, besides this cases of 38 monkey and other animal bites and 2 snake bites recovered due to timely intervention of health authorities.

CMO further said that anti-rabies vaccines are available in all CHCs, and



PHCs of the district.

While emphasizing on curbing the stray dog menace, the DC said that stray dog menace has remained a pressing issue and the prevention of dog bites and other dog-related injuries is an increasingly important public health concern in sub-urban and rural areas of the district.

He said that the concerned authorities have to curb the menace in a well coordinated and effective manner, and instructed the health authorities to be more proactive and ensure proper monitoring of dog bite cases with the help of HWCs and ASHAs

for 28 days continuously.

Ayushi stressed Health authorities, Animal Husbandry and Sheep Husbandry, Forest, Wildlife department, RDD and Municipality to work in a collaborative manner to control the stray dog menace, make a task force, devise SOPs (which cater to the entire district within the given resources).

The DC gave a timeline of 15 days for formulation of SOPs/ Protocol for effectively curbing the menace in the district.

She instructed the concerned to identify and rope-in any NGO which is willing to work in this

sector. Emphasizing on the need for awareness of people at village level, DC directed the Health and Animal Husbandry departments to launch an awareness campaign to inform people about the preventive measures from the diseases.

The meeting was attended by CMO Kupwara, DFO Kamraj, State Surveillance Officer, Rabies and Medical Superintendent Kupwara, Assistant Drug controller, Disease Investigating Officer, Animal Husbandry Kupwara, and other concerned.

GDC Sumbal organises Anti-drug Awareness Run

JI NEWS SERVICE
BANDIPORA, MAY 28

Government Degree College (GDC) Sumbal on Tuesday organised an anti-drug awareness run to raise awareness about the menace of drugs among students and the community. The event was organized under the patronage of the Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Shabeen Iqbal Shawl.

Around 95 students, both male and female, actively participated in the run, demonstrating their commitment to the cause and their desire to contribute to a drug-free society.

The run began with an assembly from Wangipora, where participants were briefed on the significance of the event and the impact of drug abuse on individuals and society. The route covered key areas of the locality, spreading the message of anti-drug awareness to a broader audience.



At the conclusion of the run, a speech was delivered by Prof. Manzoor Ahmad Parey who emphasized the role of education and community support in preventing drug abuse and encouraged students to lead by example in promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

The event received positive feedback from participants and spectators alike, fostering a sense of solidarity and collective responsibility.

DLSA B'pora organizes Awareness Programme on Solid Waste Management

BANDIPORA, MAY 28: On the directions of Member Secretary J&K Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandi-

pora in collaboration with Municipal Committee Bandipora today organized an awareness programme on Solid Waste Management at Community Hall, Municipal Committee, Bandipora.

The programme was held under the chairmanship of Amit Sharma, Chairman DLSA/Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Bandipora and guidance of Nusrat Ali Hakak, Secretary DLSA Bandipora to create awareness among the general public to segregate waste and to explain to them the evils of dumping garbage at public places.

On the occasion Adv. Aamir Shafi and Adv. Nawaz-ul-Haq, Assistant, Legal Aid Defence Coun-

cil, Bandipora resource persons delivered the lecture on the importance of Solid Waste Management and also highlighted the issue of effects of Poor Solid Waste Management.

They said that due to improper disposal of solid waste particularly by waste management organizations, the collected waste piles up and becomes a problem for both the environment and also for the public.

In the said programme, participants were sensitized regarding the proper collection, treatment, analysis and disposal of Solid Wastes by the speakers.

The programme was attended by staff members of DLSA Bandipora, officials of Municipal Committee, students of NM Boys Higher Secondary School, Kaloosa Bandipora, Shahi Hamdan School Bandipora, Para Legal Volunteers of DLSA Bandipora and other participants.

Green Bhaderwah-Clean Bhaderwah: District Admin distributes Disposable Bags among Tourists at Nalthi

JI NEWS SERVICE
BHADERWAH, MAY 28

In an effort to promote cleanliness and awareness about environment Conservation, Deputy Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh, ADC Bhaderwah Sunil Kumar and CEO Bhaderwah Development Authority Bal Krishan, along with ASP, EO MC, SHO and locals distributed disposable bags among tourists at Nalthi Park in Bhaderwah.

The initiative themed "Green Bhaderwah, Clean Bhaderwah," aims to educate tourists about the importance of keeping the tourist places clean by disposing the waste properly. The DC interacted with the tourists, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a clean and green environment for the well-being of the residents and the preservation of the natural beauty



of Bhaderwah.

During the visit, the DC led an inspection of parks in Nalthi to assess cleanliness and maintenance. The inspection highlighted the commitment of local authorities to ensuring that public spaces in Bhaderwah are well-maintained and conducive to recreation for residents and visitors alike.

The DC expressed gratitude to the tourists for participating in the initiative and urged them to spread the message of cleanliness and environmental awareness in their community.

He appreciated the efforts and participation of the Bhaderwah municipal authorities in cleaning tourist areas, even those outside their jurisdiction. The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that garbage and waste in tourist places would be disposed of every evening to maintain cleanliness and acknowledged the important role of civil society and other stakeholders in the success of the cleanliness drive. Similar sanitation drives were recently conducted in Jai Valley and Paddri, marking the success of these efforts in the region.

Secretary Pahari Board reviews functioning of Girls/ Boys Pahari Hostels of Baramulla & Kupwara

JI NEWS SERVICE
BARAMULLA/ KUPWARA, MAY 28

Secretary J&K Advisory Board for Development of Pahari Speaking People, Sapna Kotwal undertook an intensive tour of Baramulla and Kupwara Districts to review the functioning of Boys/Girls Pahari Hostels, there.

During the inspection at Baramulla, the Secretary expressed her satisfaction with the hostel's operations, which she said are being administered/ monitored properly.

The staff there provided a detailed insight into the hostel's functioning. Students are receiving healthy nutrition and have access to various recreational facilities provided by the J&K PSP Board.

Sapna noted that the students were not only intellectually capable but also well-versed in basic education, benefiting from a healthy and conducive environment. She encouraged the adoption of innovative methods to



make the students more dynamic.

The Secretary distributed lunch boxes among the inmates of Hostel.

During inspection of Boys Hostel Kupwara it was found that inmates were very happy there, and thankful to the Government for providing such facilities. The inmates received lunch boxes distributed by the Secretary J&K PSP Board.

During the inspection of Girls Hostel Kupwara, the inmates of the hostel interacted with Sapna Kotwal and expressed gratitude with the arrangement/ facilities being provided by the J&K PSP Board.

All the Pahari Hostels in Baramulla and Kupwara districts were found well maintained and ably

administered, where students were being given healthy nutrition/uniform and other play way facilities by the J&K PSP Board.

She said students are quite brainy and well equipped with basics of education, and are being provided a healthy environment for their overall development.

Sapna Kotwal also suggested/directed all the concerned wardens to use innovative methods to make the students more dynamic.

Further Secretary J&K PSP committed to fulfill some demands of inmates and staff working in these hostels and assured them that the matter will be taken up with the Administrative Department on priority basis.

DLSA Kupwara organizes awareness programme under LADC scheme

JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 28

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kupwara in collaboration with the Bar Association Kupwara today organized an awareness programme under Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC) Scheme 2022 and legal services provided by LADCs in the Conference Hall of Bar Association District Court Kupwara.

The awareness was carried under the supervision of Chairperson, DLSA (Pr. District & Session Judge) Kupwara, Shazia Tabsum and under the guidance of Secretary DLSA/Sub-Judge, Kupwara, Manzoor Ahmad Khan.

The programme was aimed at creating awareness among the participants about the Modified LADCs scheme, 2022 and to provide effective and efficient legal services to eligible persons from weaker and marginalised sections of the society in criminal matters.

The programme commenced with the welcome



address given by Muzamil Yousuf Bhat Deputy Chief LADC. He also gave an insight on the provisions of the scheme.

The Assistant LADC, Tawseef Raja highlighted the objectives and purpose of the scheme. He said that the scheme has been brought in to provide qualitative and competent legal services

in criminal matters to all eligible persons and to manage and implement legal aid system in professional manner in criminal matters. The programme was attended by Executive Body Bar Association Kupwara, Member Advocates of Bar Association Kupwara, Law Students, Para Legal Volunteers and officials of DLSA Kupwara.

DC Kupwara presides over one-day Scientific Exhibition at DIET Kupwara



JI NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, MAY 28

The District Institute of Education & Trainings (DIET) Kupwara today organized a one day district level Rajya Stariya Bal Vaidyayik Pradarshani (Science Exhibition) at Bohipora Kupwara.

The event was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan. Chief Education Officer Kupwara, Abdul Majeed Dar; Dy. CEO, Senior Teaching faculty, staff members, besides, a large number of students attended the exhibition.

On the occasion, the DC inspected various sci-

entific models made by student innovators who had come from different schools of the district. The students demonstrated and explained the functioning of their models to the DC. The models made by them ranged from Rain Water Harvesting System to Transport & Communication and Irrigation System among others. The DC while checking the scientific models, appreciated the students for their keen interest in science and knowledge. She hoped that the district will touch new heights in the coming time as the students have a good potential to offer innovative ideas to the country.

Inter School Zonal Level Tournament Commences in Assar, Bhagwah



JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 28

The Inter School Zonal Level tournament commenced at zones Assar and Bhagwah zones here the other day. The events were organized in the presence of I/C ZPEO, Ved Prakash and ZPEO, Ram Singh of Zone Bhagwah.

The opening ceremony

was graced by Chief Guest Principal Gopal Dass Chaitra of GHSS Goha in Zone Assar and Principal Rehmatullah of GHSS Kashtigarh in Zone Bhagwah. Their presence added great value to the inauguration of the tournament, marking the beginning of an exciting series of competitions.

The tournament features Kabaddi, Volleyball,

Kho-Kho, Carrom, Chess and Cricket competitions for U 14 boys and girls.

About 700 students are participating in both zones, showcasing their exceptional talents and skills. The event stands as a testament to the students' dedication and the excellent preparation by the schools involved.

Educational, creative activities held at GHS Ghuraka- Zone Bhalla



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Educational and creative activities were today organized at GHSS Ghuraka (Zone Bhalla) by "Vishwagram Trust Gujrat" team under the guidance of District Development Commissioner Doda, Harvinder Singh and Chief Education Officer Doda, P L Thapa.

The volunteers of Vishwagram trust Vishnu, (Team Leader) Harish Bhai, Bhawna Bhen, Sonbai, Kajal and Falak Parveen were part of the team.

The program started at 10am with the welcome of the visiting team by staff and students. Principal of

the School, Rajinder Singh Bhatt presented rose bouquets to the visiting team as a mark of respect. Capt. Pardeep Singh 4 RR Bhaderwah graced the occasion as special guest. He also appreciated the work of Vishwagram trust.

The activities like origami, card making, painting art, singing, games, puppet show and some science activities were conducted for the benefit of students.

More than one hundred fifty students participated in today's program coordinated by Vinkal Sharma (ZICC Bhalla), Ankita Kotwal (Cultural Incharge GHSS Dradhu) and Angat Singh Manhas (Cultural team member).

DC Doda reviews implementation of PMFME, ODOP initiative



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Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh on Tuesday chaired a crucial review meeting focusing on implementation of two significant initiatives-the Prime Minister's Scheme for the Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) and the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative.

These nationwide efforts, spearheaded by the Government of India, aim to identify and promote unique indigenous products in the districts.

Key district officials, including the Chief Agriculture Officer (CAO), Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, Area Marketing

Officer, District Lead Bank Manager, and Cluster Head of J&K Bank convened for the meeting.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of identifying distinctive products from the Doda district for promotion under the ODOP initiative. He urged officials to collaborate effectively to ensure the successful implementation of these schemes, designed to invigorate the local economy and support micro food processing enterprises.

The meeting delved into various aspects of the PMFME and ODOP initiatives, with particular emphasis placed on the production of local delicacies such as jams, pickles, candies, and milk products. Additionally, discus-

sions centered on achieving targets, addressing challenges hindering the processing of indigenous products, and laying groundwork for establishing storage facilities.

During the meeting, threadbare discussion on implementation of PMFME scheme was conducted

The PMFME scheme, initiated by the Government of India, aims to bolster micro food processing enterprises nationwide by providing financial aid, capacity building, and infrastructure support. This initiative seeks to elevate competitiveness, foster entrepreneurship, and ensure the availability of safe, nutritious food for consumers, thereby integrating micro food processing units into the mainstream industry.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

At 43.6 degrees Celsius...

day of the season at 39.4 degree Celsius. Kathua also simmered where the hottest day of the season was recorded at 47.1 degree Celsius.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, has recorded a soaring temperature, where the mercury settled at 32.6 degree Celsius while Qazigund the gate way of Kashmir has recorded a maximum temperature of 33.4 degree Celsius.

Pahalgam, a famous tourist resort, has recorded 27.8 degree Celsius while Kupwara, Kokernag and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort recorded a maximum temperature of 30.9 degree Celsius, 31.0 degree Celsius and 22.4 degree Celsius respectively.

In light of the persistent heat wave, the department has also urged residents to take precautions. "People going to work should avoid being outdoors between 12 to 3 pm due to the high prevalence of harmful radiation. If necessary, they should carry water, cover their heads, and wear light-coloured clothing to mitigate the effects of the heat wave," a MeT official said.

The infant and elderly people have been advised to remain indoors in cool environments and avoid strenuous activities during the day.

The IMD bulletin stated that Jammu recorded a minimum temperature of 23.6 degrees Celsius which is almost near normal during this part of the season.

The intense heat wave has also triggered a power and water crisis in many parts of Jammu region as there were reports of drinking water sources drying up in rural pockets while groundwater level has plummeted in several areas.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar also has directed the administrative officers to establish a dedicated control room along with a nodal officer in each district to address public complaints related to power and water supply.

Meanwhile, amid hot days, the Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) ordered summer vacation for all government and private schools from June 1 to July 16 in summer zone areas of the region.

"All the government and recognised private schools falling in the summer Zone of Jammu Division shall observe summer vacation from June 1, 2024, to July 16, 2024," read an order. It is also ordered that teachers remain available for any online guidance of students during the vacation period. "Any default on the part of the Head of the School or Teaching staff in observance of the above schedule shall attract action under rules," the order further read.

The Board of School Education has also adjusted school timings to protect children from the extreme heat, ensuring they attend school during cooler hours, he added.

CS reviews progress...

categorization of works, delays recorded in their completion, Revenue, Capital and own resources expenditure besides highlighting the issues concerning each scheme and the department hampering smooth execution of projects.

The meeting was apprised that both the completion of projects and the budget has witnessed a quantum jump during the past 5-6 years. It was revealed that the total expenditure during 2014-15 was just Rs 35681 crore which increased to Rs 87501 crore during 2023-24. It was added that the capital expenditure also escalated from mere Rs 9330 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 22628 crore in 2023-24.

The meeting was also informed about the receipts and expenditure made under CSS during the past few years. It was disclosed that the departments here have received a sum of Rs 10324 crore under 110 schemes for 2023-24 which was almost double of the amount received during 2021-22.

About this year's budget, it was informed that the total receipts registered till date stands at Rs 9993 crore with an expenditure of around Rs 11465 crore.

Pertinent to mention here that the Parliament passed the VoA for the UT pending passage of regular budget in view of conduct of Lok Sabha elections in the country-(KNO)

Coolers, water sprinklers...

carnivorous animals. "There is continuous monitoring of the animals and birds. We have placed water coolers in shelter dens for lions, bears, and other animals, and cotton tents are in place for additional shade," he added.

Anil said the zoo has also ensured a sufficient supply of water for bathing, swimming and drinking purposes for animals.

"Animals particularly vulnerable to the heat are given regular baths using hosepipes and pressure pumps. The zoo staff has been instructed to stay vigilant during peak heat hours and report any signs of distress or behavioural changes in the animals immediately," he said.

Meanwhile, weather officials have predicted that the heat wave will persist, with hot and dry conditions expected to continue in the plains of Jammu Division for the next seven days.

MeT officials said that slight relief is anticipated from 30-31 May and 1-2 June in most parts of Kashmir Division and a few hilly areas of Jammu Division.

The zoo official said that the proactive measures taken by Jambu Zoo aim to mitigate the adverse effects of the heat wave on its inhabitants, ensuring their safety and comfort during this challenging period.

The Jambu Zoo is situated at Khanpur, Nagrota, on the outskirts of Jammu City and is spread over an area of 162 hectares (3200 kanals)-(KNO)

Water Released from...

dam to manage the increased silt levels, which will lead to a rise in the river's water level in downstream areas," the management committee stated in their advisory issued on Monday, as per news agency.

According to the committee, the dam gates will remain open from 7 AM to 7 PM on Tuesday, which is expected to impact the villages situated along the riverbanks. Villagers are advised to exercise caution and ensure that neither they nor their livestock venture

near the river during this period.

