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All looters during Congress and BJD rules in Odisha will be sent to jail: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that all corruption cases during the Congress and BID regimes in Odisha will be probed, and those who looted the state will be sent to jail, this is "Modi's guarantee."

Addressing election meetings during his fourth leg of electioneering in Odisha, Modi accused both of betraying the people ments of being responsible development. for poverty in the state.

has governed the state for the desired economic the last 25 years.



He accused both parties still languishing in poverty. He vowed that those Congress and BJD govern- of Odisha in the name of involved in corruption and who looted the state,

Despite Odisha being shattering the aspirations Modi stated that the rich in mineral and other of the people of Odisha, Congress had ruled Odisha resources, Modi said the would not be spared and for 50 years, while the BJD state had not witnessed would be sent to jail. Modi pointed out that growth, and people are BJD leaders who previ-

bicycle now own luxury from these issues. vehicles and have amassed huge amounts of money of Jammu and Kashmir are from corruption.

recovered from them.

to vote for BJP candi- position. dates in both Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, engine" government in the state.

would make Odisha the number one state in the country

Modi highlighted that thought it would be difficult to check corruption and counter terrorism, but in the last ten years,

ously did not even own a the country has been freed

He noted that the people now celebrating democ-He promised that the racy with record voting looted money would be turnout. Before 2014, India was ranked eleventh The Prime Minister in the world economy, and appealed to the people today it has moved to fifth Modi predicted that in

the next five years, develadvocating for a "double opment would be expedited, and India would emerge as the third eco-He assured that this nomic power in the world.

He also stated that within the next six months after June 4, India would see significant changes ten years ago, people in its political landscape, with the disintegration of political parties based on

dynasty politics. CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4 Jammu sizzles at 44.8°C; Kashmir heaves sigh of relief as temp drops

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

The people across Kashmir heaved a sigh of relief on Wednesday as the maximum temperature plummeted and settled around the normal temperature after the days of intense heat wave. However, Jammu division continued to record the scorching heat even as the