"The authorities are taking these precautionary measures to prevent any potential incidents and ensure the safety of the residents. People must adhere to the advisory to avoid any unfortunate incidents due to the sudden rise in water levels," an official told KNO-(KNO)

Article 370 wasn't...

successful term. The Prime Minister noted that the people in Kashmir warmly welcomed the delegates during events related to the G20 summit.

Srinagar, Baramulla and Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary constituencies in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir saw record turnout in Lok Sabha polls held in different phases earlier this month.

Srinagar recorded 38.49 per cent polling, Baramulla 59.1 per cent and Anantnag-Rajouri 51.35 per cent as of 5 pm on April 25, the day the polling was held on the seat. The polling has been highest since 1989. These were the first Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

The Prime Minister said that the decisions of the government were always for a good cause.

"First of all, I would like to pray to the justice system of our country that if the government wants to do any work, they have a design, strategy to do that work. To solve such problems, work had to be done under that strategy. Now sometimes I had to shut down the internet for that. Some NGO went to court and it became a big issue in the court but today the children there proudly say that the internet has not been shut down for the last 5 years and we have been getting all the facilities for the last 5 years. There was some pain for a few days, but it was for a good cause... It is very important to save the country from such NGOs," he said.

The Prime Minister said that enthusiastic participation of voters in Lok Sabha polls has given a message to the world and "those who had doubts".

"When the common man votes there, it is not just to make someone win, voting means that the voter accepts the Constitution of India and expresses his dedication towards the entire spirit of India... As a result, voting records of 40 years have been broken. It is a matter of greatest satisfaction for me that my brothers and sisters from Kashmir came forward to vote with great enthusiasm. By voting, they have given a message to the world and to those who used to have doubts," he said.

Voting has been held in six phases of Lok Sabha polls and will conclude with the last phase on June 1. Votes will be counted on June 4. (Agencies)

Properties of 2 terror...

police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency.

The property was identified belonging to terror handlers during the course of investigation/enquiry conducted by Police. The operation reaffirms the commitment of Police to combat the terror activities, police said-(KNO)

Nursing staff protest...

Meanwhile, GMC authorities said that things have been put into the order. "There were some issues between the doctors and the nursing staff, which have been sorted out and things are back to normal," Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, GMC Jammu Principal said-(KNO)

More cyber fraud...

Due to successful resolution of such complaints, people have been calling on that number, he said.

Last week, CEO of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) Rajesh Kumar had said that Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and a few other South East Asian countries have become hub of trans-national organised gangs which are increasingly carrying out cyber crimes like financial frauds, digital arrests and ATM card scamming in India.

The cyber fraud cases are mostly handled by the I4C, which is a wing under the cyber and information security division of the Union Home Ministry. It is mandated to tackle the burgeoning cyber crimes and attacks in the country in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

The I4C has been "continuously monitoring and blocking" cyber crime infrastructure like Skype accounts, advertisements on Google and Meta, SMS headers, SIM cards, bank accounts etc, another official said.

Referring to the CCTNS, the home minister said the government has made efforts to bring all police stations under the network for the convenience of policing in the country.

"It is almost complete. About 99.5 per cent police stations are now connected with the network. Just 0.5 per cent are left. That is because of connectivity issues. The police stations which are left out may be located in very interior areas, on a hill top or in a jungle," he said.

The project was started in 2009. It aims to interlink all police stations under a common application software for the purpose of investigation, data analytics, research, policy making and providing citizen services such as reporting and tracking of complaints, request for antecedent verifications by police etc.

The project is being implemented in close collaboration between states and the Centre.

Shree Machail Mata...

females had darshan taking the total number to 4,106.

After the last snowfall in April month this year, the weather at Machail Bhawan is now getting clear day by day, ensuring a smooth experience for the devotees ahead.

Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar, in collaboration with the district administration Kishtwar and local administration, are diligently working to make comprehensive arrangements for the Yatris for this year's yatra.

Initially, the Aora Langer near Bhawan Machail is offering meals to the pilgrims and more langars will be established by devotees in coming days.

NIT Srinagar, BIS J&K host educational outreach programme for faculty, scholars

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SRINAGAR, MAY 28

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar NIT Srinagar, in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir branch offices (JKBO) organized an Educational Outreach programme for faculty members and research scholars.

Director, NIT Srinagar, Prof. A Ravinder Nath, alongside Prof. Najeeb UdDin, Chairperson IIEDC, and over 50 faculty members and research scholars from various disciplines of NIT Srinagar, participated in the program with immense zeal and enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, a team of BIS officers including Tilak Raj, Director and Head JKBO; Devansh Deolekar, Joint Director, LITD; Pradeep Singh Shekhawat, Joint Director, CED; Tejas Sandeep Mahale, Deputy Director SCMD; Mohit Garg, Deputy Director, CHD; and Saaqib Rahi, Deputy Director, MTD, served as speakers for the workshop.

The workshop covered various aspects, including an overview of the BIS and standardization ecosystems in the country, the significance of research projects in standard formulation, BIS's digital initiatives, such as becoming a member of the technical committee, proposals for new standards, guidelines on Research and Development Projects by BIS, and Terms of Reference.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 2 vehicles seized by JKP

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JAMMU, MAY 28

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 an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Nehru Market detained one tipper bearing no registration number, loaded with sand seized under illegal mining. In another instance, PP Chatha detained one dumper bearing registration No. JK 02 DD 2158 which was loaded with crushed bajri failed to produce the Form A. In all, 02 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari and PS Gandhinagar.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

Additionally, lodging facilities at the Yatri Bhawan, Sapphire Guest House by district administration Kishtwar besides various tent accommodations are available to ensure comfort for the visitors.

With the footfall expected to exceed 3 Lakh this year, the Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav has asked the stakeholder departments to expedite infrastructure projects. These include improvement in Yatri Bhawan of Gulabgarh, up-gradation of roads, water supply, construction of footpaths, provision for better sanitation and Security to ensure a safe and pleasant journey for the pilgrims.

The addition of road Mavoo onwards on the Gulabgarh to Machail axis, new bridges, and repair of existing infrastructure aim to provide a safe, and hassle-free experience to Yatris amid challenging geography.

The facilities as per the increasing footfall will be

DPS Kathua hosts Successful Intra-Class English Calligraphy Competition



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JAMMU, MAY 28

DPS Kathua recently held an exciting intra-class English Calligraphy Competition, showcasing the artistic talents and dedication of its students from classes IV and V. The event was marked by enthusiastic participation, with a total of 35 students from Class VA, 36 students from Class VB, and a significant turnout from both sections of Class IV.

The competition aimed to foster a love for the art of calligraphy among young learners and to enhance their writing skills. Each class displayed remark-

able creativity and precision, making the selection of winners a challenging task for the judges.

Results of the Competition:

- Class VA: First Place: Mayurika
- Second Place: Priyanshi Sharma
- Third Place: Raghav Rajput
- Class VB: First Place: Hargun Kaur
- Second Place: Kritika Verma
- Third Place: Rudrakshi Badhyal
- Class IV A: First Place: Sushant Sharma
- Second Place: Mehreet

Kaur, Kunal Tiwari
Third Place: Angel Kapoor, Shivanya Rajput
Class IV B: First Place: Anvisha Sharma
Second Place: Anvi
Third Place: Swastika Sharma

The event was conducted under the guidance of Ms. Sumedha Sharma, TGT English, Ms. Kajal Sharma, PRT English, and the activity in-charge Ms. Ruchi Sharma, Primary Wing Coordinator.

Vivek Arora, Principal commended the students for their exceptional efforts and praised the teachers for their dedication in organizing and executing the competition.

Jammu & Kashmir Police solves blind murder case after 5 years in Jammu

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

The Jammu & Kashmir Police in Jammu District has successfully solved a five year old blind murder case, bringing closure to a crime that had perplexed investigators since 2019. The case involved the murder of Baba Pragat Nath Ji, a revered priest, on the night of November 15-16, 2019.

In the aftermath of this tragic incident, a case (FIR No. 194/2019) under Section 302 of the IPC was registered at Police Station Bakshi Nagar, Jammu. The police launched an extensive investigation, meticulously gathering technical evidence that pointed to the involvement of two notorious criminals.

One of the accused, Tarlok Singh S/o. Lakhn Singh R/o. Muradabad, Uttar Pradesh was identified but had been absconding. Unfortunately, Tarlok Singh later passed away. The main culprit, Ashish Kumar alias Hansai Nath S/o. Jai Singh, residing at H.No.RZ/487, Gali No.14,



Kailashpuri Extension, Palam Colony, South West Delhi, was recently apprehended by the dedicated team from Police Station Bakshi Nagar, Jammu, in District Jind, Haryana.

Investigations revealed that the duo operated as part of a gang involved in multiple criminal activities, including theft, cheating, and murder, across various states such as Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Following Ashish Kumar's arrest, all necessary legal formalities were

completed, and the case has now been charge-sheeted before the competent court for legal proceedings.

Senior Police officers have commended the tireless efforts of the investigating team, whose persistence and use of advanced technical methods led to this significant breakthrough. The successful resolution of this case underscores the Jammu & Kashmir Police's unwavering commitment to justice and community safety.

Puri Oil Mills Limited launches Mission Jumpstart

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Puri Oil Mills Limited has announced the launch of 'Mission Jumpstart', a transformative CSR initiative, partnering with Edify Sports and the Khiladi Foundation to support promising female athletes from underserved communities across India.

Committed to health and gender equality, the manufacturer of the popular brand, P Mark Mustard Oil, provides essen-



tial nutritional support to these athletes, aiming to level the playing field in sports.

Tejasvini Puri, Head of the CSR Committee of Puri Oil Mills Limited, highlights their vision of empowering young women in sports, while Sachin Rustagi from Edify

Sports praises the initiative's impact on athlete development. Beyond sports achievements, 'MISSION JUMPSTART' fosters broader social change by instilling confidence and resilience in these athletes, shaping them for success on the global stage.

enhanced for the Yatris including to and fro chopper facility from Gulabgarh to Machail for more comfortable spiritual journey.

Dr. Devansh Yadav has urged pilgrims to get updated information about Machail Yatra on the official website https://shrimachailmatayatra.com. "The pilgrims can get detailed information regarding the Yatra, including the weather condition, routes, and other facilities. This resource is designed to help pilgrims stay informed and address any queries they may have," he said.

Summer vacations...

of students during the vacation period. "Any default on the part of the Head of the School or Teaching staff in observance of the above schedule shall attract action under rules," the order further read.

ABRSM District Unit Kishtwar calls on Director School Education, Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, MAY 27

In a significant development Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh calls on Director School Education Jammu Mr Ashok Sharma in his visit to review educational landscape in Kishtwar.

A delegation of ABRSM District unit Kishtwar led by Neeraj Parihar (District President) held a fruitful meeting with the Director School Education Jammu Mr Ashok Sharma and put forth various demands before DSEJ for quality education and overall improvement of education system in district Kishtwar as well as in other districts of Jammu division. ABRSM put some major demands which needs immediate redressal at Directorate level.

The demands which were presented before DSEJ in the meeting are Change of Annual session from March to Decem-



ber in the winter zones of Jammu division. This adjustment would better align with the climatic conditions and ensure optimal learning for students and Teacher's also. DPC of Teacher's to Master's and Master's to Headmaster's should be conducted soon for better career growth and also motivate them to further excel in their roles. ABRSM demanded conduction of ATD-2024 as per previous years. Regular Annual Transfer Drive (ATD-2024) has been not started yet. The delegation members also apprised worthy Director sir about Regular Annual Transfer

Drive (ATD-2024) to be conducted for all cadres of teaching fraternity as most of the teaching faculty is still posted in far flung areas/hard zones for more than five years. Relief may be provided to them by conducting ATD-2024. Another important issue discussed was of Rationalization of Teacher's to be done according to established norms, avoiding any arbitrary or selective methods. ABRSM also requested for Merging/clubbing/De-clubbing of rented building and low enrollment schools should be merged with the nearest government

schools with their own buildings as well as De-clubbing of those schools whose building construction work has been completed. Another important issue discussed was clearance of pending files of Grade-II and Grade-III in a time bound manner for maintaining the efficiency and morale of the teaching workforce. Other demands include ,Renovation of damaged and dilapidated infrastructure, development of School infrastructure, sweeper facility in Primary and Middle Schools.

Moreover, the delegation members also demanded introduction of Sociology and Psychology subjects at Higher Secondary level as most of the students opt for Sociology and Psychology at College level face problem in getting acquainted with new subject. Introduction of

Sociology and Psychology at Higher Secondary level help students to perform better in general.

However, after giving patient hearing to the demands of the ABRSM delegation, Worthy Director School Education Mr Ashok Sharma gave assurance for early redressal of the issues discussed in the meeting and necessary steps will be taken in this direction to resolve the demands raised by the ABRSM. Worthy Director sir also directed Worthy CEO Kishtwar to look up into the matter of Rationalization of Teacher's and Merging/ De-clubbing of rented buildings and Low enrollment schools and also to work in collaboration with ABRSM Unit District Kishtwar. The other members of delegation include Rishi Singh (Distt. Gen. Secretary), Arvinder kishore (District Vice-president), Kulbushan ji, Subash ji (Executive Members) etc.

Kavinder terms 10 yrs of Modi Govt as a Golden period in Indian history

JI NEWS SERVICE
GURDASPUR, MAY 28



Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, today termed the ten years of the Modi Government as a golden period in Indian history.

Addressing a press conference in Gurdaspur, Kavinder highlighted several significant achievements and commitments fulfilled by the government since the 2014 and 2019 parliamentary polls.

Kavinder emphasized the historic abrogation of Article 370, which he said has integrated Jammu and Kashmir more closely with the rest of India, fostering peace, stability, and development in the region. He noted the successful commencement of the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, fulfilling a long-standing promise and aspiration of millions of Indians.

Kavinder also highlighted the initiatives taken by the Modi Government for the welfare of Punjabis

including opening of the Kartarpur Corridor, which has allowed Sikh pilgrims easy access to one of their holiest sites, promoting religious harmony and bilateral relations. He highlighted that more than 23 crore farmers benefitted from the PM-KISAN scheme in Punjab, with total DBT transfers worth over Rs. 4,750 crore. He said that Modi government has also given a fertiliser subsidy of over Rs. 55,000 crore to more than 62 lakh farmers in Punjab in the last six years (up to January 2024). Besides this, inauguration of 29 National Highway projects, establishment of India's first Technology and Innovation Support Center

(TISC) in Punjab, Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, 100-bed PGI Satellite Centre at Ferozepur, declaration of 26th December as the Veer Bal Diwas, Under the PRA-SHAD scheme, 46 projects at Rs. 1629.17 crore have been sanctioned, including the development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar and Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, etc.

He asserted that the last ten years under the Modi government have witnessed a paradigm shift in Punjab's development trajectory. The multifaceted approach encompassing infrastructural, agricultural, and cultural initiatives reflects a commitment to holistic growth.

Deputations raise issue of poor water, power supply with MP Khatana

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Many deputations on Tuesday met senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana and discussed their problems.

The prominent demand raised by the deputations was regarding poor water and power supply in entire Jammu province area.

Deputation members said that there are long power cuts in Jammu in this scorching hot days of summers and the poor water supply further increases public miseries. They said that due to poor water supply humans as well as cattle are badly affected.

"Traditional sources of water like ponds have dried up and the cattle owners especially the tribal and residents of Kandi belt have to take



their cattle to long distances or have to collect water from far off places for them," a deputation of tribals informed Khatana. Members of another deputation said that long power cuts have created a lot of problems especially for the old age people, ailing persons and it has also badly affected the education of children. After listening to the deputations with patience,

MP Khatana said that people should use the water judiciously in this scorching hot days. The BJP leader asked the Chief Secretary (CS) of J&K to review the situation of poor water and power supply with heads of the departments concerned and come up with some effective solution soon. "Ensure that no overflow, pipe leakage or any other type of wastage of

water is there," Khatana asked the head of Jal Shakti Department. He instructed the heads of Jal Shakti Department and Power Department to make efforts so that public sufferings can be reduced to zero.

"Dig new tube-wells, press your tankers into service and do whatever can be done to minimize the public miseries," the BJP leader said. He further said that the J&KPDCL should ensure that no power cuts are there especially in afternoon hours. Khatana said that public should be informed well in advance about the power and water cuts so that they may make alternate plans well in advance to meet the crisis.

"Public sufferings shall not be tolerated at any cost as BJP is determined for the welfare of all without any discrimination," the MP said.

RMMC to hold free neurology camp by Dr Sushil Razdan on June 1

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Ramakrishna Mission Medical Centre, Jammu, is organizing a free neurology camp on June 1, 2024, extending its services to the community in an effort to promote health and wellness.

The camp will feature a team of esteemed medical professionals, including renowned neurologist Dr. Sushil Razdan, D.M (Neurology) M.D., Dr. Rajni Razdan, a Gynaecologist, and Dr. KK Pandita, a Physician MD. They will offer their expertise in various fields, ensuring thorough and specialized medical attention for all attendees. Only limited number of patients will be examined throughout the day by registering first cum first serve basis.

Attendees will benefit from a wide range of free medical services, includ-

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ing blood sugar checks, HbA1c tests, and blood pressure measurements. Additionally, the camp will provide access to specialist consultations in cardiology, orthopedics, ENT, ophthalmology, dentistry, physiotherapy, and psychology.

In a special offer, the camp will provide a full body check-up, covering 65 parameters, at a 50 percent discounted price of only Rs 700, as opposed to the regular Rs 1400. This offer is aimed at making comprehensive health check-ups accessible to a broader segment of the community.

Registrations are now open for the health camp. Interested individuals are encouraged to call 95969-84032 to secure their spot. It is important to note that services will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, highlighting the need for prompt registration.

J&K Police HQs promotes 49 ASIs to Rank of SI

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 28

Jammu and Kashmir Police Headquarters has issued a promotion order in respect of 49 Assistant Sub-Inspectors of the Executive Cadre to the rank of Sub-Inspectors.

A Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) was convened under the chairmanship of the Director General of Police, J&K, Shri R.R Swain to consider the promotion of these officers. After a thorough evaluation of the service records and merits of the eligible officers, 49 ASIs of the J&K Executive Police were promoted to the rank of SI.

DGP, J&K has congratulated all the promoted officers and their families.

Congress confident of securing victory in Chandigarh LS Seat: Sawhney

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, APR 28

Election campaign is going on full strength in Chandigarh Lok Sabha Constituency as the final phase of the Lok Sabha elections approaches. With few days remaining for Polling Date, in this crucial time, the Congress leaders are striving to connect with voters through vigorous door-to-door campaigning and public meetings. Another significant campaign meeting was held on Tuesday at Burali in Chandigarh, in support of I.N.D.I.A Alliance candidate Sh. Manish Tewari where Sh. Kuldeep Singh Rathore MLA, HP and Former PCC Chief Himachal Pradesh was present. He had visited especially from Himachal Pradesh to extend his support and was honoured by Rajput Samaj Burali by Sh. Vijay Singh Raina Ex Councillor and Sr. Leaders. Former Minister J&K and Senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney was also present at the campaign event.

Senior leaders including Narpal Singh, Nirmal Singh, Tejpal Singh Rana, Shiv Charan Singh, Aman Singh Rana, Sanjay Singh Rana, Abhimanyu Singh,



Mohila Singh Rana and others were also present at today's campaign. Speaking at the campaign, Kuldeep Singh Rathore MLA, HP and Former PCC Chief Himachal Pradesh encouraged the people to support the Congress party and help secure its victory. Stating that BJP has played with the sentiments of the Rajput community by their insensitive comments on historical references of Rajputs marrying their daughters into

Mughal lineages. He stated that BJP has hurt the sentiments of the Rajputs and has an agenda of hate politics which is not endorsed by Congress party. Rajput community must see through such behavior and put their faith in the right party, he said.

He further stated that Congress is fighting in high hopes and complete efforts to secure this victory as Manish Tewari has backed the support of people and is deserving. The campaign efforts

have been bolstered by a series of Door-to-door campaigns aimed at engaging all voters and spreading the message of the I.N.D.I.A Alliance to a broader audience. All relevant avenues are being utilized to complement the on-ground efforts, he added. The energy and enthusiasm within the Congress camp are at an all-time high, with volunteers and leaders working tirelessly to secure a victory for Sh. Manish Tewari Ji, he said.

Former Minister J&K and senior Congress leader Yogesh Sawhney said that Manish Tewari Ji is receiving widespread support from the electorate, further stating that the party's efforts are intense to ensure victory. He is most deserving of victory in the Chandigarh Constituency and is immensely experienced with long-term association with politics, said Sawhney. He also has the trust and support of the people, and party. Party units are consistently working to reach out to maximum people as very little time remains till polling day and it is a constant effort from our end that Manish Tewari Ji's ideologies and vision is communicated to people so that they can make educated decisions.

The heat of the elections is palpable, with a strong emphasis on voter outreach. Sawhney expressed confidence in a favorable outcome in Chandigarh. Congress leaders from Jammu and Kashmir are also actively campaigning for party candidates. There is no doubt that Manish Tewari Ji is receiving considerable support in Chandigarh, assured Sawhney.

Indian Army, NCB jointly conduct drug awareness lecture at GHSS Sohail



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Indian army in collaboration with Narcotic Control Bureau successfully conducted an enlightening lecture on drug awareness and physical fitness at Government Higher Secondary School, Sohail. The event aimed to educate students on the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of maintaining physical health.

The lecture began with an insightful address by Akash Rai who highlight-

ed the growing menace of drug abuse among youth and its devastating consequences. He emphasized the role of education and awareness in combating this issue and provided detailed information on how students can identify and avoid potential drug-related threats.

In addition students were also educated on the significance of physical fitness in daily routine by an Officer of Indian Army of Akhnoor Division, inspiring students to incorporate regular

physical activity into their lives. The interactive session allowed students to ask questions and engage in discussions, making the event both informative and interactive.

Vice Principal Mrs Reena expressed her gratitude to the Army and NCB for organizing this impactful event. She stressed the importance of such initiatives in fostering a safe and healthy environment for students.

EDITORIAL

Agnipath scheme— Navigating a critical crossroad

Repeatedly described by the government as a game-changer and a force multiplier for the armed forces, the Agnipath scheme has been under intense scrutiny since its launch in June 2022. Aimed at rejuvenating the military with younger, fitter personnel, the scheme's retention policy—where only 25 percent of inductees are retained after four years—has sparked significant debate within military and political circles. The Congress party has promised to scrap the scheme in its 2024 Lok Sabha election manifesto, advocating a return to traditional recruitment procedures for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. In response to the criticisms and concerns, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently indicated that the government is open to revising the scheme if necessary. This flexibility is crucial, as it suggests a willingness to listen and adapt. Furthermore, reports of an internal Army survey to assess Agnipath's impact on recruitment—seeking feedback from Agniveers, unit commanders, and regimental staff—highlight a proactive approach to understanding and addressing the scheme's practical implications. The retention policy remains the most contentious aspect. With only 25 percent of Agniveers being retained, the future of the remaining 75 percent is uncertain. Despite government assurances, doubts about their job prospects and economic security persist. This apprehension is particularly significant given India's widespread unemployment and underemployment. The rehabilitation of these young individuals post-service is a substantial challenge that demands a robust strategy involving both public and private sectors. The Congress party has adeptly leveraged this dissatisfaction, particularly in states like Haryana, turning it into a key electoral issue. This political dimension underscores the urgency for a comprehensive review of Agnipath, focusing especially on the retention ratio. While the objective of creating a younger and more dynamic military is commendable, it must be balanced with the need to ensure sustainable career paths for all recruits. There are strong indications that the retention rate might be increased to 50 percent, but no official stance has been taken yet. This potential change reflects an understanding of the scheme's current shortcomings and a step towards addressing them. However, any adjustments must be carefully considered and based on thorough feedback and analysis. Criticism from the veteran community, who have expressed disapproval not out of partisan leanings but from a deep sense of belonging and commitment to the organization, adds another layer of complexity. Veterans are a crucial pillar in the armed forces, providing guidance and maintaining the spirit of regimentation. Their concerns about the scheme must be addressed to maintain the integrity and morale of the forces. As the nation approaches the next general election, the discourse around Agnipath will undoubtedly intensify. It is imperative that any modifications to the scheme are driven by comprehensive, on-the-ground feedback and the best interests of both current and future recruits. Only through careful evaluation and responsive policymaking can Agnipath truly fulfill its potential as a game-changer and force multiplier for India's armed forces. The government's move to introduce this reform was a bold step, but it now stands at a critical crossroads. Ensuring that the Agnipath scheme meets its objectives without compromising the long-term welfare of its recruits is essential. A balanced, well-considered approach will be key to navigating this complex issue and securing the future of India's defense personnel.

Raisi's legacy endures in Iran, despite West

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Over three million Iranians have gathered in Mashhad, Iran's second-largest city, to honour the late President Raisi, who tragically perished in a helicopter crash along with eight others. The massive turnout, which filled the streets to capacity, reflects the deep respect and admiration many citizens held for Raisi, contradicting assertions by Washington that he was widely despised. Raisi's interment at the holy shrine of Imam Reza, a significant and unprecedented honour for a political leader, accentuates his esteemed status in the country. This unprecedented event defies the distorted and often misunderstood sentiments of the Iranian populace towards their leaders. Often, those who are demarcating the enemies, forcing others to accept their version of the story as gospel truth, are met with a ground reality that tells us the exact opposite.

The circumstances of the incident, however, have fuelled a wave of conspiracy theories. Moments after the crash, US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer declared there was no evidence of foul play, citing intelligence officials, despite Iran's rescue teams not yet having reached the crash site. Subsequently, some blame the secret organisation of Iran's arch-enemy State, Israel's Mossad. Others speculate that the death was the result of an inside job. However, this tragedy marked a significant event not only in Iranian politics but in the constantly growing West versus Rest dynamic, which is now more strongly questioning the partiality of international organisations while strengthening

the established strong alternatives such as BRICS and the New Development Bank. Iran is playing a pivotal role in this.

Meanwhile, a segment of Western media recently published a series of stories about the helicopter crash suggesting that American sanctions have severely hindered Iran's ability to maintain its fleet of American-manufactured helicopters. It was suggested that a technical failure caused the crash, but so far there's no evidence to support this. The helicopter was one of three Bell 214 models; the other two returned safely, but President Raisi's did not.

An Iranian defence firm, under the Iranian Aviation Industries Organisation (IAIO), specialises in maintaining and reverse-engineering US-model helicopters for Iran's military and the IRGC. Added to the US Department of the Treasury's SDN list in January 2018, its assets under US jurisdiction are frozen and transactions with US parties are prohibited under Executive Order 13382, targeting WMD proliferators.

However, contrary to suggestions that Raisi's helicopter was overloaded and that this put undue strain on its engines, the aircraft was not operating beyond its capacity. The helicopter was carrying nine passengers and crew combined, well within its maximum capacity of 15 persons. The notion that the helicopter's age contributed significantly to the crash is also questionable. While the media has painted the Bell 214 as ancient, in reality, it was built in 1994 by Bell Helicopter Textron in Canada. With a global average age for commercial helicopters at around 23 years, Raisi's helicopter, though slightly older, was not exceptionally

outdated. Moreover, helicopters used for presidential transport typically receive meticulous maintenance.

As Stephen D. Bryen, a leading expert on technology security who led the Pentagon's technology policy efforts during the Reagan administration, pointed out, the engines of Raisi's helicopter, Pratt and Whitney PT6Ts, are also Canadian-made and widely regarded for their reliability. The implication that the helicopter's maintenance was compromised due to sanctions lacks substantiation, especially considering the high-profile nature of the passengers. The critical question of whether Canada currently supplies spare parts to Iran remains unclear, adding another layer of complexity to the narrative. Nonetheless, the assertions of technical failure due to sanctions remain speculative without concrete evidence and the focus should be on a thorough and unbiased investigation into the actual causes of the crash.

President Raisi was focused on cooling down border tensions and extending his diplomatic outreach to neighbouring Arab countries. His chosen Foreign Minister, Amir-Abdollahian, who also passed away with him, was instrumental in reengineering Iranian foreign policy. A notable example of this effort was the steps taken to normalise Iran-Saudi Arabia diplomatic relations. This Chinese-backed diplomatic initiative is crucial for reshaping the West Asian diplomatic terrain. Similarly, the recent irrigation project constructed across the Aras River, which Raisi jointly inaugurated with his counterpart in Baku, is a demonstration of this new diplomatic approach.

The Aras River, spanning

1,072 km, originates in Eastern Turkey and flows along several borders: Turkey and Armenia, Turkey and Azerbaijan, Iran and Azerbaijan and through Azerbaijan into the Kura River. This region, a small riverine area in the Caucasus between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, has witnessed numerous tragedies, including the often-overlooked Armenian Genocide, which claimed around 1.5 million lives. The 689 km Iran-Azerbaijan border, demarcated by the Aras River, highlights the geopolitical sensitivity and strategic importance of this area.

After the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991, Azerbaijan gained independence and assumed control of part of the Iran-Soviet border, leading to escalating disputes. The 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh War saw Azerbaijan seize full control of the western border with Iran, heightening tensions. Relations between Iran and Azerbaijan slightly improved under President Hassan Rouhani, but Baku never hesitated to provide Israel with a strategic opportunity. Israel strengthened its alliance with Azerbaijan, turning it into a significant market for advanced weaponry. The 2020 conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh resulted in approximately 5,700 deaths, with Israel supplying a significant portion of Azerbaijan's arms, highlighting the deepening strategic ties between the two nations. As a result, Azerbaijan was able to absorb the Artsakh Republic, also known as Nagorno-Karabakh, a self-proclaimed republic dissolved in January this year.

In exchange for Israeli weapons, Azerbaijan provided oil. Ilham Aliyev, president since 2003, was

re-elected for a fifth term on February 7 with over 92 percent of the vote. Aliyev, who succeeded his father, Heydar Aliyev, a former Soviet KGB officer, has strengthened Azerbaijan's ties with Israel. Aliyev amended the constitution in 2009 to permit unlimited presidential terms and, in 2016, extended the presidential term from five to seven years. Azerbaijan can be seen as a family-run State prioritising clan interests, yet Aliyev has skillfully navigated relations with Eastern and Western powers to serve his political aims. It is not hyperbole to say Aliyev is a skilled Machiavellian politician in contemporary politics.

An investigation by Israeli media outlet Haaretz published recently detailed the strategic relationship between Israel and Azerbaijan, through which Tel Aviv has supplied Baku with billions of dollars worth of weapons in exchange for "oil and access to Iran."

This extensive military cooperation underscores the depth of the strategic alliance between the two nations. Azerbaijan has reportedly permitted Israel's Mossad intelligence agency to establish a presence in the country to monitor Iran, its southern neighbour. Additionally, Azerbaijan has facilitated the setup of an airfield for Israel to potentially strike Iranian nuclear facilities from its territory. In exchange, Azerbaijan receives the most advanced weapons, including ballistic missiles, air defence systems and kamikaze drones. However, as Yossi Melman, a noted Israeli writer and journalist who is an expert on intelligence and strategic affairs, affirmed, it is unlikely for Israel, particularly Mossad, to be involved in such an assassination as it

never targets such individuals. But one should not forget that it was under President Raisi that Iran launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel, the single largest drone attack ever carried out by any country.

President Raisi and his top diplomat left a legacy far greater than what they achieved while in power. Their deaths are more impactful than the assassination of President Mohammad Ali Rajaei and Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar, who were cut short in an explosion set by the Mojahedin-e Khalq Organisation, in August 1981. Despite expectations of seclusion and controversy, Raisi navigated international relations adeptly, maintaining uranium enrichment and escalating tensions with the West, but also restoring ties with Saudi Arabia, which advanced peace talks in Yemen and prevented military escalation.

This diplomatic success, seen as strategic pragmatism, opened dialogue with other regional powers and reduced tensions. Raisi revived the Chabahar port deal with India, defying US sanctions and facilitated a major prisoner exchange with the US, demonstrating diplomatic flexibility. Though Iran was blamed for supporting Hamas in the October 2023 attacks on Israel, no concrete evidence linked Iran directly, yet its backing of such groups has increased its regional influence and garnered support for Palestinians from other Arab countries. Iran lost two great politicians, but it is hard to assume it will change the Iranian political structure rather it will be strengthened.

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Mitigating the E-Waste Crisis

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Today with the advancements in the field of science and technology, computers and other mobile devices have become such an integral part of everyone's work and personal lives that it is hard to imagine life without them. Not only that, but along with that the problem of e-waste continues to grow every year as consumers frequently upgrade their gadgets leading to the high turnover of electronic devices.

E-waste or electronic waste refers to discarded electronic devices and appliances that have reached the end of their useful life or are no longer wanted by their

owners. It is one of the significant problems due to its complex composition, rapid generation and the challenges it poses to human health and the environment. Due to the presence of various toxic substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium present in batteries and semiconductors can cause of neurological damage and can even damage the kidneys and bones. Not only this the toxic chemicals released from such wastes can leach into soil, making it infertile and unsafe for agriculture.

Not only will the soil get contaminated but the other sources of the environment that is water and air will also be affected badly as improper disposition of e-wastes can

contaminate the waterbodies thereby affecting the water supplies and aquatic life and; toxic fumes released for extracting valuable metals will contribute to respiratory problems. It is believed that airborne toxins can travel long distances, affecting air quality and human health. Quite often in many developing countries, informal e-waste recycling activity is a significant source of income. Such activities are often unregulated and the workers are exposed to high levels of toxic substances without adequate protection.

This exposure can lead to respiratory problems, skin disorders and other severe health issues. The improper disposal and recycling of

e-waste contribute to greenhouse gas emissions thereby contributing to environmental degradation and increased carbon footprints. According to the Global E-waste Monitor 2020, the world generated 53.6 million metric tons of e-waste in 2019 and this figure is expected to grow to 74.7 million metric tons by 2030. Only a fraction of this waste is properly recycled, with much ending up in landfills posing significant environmental and health risks.

Proper recycling of such wastes is the only solution that can help recover valuable materials and reduce the need for new resource extraction and the same is possible only and only when the Government enacts and enforces

stringent regulations for e-waste management, including proper collection, recycling and disposal practices such as e-waste collection drives and recycling centres to facilitate proper disposal. Manufacturers should also be held responsible for the entire lifecycle of their products, including take-back programs and recycling initiatives.

Investing in advanced recycling technologies can help improve the efficiency and safety of extracting valuable materials from e-waste. Encouraging the manufacturers to design such products that are easier to recycle, repair and upgrade can reduce e-waste generation. Educating consumers at the

same time about the importance of proper e-waste disposal and the available recycling options can reduce improper disposal practices. Establishing international standards for e-waste management can help ensure safe and efficient recycling practices worldwide. Strengthening international regulations to prevent the illegal export of e-waste to developing countries where it is often processed unsafely. Remember, from gadgets to green initiatives, every individual living on this planet should recycle their e-waste and pave the way for a cleaner greener tomorrow.

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Science archives preserve our scientific legacy

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As an ever-evolving discipline, science continually shapes our understanding of the world and our place within it. Each discovery, innovation and technological advancement contributes to the present and builds the foundation for future generations. Most scientific activity in our laboratories may become part of tomorrow's history. People who have seen and overcome the COVID-19 pandemic may understand the hardships people faced during the pandemic. The innovations and discoveries developed to combat the global pandemic are now part of scientific history. Similar is the case with most of our scientific discoveries and inventions.

Scientific knowledge is inherently cumulative. Each generation of scientists builds upon the work of their predecessors,

advancing our understanding of complex phenomena. For instance, the development of quantum mechanics in the early 20th century paved the way for modern advancements in quantum computing. Scientific developments also help in driving the economy and civilisations. We can see the imprint of the scientific strength of our pre-historic period through archaeological pieces of evidence.

Science is a critical component of our cultural and intellectual heritage. It reflects our collective curiosity, ingenuity and drive to understand the world around us. Historical scientific documents, such as Darwin's notes on evolution or Einstein's manuscripts on relativity, are valuable for their scientific content and cultural artefacts that highlight the intellectual milestones of humanity. Preserved scientific materials handled



by great scientists serve as invaluable research and educational resources. Original research papers, laboratory notebooks, communications with contemporary researchers and policymakers, email communications and prototype instruments can highlight the pain the researchers undertook during that time. It can act as an inspiration for future researchers to move forward.

Unfortunately, we dig into the past of a scientist only when their work gets global recognition. By this time, we might have lost all resources related to the discovery except for the research publications available on the public database. Science archives are essential for preserving human knowledge's vast and intricate tapestry. They store various mate-

rials, including research notes, correspondence between scientists, experimental data, publications and even artefacts such as laboratory equipment and specimens. This preservation is critical because it ensures that valuable scientific information is not lost over time. For example, the archives of the Royal Society in London contain records dating back to the 17th century, chronicling the early days of modern science. These documents provide insights into the time's experimental techniques and intellectual debates, allowing historians and scientists to trace the evolution of scientific thought and practice. In India, the Archives at NCBS (<https://archives.ncbs.res.in/>) serve as a novel initiative to preserve the scientific history of modern India. The centre has over 250,000 processed objects across 30+ collections in

various forms, ranging from paper-based manuscripts to negatives to photographs, books, fine art, audio recordings, scientific equipment, letters and field and lab notes.

The documents stored in volatile electronic or digital storage are susceptible to being permanently erased by a single button press or the malfunction of a hard drive. If these artefacts are not systematically conserved, they will be permanently lost, leading to what has been referred to as the Digital Dark Age.

The Government should also make it mandatory for every researcher to periodically submit the documents to archives so that age and memory don't fade the significance of their research work.

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MICRONUTRIENT STATUS AND METABOLIC HEALTH: THE LINK

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Macronutrients are a primary focus area while planning a diet. However, they are not the whole story. The human body must consume a balanced diet with micronutrients – vitamins, minerals, amino acids, fatty acids, enzymes, and coenzymes. In addition, micronutrients play a multi-faceted role in your health, from strengthening your bones to enhancing the immune system.

Vitamins, minerals, and other specialized micronutrients are essential for preserving one's health. Micronutrients maintain your cells' health and the proper operation of biological processes. Maintaining optimal cellular nourishment with micronutrients is necessary to generate energy, control stress, balance mood, sleep, and other vital functions.

It is challenging to plan the proper intake of macro and micronutrients in our daily lives. Also, with metabolic illnesses like diabetes, heart issues, cancer, etc., increasing, it becomes crucial to pay attention to food intake. One way of doing it is by subscribing to HealthifyPRO 2.0. It has various features like weight analysis, blood glucose level monitoring, metabolic panel testing, and personalized consultation with a coach. As a result, you learn to create optimum meal plans and healthy lifestyle habits that keep you metabolically healthy by modifying your diet plans.

Micronutrients, specifically several B vitamins, vitamin C, iron, magnesium, and zinc, are linked to cognitive and psychological symptoms like exhaustion on a molecular and cellular level, according to substantial biochemical and clinical data. They are rich in various dietary sources (naturally occurring or fortified nutrients) and supplements. In addition, cells also produce certain micronutrients through internal synthesis.

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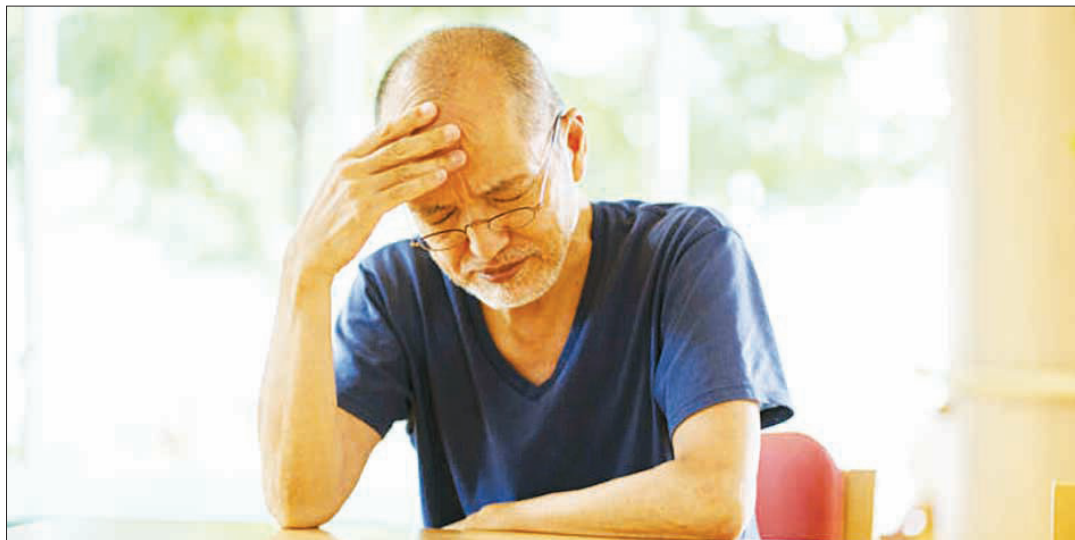
Micronutrients play a crucial role in maintaining overall growth and development. But unfortunately, most people are unaware of its significance and tend to ignore its part in the daily diet. Each source of micronutrients has potential drawbacks when attempting to eat optimally. For instance, some kinds of supplementary nutrients are less effective than others, and malabsorption and inadequate microbial synthesis of micronutrients can be the outcomes.

Micronutrients: An overview

In general, vitamins and minerals are micronutrients. Proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates are examples of macronutrients. Compared to macronutrients, your body requires fewer micronutrients. Since the body can rarely generate vitamins and minerals, humans must get their micronutrients from their food.

When you eat a nutritious diet, you intake adequate minerals and vitamins as each vitamin and mineral has a unique purpose in your body. Hence optimum health status requires an appropriate intake of all micronutrients.

Studies suggest that vitamins and minerals are essential for growth, immune system health, brain devel-



opment, and many other critical processes. In addition, according to studies and reports, some micronutrients may also help to prevent and treat chronic diseases depending on their role.

Micronutrients and Metabolic Health: The Connection

Macronutrients carbohydrates, protein, and fat are essential for the metabolic fitness of an individual. However, while these macronutrients play a significant role in how the body makes energy and fights disease, they by no means work in isolation.

They are coupled with micronutrients such as antioxidants, vitamins, minerals, trace metals, and others to work in conjunction to keep your immune system strong. Micronutrients play a crucial part in helping the cells to carry out their standard process and to let the body function at its peak at the cellular level.

Most nutrients play a significant role in the chain reactions that control every aspect of your body's metabolism and involve proteins, enzymes, and hormones. The system will break down as a whole even if one of the linkages is weak or absent. They can function as catalysts for crucial chemical processes, constituents of essential proteins, and more.

Given the wide range of micronutrients, following a nutritious and balanced diet is vital to prevent scurvy, blindness, rickets, weak bones, and other congenital disabilities. According to a study, obesity and Type 2 diabetes can also impact the micronutrient level. In addition, research links insulin resistance to micronutrient deficiencies, particularly those in calcium, magnesium, and zinc.

Effects of Micronutrient Deficiency

Consumption of micronutrients in a particular ratio is critical to carry out their specific activities in your body. A vitamin or mineral might have adverse side effects if consumed excessively or too little. A balanced diet will allow people to consume enough micronutrients for most healthy adults. However, some groups are more prone to dietary deficits than others.

Each nutrient's indications, symptoms, and long-term impacts vary. Still, they can harm your body's ability to function properly and maintain optimal health. Here's how the deficiency of micronutrients can affect your metabolic

Daily Diet Tips for Egg Consumption

Your nutritious breakfast should include eggs.

Compared to eating pancakes, syrup, juice, or sausage for breakfast, a hard-boiled egg on top of a healthy salad with fresh smoked salmon will have a very different nutrient profile. The best way to eat eggs should be as part of a low-glycemic meal. In addition, make sure you pair it with foods free of refined sugar and carbohydrates that could raise your insulin and blood sugar levels.

Pick your cooking medium carefully.

Frying eggs impact the meal's nutritional value due to the oil quality. Therefore, opt for olive oil, avocado oil, and coconut oil. You get them in natural forms. They undergo less chemical processing than other counterparts like heavily processed seed oils like canola or sunflower oils that contain harmful linoleic acids. If you choose to use ghee or butter try to limit the quantity and use the ones made from grass-fed cow milk.

Choose soft-boiled or poached.

According to several studies, boiling the egg whites but essentially keeping the yolk uncooked retains the maximum nutritional value. This technique also enables cooking to boost the protein's bioavailability and destroy any hazardous microorganisms.

health.

Fatigue

Since vitamins are essential for producing energy and are involved in overall processes, insufficient levels of vitamins can slow the process down and increase the likelihood of developing fatigue or weakness.

Even after eating, you might not feel energized or active because the body won't be able to fuel the cells. Such vitamin deficiencies accompanied by fatigue happen due to poor diet choices, such as those high in sugar and saturated fats.

Constant Hunger

Satiety depends on the vitamins we consume and whether or not the stomach is full. The ability to control hunger and satiety depends on various amino acids and minerals, including B vitamins. If your diet is on track and you're eating healthy foods, you may have noticed that you don't feel hungry between meals.

One reason indicates the importance of concentrating on nutrition rather than calories when attempting to lose weight. You are more inclined to overeat to feel fulfilled due to lacking specific vitamins and amino acids, eventually resulting in weight gain.

Hair Thinning

Hair loss is another negative side effect of not providing your metabolism with the proper micronutrients. For example, suppose you experience excessive hair loss or thinning when you brush or shower could be a sign of a deficit vitamin level. Micronutrients are necessary for hair growth, and if there is any deficiency, the health of the hair and nails will be at risk. As a result, you experience severe hair loss, dandruff and others.

Depression and Lack of Motivation

With a balanced diet, you will feel motivated and want to take active steps toward your goals. Uncontrollable mood swings and a lack of motivation aren't always personality traits. Numerous brain functions depend on vitamins and minerals, so deficiencies in these nutrients increase the risk of neurotransmitter depletion.

The neurotransmitter damage can cause mood swings, anxiety, despair, and a loss of enthusiasm for activities you once found enjoyable. Remember that your body functions mainly through chemical reactions

can either be created when sunshine strikes the skin or absorbed via eating meat, or taken as a supplement. The other primary type of vitamin D, vitamin D2, is typically consumed as a supplement or synthetic food additive. According to research, some vitamin D is better absorbed in higher-fat diets.

Three ounces of trout or salmon will get you close to the needed amount of vitamins. On the other hand, half a cup of UV-grown mushrooms has almost half the recommended vitamin D. Furthermore, a tablespoon of cod liver oil has a high level of vitamin D. Hence, please consult your coach if your usual diet is deficient in vitamin D.

Magnesium

Vitamin D doesn't function metabolically by itself. Studies suggest that magnesium is necessary for Vitamin D metabolism. A meta-analysis with six trials and around 25,000 patients shows a strong link between magnesium insufficiency and metabolic syndrome. The researchers found that a person's overall risk of developing metabolic syndrome fell by 17% for every daily increase of 100 mg of magnesium.

Ways to Get Magnesium

Pumpkin seeds, which contain 156 milligrams of magnesium per ounce, are one of the best food sources of the mineral. Chia seeds include 95 milligrams per ounce, while other healthy sources of magnesium include almonds, spinach, cashews, and peanuts. Additionally, black beans, edamame, soy milk, and peanut butter all contain it.

The magnesium most readily absorbed by the body when taken as supplements include magnesium aspartate, magnesium citrate, magnesium lactate, and magnesium chloride. Also, remember that magnesium supplements can conflict with some antibiotics and osteoporosis treatments.

Zinc

The body requires zinc in more than 300 metabolic pathways. Numerous enzymes responsible for synthesizing carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, insulin signaling, and vitamin D activation depend on zinc. It is crucial in assisting the immune system and is also associated with diabetes and insulin resistance. Furthermore, an unbalanced zinc level may increase a person's risk for high blood sugar and obesity.

Zinc Sources

The body cannot store zinc; hence, you must obtain it through your diet. Nearly seven times zinc's recommended level is present in three ounces of oysters. About half of the necessary zinc intake for men and almost the entire daily intake for women are present in an equal amount of beef or crab. An ounce of pumpkin seeds or cashews can satisfy roughly 15-25% of your daily calorie needs if you're a vegetarian.

Just remember that some seeds, nuts, legumes, and whole grains contain phytic acid, phosphorus that binds to zinc and hinders absorption. It indicates that plant-based meals are less abundant sources of zinc than animal foods. However, phytic acid levels decreased using easy techniques like soaking, fermenting, or sprouting food.

Ways to Get Vitamin D

Sunlight exposure accounts for 50 to 90% of vitamin D consumption, as the name indicates "sunshine vitamin." Vitamin D3, one of the two primary forms of the vitamin,

eggs because of their cholesterol levels.

Micronutrients

Macronutrients like carbs, lipids, and proteins, and micronutrients like vitamins and minerals are crucial for proper metabolic health. Eggs are among the foods with the widest variety in vitamin content.

Vitamins are extraordinarily abundant in eggs. Except for vitamin C, every vitamin is present in eggs. However, they are distributed differently between the yolk and the white.

Eggs contain abundant amounts of vitamins A, D, E, K, B1, B2, B5, B6, B9, and B12. In addition, egg whites contain high concentrations of vitamin B in significant proportions. As per research, 10-30% of the daily required quantity of several of these vitamins is present in just two eggs. Vitamins A, D, E, and K are examples of fat-soluble nutrients.

Eggs are a rich source of phosphorus, calcium, and potassium, as well as copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, selenium, and zinc. The proportion of selenium and iodine inside an egg is significantly impacted by what a hen consumes, just like liposoluble vitamins.

Choline

Eggs are the second-best source of choline, a water-soluble substance frequently linked to the B vitamin family. Approximately 27% of the daily required amount of the vitamin is present in one hard-boiled egg. Its

BRIEFLY HEALTH NEWS

Black or white? Study reveals the best way to drink tea for a longer life

The love for tea and coffee is a profound one – those that want a cup at the start of the day, in the evening, or at the end know how much they need the refreshing beverage throughout the day. Little do they realise how it could be key to living a longer and healthier life.

How does black tea contribute to longevity?

A new study recently decoded how drinking tea in a particular way and in specific quantities could add years to life. According to a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* journal, people aged 40 to 69 were analysed for their diet, lifestyle habits and tea intake – 85 per cent admitted to being tea drinkers, while 89 per cent had black tea drinking two to five cups a day. Researchers discovered that people who drank more than two cups of black tea a day had a lower risk of dying from heart stroke or stroke – their cumulative risk of mortality dipped by 12 per cent upon drinking three cups of black tea in a day. Additionally, adding milk or sugar did not affect the benefits.

Black tea – A nutrient profile

And as far as the health benefits of black tea are concerned, experts say that the inflammation-curbing effects of the drink could help reduce the risk of diabetes, stroke, and heart disease. Additionally, this beverage is rich in phytonutrients, polyphenols, catechins, and antioxidants that have anti-inflammatory effects on the body. On the nutrition front, one cup of black tea contains 2.4 calories and small traces of carbohydrates, fibre, proteins, and fats. Inflammation is significantly affected by dietary and lifestyle choices – what one eats, and drinks in a day. Although it is the body's natural response to the external invasion, chronic and excessive inflammation could be associated with heightened disease risk.

Beware! Chemo brain can cause anxiety, depression, panic attacks in cancer patients

Cancer not only takes a physical toll on a person's body but there are mental health effects as well. The extensive cancer treatments that include chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and hormone therapy take a toll, causing cognitive impairment known as Chemo brain. Many times, cancer patients experience: Memory lapses and forgetting obvious things, Concentration troubles or feeling spaced out, Problems in multi-tasking, Not being able to learn anything new, Super disorganised or slow in thinking and processing things, Not able to complete sentences. According to doctors, chemo brain is a temporary phase that lasts a short time but can have long-term repercussions.

What causes chemo brain?

When a cancer patient undergoes chemotherapy or any related treatments, there are a lot of changes that happen in the body, like losing appetite, hair falling, feeling weak, marks on the body, etc. These changes cause a drastic effect on a person's thinking and confidence, leading to chemo brain. Doctors say a lot of patients also end up in stress and depression when things worsen. A few main causes of chemo brain can be classified as: Tumors, that can cause anxiety and stress, Cancer medicines or drugs that have steroids, Other co-morbidities like high blood pressure or diabetes, Fatigue or tiredness, Older age, After effects of surgery when mobility is low, Depending on others, Hormonal changes, Nutritional deficiencies.

How to treat chemo brain?

Doctors believe that if the short-term effects of chemo brain stay for a longer time, they can culminate into other mental health issues like panic attacks, anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc. Hence, it is imperative to get treated by the following:

Cognitive rehabilitation: It is another part of the cancer rehabilitation programme where activities are undertaken to make the patient normal after the treatment is over. These include performing and memory-gaining tasks and activities that help in strengthening cognitive abilities.

Therapies: Contacting a mental health professional or psychologist in case of a decline in mental health to take therapy for boosting confidence after the cancer treatment.

Exercise: It is very important to exercise to improve thinking and the ability to focus. Activities like jogging, running, swimming, rock climbing, pet walking, etc. can improve attention and concentration levels.

Meditation and mental exercises: Meditation and breathing exercises through yoga help in regulating brain function by increasing focus and awareness.

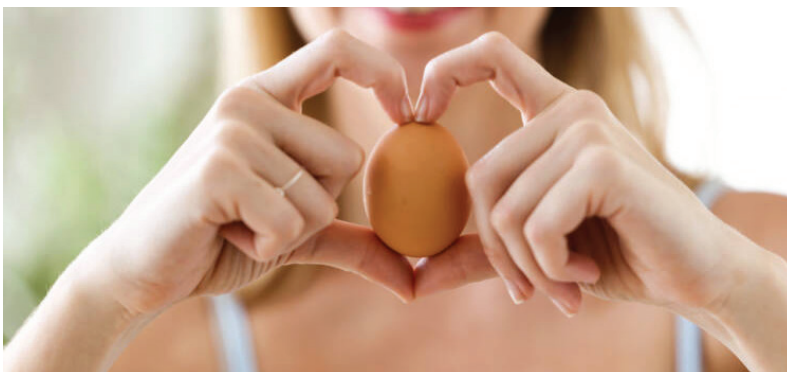
DO EGGS PROMOTE A HEALTHY METABOLISM?

Eggs are one of the healthiest food sources, rich in protein and unique antioxidants that effectively improve countless health markers. In addition, they also have a large number of vitamins and minerals that support various body functions, from bone development to brain power. Despite frequent contradicting news reports, it is evident from studies that eggs support good health.

Like many protein sources, eggs help the body perform essential tasks. However, consuming eggs with different foods like processed meats or toast can be a poor dietary choice. Hence you should include eggs in a well-designed diet plan. Subscribing to HealthifyPRO 2.0 will help you to manage your calorie intake and guide you to consume nutrient-dense foods that will enhance your metabolic health.

Note

Discussions about nutrition often centre on macronutrients like proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates and micronutrients like vitamins and minerals. Also, they are crucial for healthy metabolic function. However, the most recent empirical studies support the idea that eating eggs alone is not bad for your heart or any other metabolic process. Overall, an ideal and custom-made egg meal in your daily diet will improve your healthy metabolism and holistic well-being.



Purchase high-quality products.

Higher-quality, nutrient-dense eggs are from chickens kept on pastures, promoting more environmentally friendly agricultural methods.

The Contribution of Eggs to Metabolism

Cholesterol

Egg yolks are one of the typical foods with the most significant dietary cholesterol level, with an average large egg containing 186 mg. Due to their high cholesterol content, the American Heart Association's nutritional recommendations from the 1960s recommended people limit their consumption of eggs. However, more recent research consistently demonstrates that moderate egg consumption does not increase

a person's risk of weight gain or heart disease.

A study shows that cholesterol ratios, such as triglycerides-to-HDL, maybe a more accurate indicator of health risks than LDL cholesterol alone. Additionally, only 25% of the cholesterol level is related to nutrition; the liver and intestines produce the remaining 75%. Even though cholesterol is not a popular healthy option among most people, the body needs it to generate bile acids, vitamin D, testosterone, and oestrogen. It also helps to form cell membranes.

The 2015 revision of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services removed the earlier advice to restrict dietary cholesterol consumption to 300 mg daily. Instead, it included eggs in its list of suggested healthy meals. In other words, most individuals must not avoid

structural integrity is necessary for all living cells. In addition, it is a source of methyl groups, essential for several cellular metabolism processes. Choline deficiency can lead to muscle and liver damage and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

A 2020 investigation into the possibility of a connection between eating eggs and diabetes suggests that choline may be at play. The researchers hypothesised that some problems might be due to an inflammatory reaction to the choline in egg yolks.

Protein

Most content in eggs is water (about 76%). Protein is the next most prevalent component. Eggs are the best source of high-quality proteins for humans after breast milk.

Protein makes up around 12.6% of an egg, and the yolk comprises roughly 5% more protein by weight than the white. The most prevalent protein in egg whites, which have over 150 proteins, is ovalbumin (54 % of the total).

A single big egg can offer up to 6.3 grams of the recommended daily amount of protein. It is 0.8 grams per kilogram of body weight (roughly 56 g for a typical 70 kg (or 154 lb) human). Eating protein-rich meals like eggs helps individuals feel satiated for longer, in addition to maintenance of muscle strength and bone health.

Apni Party gains strength in RS Pura: Manjit Singh

J I NEWS SERVICE
RS PURA, MAY 28

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today said that the Party has gained strength across the Jammu plains with the joining of the people who have been impressed with the policy of the Apni Party.

As per a press release, a meeting of party workers cum joining program was organized at Chohala Road in R. S. Pura. The meeting was organized by District President (Rural) R. S. Pura, Advocate Harpreet Singh.

During the meeting, a prominent social activist, Karan Singh joined Apni Party along with his dozens of supporters. Welcoming the new entrants into the Party folds, the Former Minister expressed satisfaction and hoped that their joining would strengthen the party to expand its roots



in R.S. Pura further.

In his address, he said that the Party cadre has worked hard in R.S. Pura and its adjoining areas due to which people from different sections of society have joined the Party.

"The people clearly differentiate between the traditional parties and the Apni Party because of its developmental agenda and policy to provide equal facilities to everyone," he said.

He said that the Party aims to bring peace, and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir by protecting the rights of the locals, and

enabling them to earn their livelihood without migration to other parts of the country.

"The resources will be protected for the locals, and the outsiders will not be authorized to utilize the resources meant for the locals or get contracts," he said, while coming down heavily on the liquor and mining mafia.

He said that the people, who were engaged in these trades, were left unemployed with the involvement of influential outsiders. "We will compromise and fight

back for the rights of the people," he said, expressing dismay over the plight of the people. He also raised the issues of the farmers and demanded that their KCC loan shall be waived off and they shall be provided a relief by the Govt.

In the wake of soaring heat in the Jammu region, he said that the Govt should provide free of cost electricity and drinking water supply to the people in Jammu region keeping in view the severity of the heat wave.

The meeting was also attended by State President, SC Wing, Bodh Raj Bhagat, Senior Vice President District Jammu Urban, Vaibhav Mattoo, Vice President Women Wing Jammu, Neelam Gupta, Provincial Secretary Women Wing, Shivani Kaul, Provincial Secretary, Women Wing, Jammu, Sheekha Bhardwaj, and others.

CUJ signs MoU with AAI

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Department of Electronics and Communication (DoECE), Central University of Jammu (CUJ) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Airports Authority of India under the aegis of the Ministry of civil Aviation, Government of India. The formal signing ceremony was held in the presence of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University Jammu, and Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Garg, Airport Director Jammu. This significant collaboration was initiated by Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Head of the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering (DoECE) and Dr. Rajan Badyal, Public Relation Officer at CUJ.

The MoU aims to enhance a mutually beneficial partnership between the university and the airport, focusing on student internships, and skill development programs. This alliance will provide students with practical exposure to airport operations, advanced communication systems, and cutting-edge technology used in the aviation sector.

Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University Jammu expressed his enthusiasm about the collaboration. "This MoU marks a pivotal moment for the Central University of Jammu. It will open new avenues for our students with invaluable firsthand exposure to the intricacies of airport operations and the diverse facets of civil aviation. As a part of this initiative, students will have the opportunity to participate in live demonstrations of airport projects and activities, as well as engage in two to five days of familiarization visits and workshops. Furthermore, they will be eligible for internships lasting four to twenty weeks at Airports and regional corporate offices.

AYUSH Dept, GWPC Jammu jointly organize Mega Ayush Yoga Camp

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Government Polytechnic for Women, Jammu in collaboration with Department of Ayush Jammu and Kashmir organized a Mega camp on "PERSONAL AND MENSTRUAL HYGIENE" for female fitness. The seminar was organized under the guidance of Principal Er. Suket Gupta and the directions from Director J&K Ayush Dr. Mohan Singh & Supervision of DAO Dr. Vandana Dogra.,

The event was organized to raise awareness about the benefits of yoga among students. The female Staff and girl students participated in various traditional asanas and were taught different methods of meditation.

The Program was led by Dr. HIMANI BHUTYAL (Medical officer) and her team Dr. Nitin Dutt, Medical Officer, Ishan Mansotra, Mamta Sharma, Vanshika



Gupta, Ankita Uppal, Himani and Jaspreet Singh (Yoga Instructors). She delivered a lecture on Personal and Menstrual Hygiene and explained in detail about Do and Don'ts of Personal Hygiene, how to manage hygiene during periods. Queries by girl students related to this topic was clearly explained and answered by her. Speaking on the occasion, Er. Naresh Gupta, HOD expressed his views on the importance of Yoga and appreciated the efforts of the team members of Ayush Department for the successful event. He also shared that the people

have widely accepted the effectiveness of Yoga as a form of therapy.

The session was specially organized for all female teachers and girl students of Polytechnic. It was very fruitful and everyone enjoyed the session. The arrangements for the smooth conduct of the camp was made by the College faculty comprising of Mrs. Bhawana Arora, Program Officer NSS, Ms. Deepika Sharma, Lecturer Computer Engg., Ms. Banti Devi, P.E.T and others.

Among others present on the occasion were Er. Kamal Kumar HOD, Er. Vishal Nayyar Lecturer E&C Engineering.

Dr Darakhshan lays foundation stone for new building at Hanfia Model High School

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Chairperson of J&K Waqf Board Dr Syed Darakhshan Andrabi paid obeisance at Ziyat Syed Qamar Din Shah Sahib (RA) at Ganderbal today and took stock of the facilities at the shrine. She later laid the foundation stone for the New Block for the girls of higher classes at Hanfia Islamia Model High School Sehpora Tulmulla and addressed the gathering of the students and staff. Superintendent of Police Headquarter Ganderbal Ghulam Hassan, Chief Education Officer Ganderbal Surjeet Kumar Sharma, UNO Speaker & author Dr G R Dehalvi, famed socio-political leader Farooq Ganderbali & Principal of Hanfia Islamia Model High School Firdaus Ahmad Lone were also present on the occasion. Andrabi congratulated the staff and the management for such an impressive educational set up in Ganderbal. "Our children have great potential



to lead the world in different sectors of knowledge and it was our collective responsibility to provide facilities to our young boys and girls so that their faculties bloom and spread fragrance of success around us", said Dr Andrabi. Dr Darakhshan later attended the Drug De-addiction Conference in the school Campus. "During the past few years our administration and social welfare organizations are fighting the drug menace with conviction and we have seen some encouraging positive results too, but a lot needs to be done. Drug De-addiction awareness programmes in education-

al institutions have great significance. I salute the organisers", said Dr Darakhshan Andrabi. Later Andrabi spoke to media and said that drug menace came to Kashmir from across the border along with the ammunition and both made our lives hell for more than three decades. "After 2019, Kashmir succeeded in curbing the ploys of violence but we are still fighting the war against drugs. For a peaceful and prosperous Kashmir, we have to ensure a drugs free society and contribute consistently for the mission of eradication of this vice from J&K", said Darakhshan

JU's Poonch Campus, JKEDI organize "Entrepreneurship Programme"

J I NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, MAY 28

The Poonch Campus of Jammu University (JU), in collaboration with the Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI), successfully organized an "Entrepreneurship Programme" under the theme "Entrepreneurship as a Career Option," with a special focus on the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). The event was aimed to inspire and educate students and aspiring entrepreneurs about the various opportunities and support mechanisms available under the new policy.

Prof. Rakesh Vaid, Director of the Poonch Campus in his message highlighted the critical importance of such initiatives in his address. He emphasized that these events are essential to raise awareness among the youth about the vast avenues in entrepreneurship. Prof. Vaid assured that the Poonch Campus will continue to organize similar events in the future to foster an entrepreneurial spirit among students.

He further said that the event featured engaging discussions and interac-



tive sessions that provided valuable insights into the entrepreneurial landscape, focusing on the support and opportunities offered by the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). This initiative marks a significant step towards nurturing entrepreneurship and innovation in the region.

Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer and faculty member of JKEDI, provided an in-depth overview of the "Entrepreneurship as a Career Option" program, with a particular emphasis on the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027). He expressed gratitude to Prof. Rakesh Vaid for the collaboration that facilitated the organization of this impactful event.

Dr. Rubia Bukhari, I/C Department of Sericulture, in her welcome address extended her heartfelt thanks to the Director, Poonch Campus, Prof. Rakesh Vaid, for recognizing the importance

of this event and making it a reality. "This program is truly the need of the hour, and we look forward to many more such enlightening and inspiring events in the future," she added. She also welcomed Mr. Shabir Hussain Shah, District Nodal Officer, Faculty of JKEDI, Mr. Mohsin Hamid, Assistant Faculty, and Mr. Rashid Mehmood, Officer Associate, to the Poonch Campus.

Mohsin Hamid, Assistant Faculty at JKEDI Poonch, also spoke on the occasion, providing additional insights into the entrepreneurial landscape and encouraging students to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by the J&K Startup Policy (2024-2027).

Dr. Palvi Sharma, presented the formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to JKEDI for their support in making the program enlightening and informative.

Harsh Dev holding foot march in various hilly areas of Chenani

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Continuing with his public interaction programmes in various blocks of District Udhampur, Mr Harsh Dev Singh former minister and state president JKNPP (India) visited several panchayats of Chenani Block during his three days tour of remote and far flung areas. Holding over a dozen meetings at various places, Mr Singh toured the panchayats of Nagulta, Gharian, Kulassar, Matlowa, Pattangarh and its adjoining areas travelling a distance of over 25 kms on foot through dense forests, mountainous terrains listening to the grievances of the village folk.

Addressing the media after the conclusion of the said tour, Mr Harsh Dev Singh expressed grave concern over the shabby plight of Nagaulta-Rajar road which had become literally untraffickable within a year of its construction and completion. There were hardly any protection walls, drains or other retaining walls resulting in massive damage to the road besides causing huge soil erosion. There were



no bridges at the required places on nallahs/ rivers resulting in disruption of traffic even during light showers/ rainfall.

Mr Singh further expressed concern over non provision of building for Pry school Royal where classes were held in the open. He regretted the non availability of staff in Dhanas Health centre. He condemned the highly apathetic approach of the education deptt towards rural schools facing chronic deficiency of teaching staff. He said that there was only one teacher for 60 students in Pry school Rajar, while Pry School Galater remained teacherless for months together. Likewise there were only two teachers in Middle School Nukhanka (Pattangarh) having a strength of around two hundred stu-

dents. He called for construction of road upto Yug Dhar which is the most picturesque spot in the area with a huge potential for tourism. He demanded construction of a passenger shed in Payar, Matlowa near Kalka Mata temple.

Asserting the rural masses had lost faith in present regime, Mr Singh cautioned the revenue and CAPD authorities to desist from arbitrarily deleting the names of poor people from BPL lists. He castigated the said depts for inordinate delay in issuance of Income certificates and incorporation of eligible beneficiaries in BPL lists. He cautioned the Forest Deptt to refrain from causing undue harassment and inconvenience to the people inhabiting the hilly areas for the last several decades.

IGNOU & ICAI collaborate to start a new programme "Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management" to improve farmers' income

J I NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been at the forefront of making higher education accessible to the hitherto unreached through its open, distance learning, and online modes. The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI).



Agricultural Cost Management (DACM)" in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI). IGNOU and ICAI have jointly developed an Open and Distance Learning (ODL) programme "Diploma in Agricultural Cost Management". The programme covers farm accounting and costing, agri supply chain management, prudent utilization of land, water management and other associated farming activities. The purpose of "Diploma

in Agricultural Cost Management" is to educate and train learners to efficiently manage farm costs and enhance agricultural productivity and provide insight into various activities including strategic decision-making related to different aspects of agricultural production, crop cultivation, livestock rearing, financial planning, resource allocation, marketing, and risk mitigation.

The DACM programme's major objectives include optimal resource utilisation, proficiency in knowledge, skills, and entrepreneurial capabilities towards farm cost management, value chain, and supply chain management. The course targets urban and

Jammu Police arrests two drug peddlers

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JAMMU, MAY 28, 2024

In its ongoing drive against the menace of drugs under operation SANJEEVANI, Jammu Police arrested two drug peddlers & recovered approximately 7-8 grams of heroin (Chitta) like substance. During routine patrolling, a police team from Police Post Canal Road, headed by incharge PP Canal road was on duty in the Nikki Tawi area, Jammu. While patrolling near the 4th Tawi Bridge, the police noticed two pedestrians who, upon seeing the police, turned back and attempted to evade detection. This suspicious behavior prompted the police to apprehend them.

Upon questioning, the suspects identified themselves as:

Sunny Mehra, son of Parshotam Mehra, resident of W.No. 10 near Hotel Hill Top, Katra, Reasi &

Parvesh Malhotra, son of Ram Singh Malhotra, resident of H.No. 834, Lane No. 07, Puran Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu.

A personal search of Sunny Mehra resulted in the recovery of approximately 3-4 grams of heroin-like substance and one electronic/digital weighing machine. Similarly, a search of Parvesh Kumar led to the recovery of approximately 3-4 grams of heroin-like substance.

A case, FIR No. 82/2024 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Nowabad.

The arrests and recovery were made by the police team led by ICPP Canal Road under the supervision of SHO P/S Nowabad, DSP Hqrs., and SP City North Jammu.

Jammu Police remains committed to eradicating the drug menace and ensuring the safety and well-being of the community under Operation Sanjeevani.

Only a Ram Bhakt will rule Delhi: Yogi

AGENCIES
GORAKHPUR, MAY 28

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday said that only a Ram Bhakt will govern Delhi and that people will dump Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP), which follow the politics of appeasement, in obscurity in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Addressing an election rally in Pipiganj in support of Gorakhpur Lok Sabha constituency MP and BJP candidate Ravi Kishan Shukla, the CM labeled the Congress and SP as 'Ram Drohis' and said that the Lok Sabha elections 2024 are between 'Ram Bhakts' and 'Ram Drohis'.

He said during his election tours across the country, he observed widespread support for PM Modi with a common sentiment resonating from all areas, 'Jo Ram Ko Laye Hain, Hum Unko Layenge.'

Yogi said Ram Drohis are those who deny the existence of Lord Ram, attack his devotees, and undermine the significance of the Ram temple whereas Ram Bhakts are the ones who have enshrined Lord Ram in his magnificent temple, ending devotees' wait of 500 years. "The Ram temple symbolizes India's enduring faith," he said.

Criticising Congress and SP for their views on the Ram Temple, a symbol of pride and reverence for all Indians, he said, "Congress says that the construction of the temple has sent a wrong message globally and should not have been built, whereas SP dismisses the temple as 'useless'. The leaders of both parties seem to have lost their minds."

The CM said, "The Ram Bhakts have also built an international Airport named after Maharishi Valmiki in Ayodhya, a waiting room named after Shri Ram's friend Nishadraj and a restaurant named after Mata Shabari. Furthermore, they have also



installed a 56-foot statue in honour of Nishadraj in Prayagraj", he pointed out, stressing, that no follower of Nishadraj can align with the traitors of Ram."

He cautioned people against the mischievous designs of those who once ordered opening fire on Ram devotees.

Yogi said, "Adversaries of Lord Ram have never found lasting peace. Regardless of their stature or power, they have always faced downfall."

He said, "Ram devotees, with the blessings of the Lord, are focused on progress and development. Today, Ram devotees are working towards the nation's development, from expanding roads from two lanes to twelve, building AIIMS, medical colleges, IITs, IIMs, and Airports, to providing tap water to every household and promoting industrialisation."

The CM said, "The Modi government, devoted to Ram, has constructed homes for four crore impoverished people, with more to come after the government is formed again on June 4. Initiatives like the Ayushman Yojana for healthcare and the Ujjwala Yojana for providing free LPG connections are a few contributions of this Ram Bhakta government."

He announced that once the government of Ram devotees is re-elected on June 4, Ayushman cards will be made available to everyone over 70 years of age. "Congress had removed the late Veer Bahadur Singh from Chief Minister's post because of

they come to power, they will implement personal laws akin to Taliban rule, snatching the freedom of daughters to go to school or market, and confining them within the four walls of their houses, wearing a veil."

Yogi said, "India will be governed by the Constitution created by Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, and not by 'Sharia law' as proposed by the Congress and the SP. They will not be allowed to tamper with this Constitution under any circumstances."

He added, "Congress and SP seek power to loot the nation and exploit the common people and also intend to take away reservation rights of the backward and scheduled castes and give away to Muslims, which will not be permitted."

He cited Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, who asserted that reservations cannot be based on 'religion'.

The CM said that he considers the people of this area to be his family and prefers not to deliver formal speeches here. Instead, he focuses on the struggles the people have endured and the positive changes that have resulted from these efforts.

He expressed his pleasure at repeatedly returning to the area, noting the transformation from the broken and poor roads of pre-2017 to the strong, shining four-lane roads of today.

He also mentioned the setting up of schools, inter colleges, degree colleges, stadiums, and flood protection facilities, expressing satisfaction in seeing the local residents benefit from these developments.

The CM expressed gratitude for being elected MP five times and for their support in electing Ravi Kishan Shukla as MP in the last election. He exuded confidence that the people would again elect Ravi Kishan with an overwhelming majority.

Prof. B S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu unveils Research Paper Writing Competition Poster: A Step Towards Viksit Bharat

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu unveiled the poster "Vision for Viksit Bharat" Research Paper Writing Competition on 28th May 2024 at IIM Jammu Jagti Campus. The program was organized by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal and Yuva Aayam at IIM Jammu. Present on the occasion were Dr Neelika Arora, Head of Academics, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Province, Shri Gunjan Sharma, Head of Publicity, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Province, Shri Aniruddh, Expander (Jammu), Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh Province, Dr Himja Mengi, Member, Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh Province. The event was also attended by the faculty, officers, staff members and research scholars of the Institute.

In his address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, provided an overview of India's progress and invited active interaction on the activities needed to achieve the target of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. He highlighted India's rich cultural heritage and historical economic strength, noting India's projected ascent from the 11th position to 7th position and to the 4th by 2026 and 3rd by 2027 in the global economy. He emphasized the necessity of having a clear roadmap

to achieve the Viksit Bharat 2047 target and stressed the importance of the national flag and India's legacy as a "Vishwaguru", expressing confidence that India will reclaim this status soon. He mentioned that Research is the cornerstone of progress and development, highlighting that this competition is a wonderful initiative that will not only engage the youth in meaningful academic pursuits but also inspire them to contribute to the vision of a developed Bharat. He urged the faculty, Ph.D. scholars, and staff to work actively for the nation's progress toward Viksit Bharat 2047. Shri Aniruddh, Expander (Jammu), Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal provided an overview of the registration process for the Research Paper Writing Competition and discussed the activities of Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, highlighting the contribution of the work by the organization pertaining to National Educa-



tion Policy. He emphasized the importance of reviving India's age-old practices and restoring its lost glory, urging scholars to use this initiative as a platform to showcase their talents and contribute to the national development goal.

This competition serves as a preliminary preparation for the upcoming Research Scholars' National Conference, "Vision for Viksit Bharat - VIVIBHA," aimed at fostering the role of Bharatiya youth in nation-building. The competition invites research papers from scholars across states, which can be written in any Bharatiya language or in English. Participants are required to register and submit their research papers through the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal's official website: <https://www.bsmbharat.org>.

The winner at the state level will be honored with a special award. Additionally, selected researchers from various states will have the opportunity to

present their work at the National Level Researchers Conference, scheduled to be held from November 15 to 17, 2024, at SGT University, Gurugram, Haryana. Researchers who excel at the national level will be granted the opportunity to pursue research in prestigious institutions.

The Research Paper Writing Competition covers a wide range of topics crucial to the vision of a developed Bharat, ranging from Knowledge-Science and Technology, Environment Conservation for Prosperous Bharat, Women-Vision for Empowerment, Right Vision Towards History and Radiant Future of Bharat, Art, Literature, and Culture, Commerce, Economics, and Management, National Security, Bharatiya Knowledge System, Rural Development and Self-Employment, Law and Justice, Bharatiya Education: Past, Present, and Future.

Research is the bedrock of any nation's advancement. Through dedicated and visionary research, a nation can achieve unparalleled heights of progress. This competition seeks to nurture and harness the research capabilities of our youth, guiding them towards contributing to the noble objectives of national development. IIM Jammu in association with Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, and Yuva Aayam will be working together to promote research and innovation for a Viksit Bharat.

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Sahil, Sohail jointly release Album "Bawe Wali Maa Puri Kar Di Muradaan"

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Sahil Mahajan (BJP JK UT Co-Convenor Sanskriti Art Culture Cell) & Sohail Kazmi (Journalist, Social Activity) Released Bhajan "Bawe Wali Maa Puri kar Di Muradaan"



Kumar Avtar's Soulful Voice, Munish Jammu Wala's Lyrics, and Rahul Bhardwaj's Melodies Shine in this Musical Masterpiece. Sahil Mahajan & Sohail Kazmi has recently released the highly-anticipated album "Bawe Wali Maa Puri Kar Di Muradaan" on the YouTube channel Maa Bawe Wali Records.

The album features the talented singer Kumar Avtar who brings life to Munish Jammu Wala's heartfelt lyrics with music composed by the gifted Rahul Bhardwaj. Directed by the visionary KK Malhotra, the album is a visual treat that captivates audiences with its cinematic excellence. Sahil Mahajan spearheaded the project, ensuring a seamless and captivating

musical journey for listeners. Adding an extra touch of divinity to the project, Master Saleem's blessings have graced the album, making it a truly special release.

The star-studded album launch saw the presence of esteemed personalities such as Bhavya Choudhary, Vishal Sharma, Atul Gupta, Er Shubham Kotwal, Umar Ayub, and

the talented Manish Manotra. Their support and applause further validate the incredible talent and creativity showcased in "Bawe Wali Maa Puri Kar Di Muradaan."

Fans of soulful music and meaningful lyrics are in for a treat with this album. Its unique blend of traditional melodies and modern storytelling promises to resonate with audiences of all backgrounds. "Bawe Wali Maa Puri Kar Di Muradaan" is more than just an album; it's a musical experience that touches the heart and soul of every listener.

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 28

The Supreme Court Tuesday declined to pass any directions on Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea for urgent listing of matter seeking an extension of his interim bail by one week in the Delhi Excise Policy case.

A Vacation Bench of Justice JK Maheshwari and Justice KV Viswanathan said: "This is a heard and reserved matter. We cannot do anything. This matter was heard and reserved on May 17. Place before CJI for appropriate orders."

The Supreme Court on May 17 had reserved its judgment on Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Kejriwal,



pleaded before the court to grant only a seven-day extension of interim Bail. "This is just a medical extension and not an abuse of liberty," Singhvi said Tuesday.

Earlier in the day Singhvi had mentioned the application for urgent listing before the Vacation Bench saying that the Chief Minister is required to surrender on June 1 in the money laundering case registered against him by the Enforcement

Directorate (ED) and he allowed seven days extension on medical grounds.

However, the Court said only the Chief Justice of India can take a call on the listing.

The Bench asked Singhvi why Kejriwal's application was not mentioned before Justice Dipankar Datta who was heading the Vacation Bench last week.

It was a bench of Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta which had on May 10 granted interim

bail to Kejriwal till June 1 so he could campaign in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

To this, Singhvi replied that the prescription was given only the day before yesterday and that is why the application could not be moved last week.

The Court reiterated that it can't take a decision about the listing and referred the matter to the CJI for an appropriate order.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21, soon after the Delhi High Court had refused to grant any relief against any coercive action against the CM in the money laundering case. Charges against Kejriwal are that he in collusion with his party members siphoned off huge amounts of money in Delhi's New Excise Policy Scam which was later withdrawn

PM Modi administration redesigned India's healthcare system: Rekha Mahajan

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) promised to expand its Ayushman Bharat Health Insurance scheme to cover all citizens. This was stated by BJP District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan while distributing the "Ayushman health insurance cards," also known as golden cards, here at her residence/ office in response to the persistent request of the residents of Trikuta Nagar of Bahu Constituency in Jammu South. While distributing the ayush-

man golden cards to the common masses, Rekha Mahajan accompanied by District Secretary Jammu South Rohini Chandan, Treasure Rajesh Gupta and others were present on the occasion. Rekha Mahajan asserted that all senior citizens over 70 and the transgender community will be brought under the ambit of the Center's health scheme, the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. She highlights that the BJP, under the banner of PM Modi, has been working tirelessly to ensure social development and social inclusion in a true sense

for all segments of society. Women's participation and contribution will be the focus of the next five years, according to Rekha Mahajan. The IT, travel, education, health, and retail industries will all train women. She promised that the BJP will begin implementing the manifesto's pledges as soon as the results of the June 4 elections are announced. Rekha also expressed confidence that the BJP will form the next government with more than 400 seats in the Lok Sabha.

The BJP leader added that the "Modi ki guar-



antee" is equivalent to 24-carat gold and has emerged as the gold stan-

dard of governance. Rekha Mahajan said in the last ten successful years, the

Modi government had overhauled the country's health infrastructure from

a primary to tertiary level while ensuring the provision of free treatment for up to Rs 5 lakh for the general public.

Rekha ensures that under the PM Modi-led government, nobody is left out, especially women, children, and the elderly; there is no cap on family size or age in the scheme.

The policy benefit coverage also included pre and post-hospitalization expenses, and all pre-existing conditions were covered from day one. Rekha educates that a defined transport allowance per hospitalization

is also paid to the beneficiary under the scheme. She said as India continues its journey towards becoming a global healthcare hub, the initiatives undertaken under Prime Minister Modi's leadership have laid the foundation for a healthier and more resilient nation. The commitment to health and well-being is reflected not only in policies but also in the endeavor to create a future where every citizen can access quality healthcare services, irrespective of their socio-economic status.

Cong demands probe by sitting HC judge in Rajkot game zone fire incident

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 28

The Congress on Tuesday held the BJP-led Gujarat government responsible for the Rajkot game zone fire incident that claimed 31 lives and demanded an investigation by a sitting High Court or Supreme Court judge besides appropriate compensation for the next of kin of the deceased. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here, Gujarat PCC president Shaktisinh Gohil said, "This was a tragic incident that could have been prevented. As many as 31 people including many children perished in the fire. There were no safety



rules like fire safety, no separate entry and exit routes. All rules were flouted by the game zone. I had visited the place and I cannot describe the situation here." He also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to spare some time and visit the devastated families of the state which has given him so much. Gohil said, "I have seen

the videos where people were heard shouting for help. The bodies were completely burnt and there were also pieces of bodies that were scattered all around. Even after such a horrific incident, the government is not serious". The Gujarat PCC president alleged that instead of taking action against the culprits, the state government was suspending junior officials. He said that this was not the first incident in Gujarat and counted several incidents that happened in the state during the BJP rule.

Gohil said that 22 children lost their lives in an educational institution in Surat and the parents were still awaiting justice. He also mentioned about the boat capsizing incident in Vadodara in which 14 children died and also the Banaskantha bridge collapse. He accused the Gujarat government of targeting honest officials and protecting the corrupt ones and such action by the government was resulting in Rajkot like incidents.

Rajesh Padgotra, others visit Khada Madana of block Purmandal



JNEWS SERVICE
SAMBA, MAY 28

The workers of Aam Aadmi Party including Rajesh Padgotra Provincial Vice President Jammu, Khajur Singh Ex-Sarpanch Bagla Rahya and Retd. Principal, Shamsher Thappa and Balbir Singh Charak visited Khada Madana of block Purmandal district Samba to express their sympathies for the victims of yesterday Blast.

The locals of village Khada Madana reported that it was an old Shell lying at a place and it Blasted due to ignited fire thereby injuring 3 persons including 2 women.

Rajesh Pargotra Provincial Vice President Jammu of AAP appealed the LG Sh.Manoj Sinha of J&K UT to provide the victims best medical treatment out of J&K UT on government expenditure and sanction rupees 5 lakh to each victim.

Missing girl found safe and sound, reunited with family

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

In a heartwarming turn of events, the relentless efforts of the Janipur Police bore fruit today as they successfully traced the missing girl (name withheld).

The reported missing under DDR No. 22 dated April 10, 2023, sending shockwaves through the community. The subsequent search operation, marked by unwavering determination and meticulous investigation, culminated in today's breakthrough.

This triumphant moment underscores the unwavering commitment of the Jammu Police in ensuring the safety and

well-being of every individual under their jurisdiction. Their dedication and perseverance serve as a beacon of hope, reassuring the community of their steadfast protection.

Missing girls safe return is a testament to the collaborative efforts of law enforcement and the community, reflecting the power of unity in overcoming adversity. The Janipur Police express their heartfelt gratitude to all who aided in the search and share in the joy of this reunion.

As guardians of justice and guardians of the community, the J&K Police reaffirm their pledge to serve and protect, standing as a steadfast shield against adversity.

Scorching hot winds to magnify severe heatwave in Delhi

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 28

The MeT issued a red alert for severe high temperatures in Delhi-NCR for the next four days that will be multiplied by the passage of strong, dusty, gusty, hot and dry summer wind from the west.

The national capital is already reeling under maximum temperatures ranging from 45 to 47 degrees Celsius and above in some pockets since last week.

On Tuesday, intense heatwave with temperatures touching 46 degrees Celsius by 4 pm is forecast by the weather office.

The minimum temperature was recorded at 27.4 degrees Celsius earlier in the day. The India Meteorological Department warned that Delhi will see extreme heat over the next four days. According to the IMD, the temperature will range between 29.2°C



and 46°C. The wind blowing from the west-northwest will be at a speed of 5.6 kmph. According to the MeT, it will be mostly a heatwave with clear skies to extremely hot weather during the day, with strong surface winds. The IMD forecasted severe heatwave conditions for six states for May 28, including Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Cyber cell of JKP solved online financial fraud amounting to Rs 1,36,133

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Cyber Cell of DPO Jammu solved three separate online cyber crime complaints.

A complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.33,333/. The complainant lost his phone while traveling in train, and when he reached home after one day he got to know that someone has withdrawn

an amount of RS.33,333/.

One complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs.71,800/- in which complainant saw a post on telegram about investment. The victim invested Rs 71,800/. Later complainant came to know that its a fraud.

A complaint of financial fraud of Rs 31,000/- in which victim received a call from fraudster posing himself as a Police officer and asked him for

money on the pretext that complainant's relative is in Police custody. Victim send him an amount of RS.31,000.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts which ultimately led to put on hold an amount of Rs 1,06,533/- out of 1,36,133/. In these three separate online cyber crime complaints. Further investigation is underway.

India offers \$1 mn in relief aid to Papua New Guinea after massive landslide destruction

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, MAY 28

India on Tuesday extended an immediate relief assistance of US\$ 1 million to support relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Papua New Guinea following the massive landslide that has caused hundreds of deaths and widespread destruction in the Pacific island nation. The move came as Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a post on X said India is ready to offer all possible support and assistance to Papua New Guinea where over 2,000 people are reported to have been buried alive in a massive landslide that hit the island nation on Friday. In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said that a massive landslide occurred on May 24



in Enga Province of Papua New Guinea which buried hundreds of people and caused major destruction and loss of life.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep condolences and conveyed India's readiness to extend all possible support and assistance to the Pacific island country in its time of difficulty.

As a close friend and partner under the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) and as a gesture of solidarity with the friendly people of Papua New Guinea, Government of India

extends an immediate relief assistance of US\$ 1 million to support relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. India has firmly stood by Papua New Guinea during times of difficulty and devastation caused by natural disasters, as in the wake of the earthquake in 2018 and volcanic eruptions in 2019 and 2023.

An important pillar of India's Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative (IPOI), announced by Prime Minister Modi in November 2019, is Disaster Risk Reduction and Management. India is committed

to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) and continues to be a responsible and steadfast responder, the statement said.

In a post on X, PM Modi said: "Deeply saddened by the loss of lives and damage caused by the devastating landslide in Papua New Guinea. Our heartfelt condolences to the affected families and prayers for speedy recovery of the injured. India is ready to offer all possible support and assistance."

The acting director of Papua New Guinea's National Disaster Center, Luseta Laso Mana, has told the United Nations that more than 2,000 people are believed to have been buried alive by last Friday's landslide and has asked for international help.

HC acquits Ram Rahim in Ranjit Singh murder case

AGENCIES
CHANDIGARH, MAY 28

Ahead of the June 1 Lok Sabha elections in Punjab, the Punjab and Haryana High Court, on Tuesday, acquitted Sirsa Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmit Singh Ram Rahim in the murder case of Ranjit Singh.

Ranjit Singh, manager of the Dera, was shot dead in 2002 after the suspicion that he had leaked a

letter in which it was narrated how women were being sexually exploited by Dera chief.

The high court verdict came on the appeal of Dera chief challenging the October 2021 verdict by the special CBI Court in Panchkula. He, along with four others, was awarded



life imprisonment.

The Dera chief, who is currently lodged in Rohtak's Sunaria Jail, was earlier also convicted in Sadhu rape cases and journalist Ram Chander Chattrapati murder case. Appeals in those cases were still pending.

Shiv Sena holds demonstration, "Bijalee Pani de na Sake Jo, Vo Sarkar Nikami Hai"

JNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu-Kashmir unit held a strong demonstration against the increasing power cuts and decreasing water supply in the scorching heat and took a strong jibe at the current administration and reminded them of the promise of 24 hours unopposed power supply in exchange for smart and electronic meters.

The Shiv Sainiks gathered under the leadership of the party's state chief Manish Sahni held a strong demonstration in Lower Roop Nagar area of Jammu holding placards written "Bijalee Pani de na Sake Jo .Vo Sarkar Nikami Hai", "Fulfill the promise of 24 hours power supply". Sahni said that the people are upset with the announcement



of 4 and 8 hours power cut by the electricity department during this scorching heat. He said that the people of Jammu-Kashmir, which is rich in immense water resources and hydro-electric projects, are facing power cuts and decreasing water supply. He said that while installing electronic and smart meters, consumers were promised 24-hour power supply. If there is a slight delay in paying the bill, the power con-

nection is cut off but no accountability is fixed if the power supply is cut for hours. Sahni said that unscheduled power cuts are being done for hours in villages and remote areas. Farmers are facing severe shortage of water for farming. Sahni said that it is unfortunate that due to the absence of a people's elected government in Jammu and Kashmir, the bureaucracy is bent on arbitrariness and dictatorship. Sahni has

appealed to the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir to issue instructions to maintain power and water supply in the scorching heat and ensure 24-hour power supply. On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Vice president Balwant Singh, Secretary Rajesh Handa, Teetu Sehgal, Kamlesh chib, Leela Devi, Nirmala Kour and many others were present.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MECHANICAL & HOSPITAL DIVISION JAMMU

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Samsung Unveils Galaxy F55 5G with Classy Vegan Leather Design, Super AMOLED+ Display and Powerful Snapdragon Processor in India

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 28 MAY

Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of Galaxy F55 5G, the most premium Galaxy F series smartphone. Galaxy F55 5G's sleek and stylish aesthetics, along with a premium vegan leather finish back panel makes it an eye-catching device. With Galaxy F55 5G, Samsung will be launching a classy vegan leather design smartphone for the very first time in the F-Series portfolio. Galaxy F55 5G stands out with segment-leading features such as Super AMOLED+ display, powerful Snapdragon 7 Gen1 processor, 45W super-fast charging, four generations of Android upgrades and five years of security updates, ensuring users can enjoy the latest features and enhanced

security for years to come. "With Galaxy F55 5G, Samsung will be offering a classy vegan leather design with a saddle stitch pattern for the very first time in F series. The classy vegan leather back panel with saddle stitch pattern and the camera deco in a golden hue exudes premium aesthetics. Galaxy F55 5G will come in two mesmerizing colours - Apricot Crush & Raisin Black. In addition, the Super AMOLED+ 120Hz display, powerful Snapdragon processor combined with an unmatched promise of four generations of OS upgrades and five years of security updates and Knox security, exemplify Samsung's prowess in delivering top-tier experiences to its consumers," said Raju Pullan, Senior Vice President, MX Division, Samsung India.

Galaxy F55 5G is set to be one of the slimmest

vegan leather smartphones in its segment this year. Designed to mesmerize, Galaxy F55 5G sports a classy vegan leather finish with a unique saddle stitch pattern crafted to perfection. The camera deco comes in a golden hue and exudes premiumness. Available in two mesmerizing colour options, Apricot Crush and Raisin Black, the smartphone weighs only 180 grams and measures a super sleek 7.8mm in width, making it incredibly ergonomic to use.

Featuring a 6.7" Full HD+ Super AMOLED+ display, Galaxy F55 5G offers consumers stunning visuals and an elevated viewing experience. The large display comes with 1000 nits of high brightness and Vision Booster technology ensures users effortlessly enjoy their favourite content even under bright sunlight. The 120Hz

refresh rate makes scrolling through social media feed a breeze for tech-savvy Gen-Z and millennial customers.

Galaxy F55 5G is powered by 4nm Qualcomm Snapdragon 7 Gen1 processor allowing users to seamlessly multi-task. With the ultimate speed and connectivity of 5G, users can stay fully connected wherever they go, experiencing faster downloads, smoother streaming, and uninterrupted browsing. The processor delivers a swift mobile gaming experience with high-speed connectivity along with high-quality audio and visuals.

Galaxy F55 5G features a 50 MP (OIS) No Shake Camera to shoot high-resolution and shake-free videos and photos, eliminating blurred images caused by hand tremors or accidental shakes. The camera setup also includes

an 8MP ultra-wide sensor. Galaxy F55 5G comes with Nightography, allowing users to capture stunning low-light shots and videos, thanks to the Big Pixel technology. Galaxy F55 5G will sport a 50MP high-resolution front camera for detailed, sharper selfies.

Galaxy F55 5G packs in 5000mAh battery that enables long sessions of browsing, gaming and binge watching. Galaxy F55 5G allows users to stay connected, entertained and productive without interruption. Galaxy F55 5G supports 45W super-fast charging giving more power in less time.

Galaxy F55 5G will come with best-in-class, defense grade Knox Security, ensuring users are worry-free when it comes to privacy and security on their smartphone. Galaxy F55 5G will also feature one of Samsung's most innovative security features:

Samsung Knox Vault. The hardware-based security system offers comprehensive protection against both hardware and software attacks.

Galaxy F55 5G is set to revolutionize consumer experience with innovations such as Voice Focus that cuts the ambient noise for an amazing calling experience and the Quick Share feature which enables users to instantly share files, photos and documents with any other device, even if they are faraway, including your laptop and tab, privately. Additionally, Samsung is reaffirming its commitment to customer satisfaction by providing four generations of OS upgrades and five years of security updates with Galaxy F55 5G, ensuring users can enjoy the latest features and enhanced security for years to come.

KU announces admissions for 4-year B Tech for session 2024

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 28

The University of Kashmir (KU) Tuesday announced admissions for its 4-year B Tech programmes for the academic session 2024 at the Institute of Technology (IoT), Zakura Campus. The programmes for admission include Civil Engineering (CE), Electrical Engineering (EE), Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) and Mechanical Engineering (ME).

Candidates interested in applying must have passed the Higher Secondary Part-II (10+2) examination from J&K Board of School Education or any other recognised board with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) subjects and at least 50% marks for the Open Category and 45% marks for Reserved Category.

Additionally, the applicants must have appeared in the JEE (Main) Examination 2024, with selection based on percentile score. Provisional applications are accepted from candidates awaiting their Part-II (10+2) Examination results, subject to fulfilling all eligibility conditions.

For inquiries and further information, candidates can contact KU's Directorate of Admissions and Competitive Examinations or visit the official

website. On the announcement of new admissions, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan, in an official statement, said that the University of Kashmir is committed to providing high-quality education and encouraging an environment that promotes innovation and excellence.

"Our B Tech programmes are designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge required to succeed in today's competitive world," she added.

Emphasising the rigorous academic standards at IoT, KU Registrar, Prof Naseer Iqbal, said that the university offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes that focus on both theoretical and practical aspects of engineering education.

"Our Institute of Technology at Zakura Campus is known for its academic standards and is accredited by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)," he maintained.

Highlighting the institute's facilities and industry connections, Director, Institute of Technology, Prof M Tariq Banday, said that the varsity provides excellent placement opportunities and collaborates with leading industry partners and reputed institutions.

KASPUN 4.0 Mega Job Fest-2024: Our responsibility to tap talent, train youth to make them industry-ready: KU VC

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, MAY 28

To bridge the gap between job seekers and potential employers by bringing together companies and corporate heads offering more than 1500 vacancies, the Department of Management Studies, University of Kashmir (KU), in collaboration with CT University (CTU), Ludhiana, organised a job fest here.

Over twenty leading companies from diverse sectors such as IT, finance, marketing and healthcare participated in the job fest to recruit talented individuals for various roles, contributing to the employment landscape of the region.

Terming the event a "significant initiative" during the inaugural session, KU Vice Chancellor, Prof Nilofer Khan said that placement of students is

KU's main concern as "we are committed to ensure our talented youth are well placed across sectors and around the world".

"It is our responsibility to tap their talent and train them with the required skills by providing them ample opportunities and making them industry-ready," she asserted, adding that the varsity is pooling in resources to ensure youth receive the required training and exposure for a fertile launchpad.

Chancellor, CTU, Sardar Charanjit Singh Channi, delineated the distinction between a successful career and a successful life. He said: "Today's youth need to understand the difference between information and education and between connection and relation," adding that they should always listen to their parents and teachers to lead successful lives.



Pro Chancellor, CTU, Dr Manbir Singh, said that by facilitating interactions between job seekers and top recruiters, "this event is set to significantly enhance the employability skills of the participants and strengthen university-industry relationships". Vice Chancellor, CTU,

Dr Abhishek Tripathi said that the aim is to create a platform where youth are ready to take the new journey and touch new heights. "Our youth are the resource we have and we need to diligently invest in fresh talent and support regional development," he added.

KU Registrar, Prof Naseer Iqbal, said that the idea is not only to provide job opportunities but to empower youth with the required skillset to become future employers and company owners. "We cannot rely on government sector only for jobs or employment. We

need to encourage youth to move out and look for good job opportunities," he said.

Head, Department of Management Studies, Prof Bashir Ahmad Joo, while introducing a concept - "PAIR: Placement, Academics, Infrastructure and Research, said: "There has been a paradigm shift in management studies as we cannot work in isolation and uphold the legacy of ensuring jobs to our graduates."

Faculty, Management Studies, Dr Qurat ul Ain Shah conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session while Placement Officer, M Ayoub Shah, proposed the formal vote of thanks. On the sidelines, the dignitaries later interacted with the corporate heads, industry experts and HR managers from various sectors.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 4 bovines rescued, 1 vehicle seized



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 24

Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of PS Jhajar Kotli in the wee hours has foiled bovine smuggling bid in which 04 bovine were rescued and 01 vehicle Mahindra Bolero bearing registration number JK19-7824 seized and Unknown driver fled away from the spot after noticing the police party on road at Naka point Suketar.

In this regard, a case FIR No.133/2024 U/S 188 IPC II PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Jhajar Kotli. Further investigation into the matter is underway.

General public have appreciated the active role of police for taking stringent actions against bovine smugglers.

Vishwagram Trust organizes series of Creative Programmes across Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE
DODA, MAY 28

In an inspiring effort to foster creativity and holistic education, Vishwagram Trust Gujarat organized a series of Programmes in District Doda with a view to imbibe art and craft skills among the students. One such creative programme was held today at Government High School Budhli Bhalessa, with active cooperation from the Zonal Education Office Bhatyas.

The trust also organised a creative camp at HS Thaloran Zone Bhalessa under the supervision and cooperation of Zonal Education officer Bhalessa.

Mohd Ayoub Sheikh, Zonal Education Officer (ZEO) Bhalessa has expressed thanks to the guest team members of the trust and emphasized the importance of integrating art education into the broader educational framework. He highlighted that art education is not merely an extracurricular activity but an essential component of holistic education. By nurturing creativity and artistic skills, students can develop critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving abilities.



He called for a concerted effort to imbibe art education in schools, recognizing its role in fostering a well-rounded, innovative, and culturally aware generation.

The events featured a range of art and craft activities designed to engage and inspire students.

The programme was spearheaded by team leaders Iliyas Mansoori and Nawal Sir, whose dedication and expertise in art and craft activities successfully imbued a sense of creativity among the students. Their innovative approach and hands-on activities attracted the young minds, encouraging them to express themselves through various

forms of art.

The event at HS Budhli was supervised by Master Arshad Hussain In-Charge Headmaster HS Budhli under his able guidance team interacted with students and displayed their talent. The programme ran smoothly and effectively, providing a supportive environment for both the students and the guest facilitators from Gujrat.

The schools expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Vishwagram Trust for their continuous support and the series of impactful activities they have conducted in the area. The trust, known for its adherence to Gandhian principles, has made significant contributions

during crises such as the Tsunami, and the floods in Bihar and Kashmir. Their commitment to social causes and education is highly commendable.

Vishwagram Trust's initiatives aim to enrich the educational experience of students by integrating creative and practical skills into the curriculum. The teachers, administrators, HOIs, Local NGOs and civil Society of Doda at large has endorsed their efforts in many interior areas of Doda JKUT like Ramban, Doda, Bhalessa, Halaran, Bhatyas, Kishtar, Bhaderwah and their dedication to nurturing the potential of every student and promoting a culture of creativity, art and craft. The vote of thanks were presented by Ishaq Rasheed Malik teacher HS Budhli and I/C HS Thaloran.

The event was coordinated at Zonal level by ZICC Bhatyas Nighat Naz and ZICC Zone Bhalessa respectively.

Nighat Naz ZICC and school administration presented a bouquet to guest members of the Vishwagram Trust Gujrat.

Others who coordinated included Mohd Aslam Malik, Mohd. Younus and many others.

Cyber Cell Jammu recovered Rs 20,000

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

A complaint was received regarding financial fraud of Rs 20,000. The victim is a owner of sugarcane Rehari at jewel chowk and on 25.05.2024, one person comes to him and asked him that he is in urgent need of Rs 20000 and he will send him Rs 20,000 online and in return he gave him Rs 20,000 in cash.

The fraudster send him a fake credit message of Rs 20,000 and also later on deleted the message. The fraudster received Rs 20,000 from sugarcane Rehari owner and left the spot. When the victim checked his account found no money received. The complainant lodged a written complaint to Cyber Cell DPO Jammu.

The cyber cell team acted swiftly and obtained the CDR details from the concerned TSP. Analysed how many messages landed on mobile number of complainant during that period. After hectic efforts the Cyber Cell team apprehended the fraudster and defrauded amount of Rs 20,000 recovered. Further investigation is underway.

District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and skilled personnel, remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

No 'incentive' to ultras' families another step to root-out terrorism: Adv Purnima

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MAY 28

Advocate Purnima Sharma, Spokesperson BJP, J&K and former Deputy Mayor Jammu, on Tuesday said that denying government jobs to family members of terrorists in J&K is Modi Government's another effective step to completely root out terrorism.

In a statement issued to media persons, the senior party functionary said that the announcement made by none other than Home Minister Amit Shah himself claiming that the families of terrorists will not be eligible for government jobs, aims at dismantling the support structures that sustain terrorism and ensure that government resources are reserved only for law-abiding citizens.

"We stand firmly behind Home Minister Amit Shah's aforementioned statement that families of terrorists will not be entitled to government jobs. This step is crucial in Modi Government's ongoing efforts to root out terrorism from J&K, and ensure the safety and prosperity of all," she said, adding that the government maintains a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism.

Adv Purnima said that by denying government jobs to families of terrorists, Modi Government has sent a clear message that those involved in anti-



national activities will face serious consequences as the aforesaid measure is designed to disrupt the cycle of terrorism. "By removing incentives and support for those who engage in or support terrorist activities, Modi Government aims to weaken the structures that perpetuate violence and unrest", she maintained.

The former Deputy Mayor said that the Modi government's firm stance on national security and its comprehensive strategy to eradicate terrorism by denying government incentives to the families of terrorists, as articulated by Home Minister Amit Shah is precisely the most effective step in deterring those who still dare to trigger unrest through abetting terrorism and separatism.

She said that the BJP Government shall not take rest until the last man involved in terrorism is either jailed or eliminated in this fight against violence and fear-mongering.

NOTICE

I, Narinder Parshad S/O Sham Lal R/O Narwal pain, Satwari, Jammu do hereby declared that I have disowned/disinherited my son namely Sunil Sharma from all my movable and immovable property before Sub Registrar Jammu South-II.

Training cum Awareness Workshop on PMSSS organised at GCW Gandhinagar

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JAMMU, MAY 28

To promote higher education and support the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, a comprehensive Training cum Awareness Workshop for the Principals and Nodal Officers of Government Degree Colleges, Government Polytechnic Colleges, and Government Higher Secondary Schools was organized today at GCW Gandhinagar.

The initiative is part of the Special Scholarship Scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Yojana for the Academic Session 2024-25.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Abhay Jere, Vice Chairman AICTE New Delhi.

In his keynote address, Dr. Abhay Jere highlighted the government's commitment to enhancing educational infrastructure and support systems to empower students from marginalized communities. He further underscored the importance of the scheme in providing equitable educational opportunities to the underprivileged youth.

The event saw active participation from almost all the educational institutions from across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

A total of 352 participants, including 51 Principals and 60 Nodal officers from colleges were registered for the event. Dr. Ajeet Angral, Consultant SAGB New Delhi



conducted insightful sessions, focusing on the key aspects of the scholarship scheme, application processes, eligibility criteria, and the overall benefits for students. The session was designed to equip the principals and nodal officers with the necessary knowledge and tools to effectively implement the scholarship scheme in their respective institutions.

Prof Rajendra B.Kakde, Advisor SAGB, New Delhi said that the workshop is a critical step towards ensuring that the benefits of the Special Scholarship Scheme reach every deserving student. "The active participation and enthusiasm shown by the educational leaders reinforces our collective goal of uplifting the educational standards in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh," Prof Rajendra added.

R K Ganju, Assistant Director, SAGB, New Delhi

emphasized the importance of the PMSSS in fostering the talent of youth thereby creating a brighter future for the students of UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

The workshop also provided a platform for interactive discussions, where participants shared their experiences, challenges, and best practices in managing scholarship programs. These discussions aimed at fostering a collaborative approach to address any potential hurdles in the effective dissemination of the scholarship scheme.

A key highlight of the workshop was the detailed presentation on the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Yojana, which aims to support meritorious students from economically weaker sections by providing financial assistance for their higher education. This scheme is a part of

the government's broader vision to create an inclusive and accessible educational environment for all.

Special Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ravi Shankar, who played a pivotal role in organizing this workshop, reiterated his commitment to ensuring the successful implementation of the scholarship scheme. The department will continue to provide necessary support and resources to the educational institutions involved.

Prof S.P. Saraswat, Nodal Principal and Principal of the host College, urged the Nodal Officers to actively support and guide eligible students in availing the benefit of the scheme and offered to provide all the necessary support.

Dr. Neetu Raina, coordinator, PMSSS committee, GCW Gandhinagar, along with her team, successfully organised the workshop. Dr. Sugandha Mahajan, Assistant Professor Botany handled the stage and Dr. Kiran Kalra, Assistant Professor, English presented a formal vote of thanks.

As the workshop concluded, participants expressed their gratitude and commitment to utilizing the insights gained to better serve their students. The collective effort of all stakeholders in this workshop signifies a promising step towards creating a brighter future for the youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Secy RDD stresses integrated rural development approach

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REASI, MAY 28

Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive review of the status and progress of various flagship schemes, including the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, and other RDD initiatives in Reasi district.

During the review meeting, Dr. Shahid emphasized the importance of effective and timely execution of these schemes to ensure the socio-economic upliftment of rural areas.

He stressed the need for convergence between MGNREGA and the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), urging officials to improvise and align additional projects with comprehensive watershed management objectives.

Dr. Shahid reviewed the status of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin and directed officials to concentrate on solid waste management, door-to-door waste collection in panchayats, community soakage pits, community compost pits, and individual soakage pits.

Recognizing the crucial role of Block Development Officers (BDOs), Secy RDD urged them to adopt a proactive approach and demonstrate unwavering



commitment to finding effective solutions that can address the diverse challenges faced by rural communities.

Highlighting their cost-effectiveness, durability, and rapid deployment capabilities, Dr. Shahid stressed that adopting pre-fab technologies could expedite the implementation of development projects, leading to tangible benefits for rural populations. He also suggested repurposing non-functional government buildings into beautiful Anganwadi Centers.

Additionally, he highlighted the potential of eco-tourism in generating income, creating employment opportunities, and stimulating socio-economic development in rural areas.

Dr. Shahid asked officials to distribute Alexa devices in rural schools, underscoring the RDD's commitment to leveraging technology for educational advancement in rural communities.

He said introducing these devices, the department aims to enhance learning experiences, bridge digital divides, and foster digital literacy among students in rural

areas. A detailed presentation during the meeting highlighted the progress, current status, and future action plans for each scheme.

Dr. Shahid underscored the RDD's commitment to holistic rural development, integrating innovative solutions and technological advancements to address the diverse challenges faced by rural communities.

In extensive discussions with District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, Dr. Shahid sought to achieve the targets set for these schemes and address the challenges faced in their implementation.

The meeting was also attended by District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh Mahajan, Director Rural Development, Jammu, Mohamad Mumtaz Ali, Director Panchayati Raj, Sham Lal, CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, Chief Operating Officer, Himayat Rajneesh Gupta, Additional Secretary Rural Development Department, Waseem Raja, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD)/ACP/PO, IWMP, Reasi among others.

Power shutdown

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JAMMU, MAY 28

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Main Bazar, Ward No. 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Taraf Sanji, Jarai, Bhagthali, Jail Court, PHE, Parliwand, Basantpur, MES Lakanpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 30 and June 01 from 5 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Biaspur, Kotli, Kalyana, Sai Kalan, Khanachak, Chakroi, Pindi, Hansa, Satraiyan, Flora, BOP, Tanda, Kirpind, Seed Farm, Ward No-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 (R.S Pura), Paper Mill, Dablehar, Badyal, Chowalla and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 29 from 6 am to 9 am.

Meanwhile, the Superintendent Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Jogpur, Industry and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 30 and June 01 from 5 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to VP-3 and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 30 from 5 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Badwal and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 29 and 31 from 5 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Dadyal, Nanga and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 29, 31 and June 02 from 5 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Mahal and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 30 and June 01 from 5 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Rahya and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 29, 31 and June 02 from 5 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Patti and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 30, June 01 and 03 from 5 am to 10 am.

DSEJ chairs review meeting at Doda

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DODA, MAY 28

Director School Education Jammu, Ashok Sharma conducted a review of the Education Sector here at a meeting held in the Conference Hall of Chief Education Office Doda.

The meeting was attended by Joint Director School Education Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban, Dharinder Sharma, Chief Education Officer Parkash Lal Thapa, Principal DIET Purshotam Gouria, Principals of all the Higher Secondary Schools and Zonal Education Officers of the District.

The Director School Education stressed upon sharing of resources at complex and cluster level for the benefit of students. He directed the DDOs to ensure the registration of all the employees on JK attendance App. and monitor the attendance of teachers on daily basis.



The DDOs were asked to draw the salary of teachers only after ascertaining their attendance on JK SED App. In remote shadow areas with network issues, the attendance of teachers has to be monitored through offline Biometric apparatus. The salary of the teachers in such areas is to be drawn after getting

the attendance of the staff authenticated from Village Education Committees, he directed. The Director School Education Jammu further directed the Chief Education Officer Doda to complete the rationalization process immediately after modal code of conduct is over and provide adequate staff to the schools

in the remote areas with substantial enrollment.

Raising concern about the decreasing enrollment and retention of girls during transition from elementary to secondary/senior secondary classes, the Director stressed upon the field officers to track such children through UNIQUE ID and PEN Number and ensure their retention in the school by counselling them as well as their parents and guardians.

The field officers were further asked to prioritize the renovation and construction of new school buildings by taking the enrollment of students in consideration.

The cluster heads were instructed to consistently oversee the operations of the schools within their jurisdiction. During each visit, they will also engage in teaching a class for at least thirty minutes, aiming to inspire both students and teachers.

During the training program, the participants were equipped with valuable insights and strategies to effectively advocate for the rights and well-being of girls.

Earlier, the District Social Welfare Officer,

DC Samba inspects progress of renovation work on Mohargarh Fort

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SAMBA, MAY 28

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma visited the Mohargarh Heritage Site to inspect progress of ongoing works taken up under the "Revival of Heritage" project.

Samba district shares boundaries with Jammu, Udhampur and Kathua districts. It has three historical forts of Mohargarh fort, Dhergarh fort and Bhupnargarh fort. The Mohargarh fort is located in Nud block of district Samba. It is one of the places in Jammu that has a rich cultural and architectural legacy.

The "Revival of Heritage" project envisages restoration, preservation and maintenance of architecture and heritage structures to promote these as tourist attractions.

During the visit, Abhishek Sharma was



informed that the construction work of R/wall and first floor walling has been completed. However, the construction of Chowkidar hut and front work of elevation is in progress. He directed the executing agency to expedite the work and ensure quality standards.

He also directed the concerned officers to for-

mulate a plan to create better facilities and amenities to make Mohargarh a major tourist destination. He said that the project would boost the local economy and generate employment opportunities for the youth. Executive Engineer PWD Vijay Duper, district and sectoral officers accompanied him during the visit.

DLRAC approves 10 cases in Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR, MAY 28

The District level Rent Assessment Committee meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner Udhampur, Rajinder Singh here in the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr Umesh Shan and other officers besides owners of the buildings attended the meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on various aspects regarding fixation of rent of private buildings hired for housing government offices. During the meeting, 10 rent cases pertaining to different government departments were approved by the Committee.

Daylong training program organised for Asha & AWWs

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RAJOURI, MAY 28

To bolster the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) initiative, a one-day training program was convened today, here in the Conference Hall of the PWD Dakbunglow. The event was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash Bhagat.

The event, which served as a platform for collective learning and advocacy, underscored the pivotal role of grassroots workers in fostering the objectives of the BBBP campaign.



The Deputy Commissioner, in his inaugural address, emphasized the paramount importance of gender equality and women empowerment. He articulated the core objectives of the BBBP

initiative, urging all stakeholders to redouble their efforts towards its effective implementation.

Addressing the gathering, the DC reiterated the unwavering commitment of the Government

to ensuring the holistic development and protection of the girl child. He underscored the need for concerted action at all levels of society to eradicate gender-based discrimination and promote equal opportunities for girls to thrive and excel.

During the training program, the participants were equipped with valuable insights and strategies to effectively advocate for the rights and well-being of girls.

Earlier, the District Social Welfare Officer,

Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt underscored the imperative of sustained collaboration to translate aspirations into tangible outcomes. He also sought continued support from the concerned stakeholders in facilitating the implementation of the BBBP program and called upon all stakeholders to actively contribute towards its success.

The event concluded on a note of optimism and resolve, with participants galvanized to champion the cause of gender equality and girl child empowerment.

DC Rajouri reviews drug control measures at NCORD committee meeting

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RAJOURI, MAY 28

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, today chaired a meeting of the District Level NCORD Committee to address the issue of drug abuse in the district. The meeting aimed to reinforce the existing measures and strategies to combat drug abuse effectively.

The DC meticulously assessed the ongoing programs and interventions in place to tackle the

drug menace in Rajouri. The meeting facilitated a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted approach required to combat and eradicate drug abuse.

ASP Musadiq Majid Basu gave a detailed presentation on the measures being taken by the police Department to curb the drug menace in the district.

Regarding the awareness campaigns, the concerned officers informed that a number of programs are being organised to

educate the public about ill effects of drug abuse. Chief Education Officer was directed to generate mass awareness among the students regarding drug abuse.

The concerned stakeholders were also directed to facilitate rehabilitation of the drug addicts in drug de-addiction centre and addiction treatment facility. Stress was also laid on the need for proper monitoring of courier services to prevent their misuse for drug trafficking purposes.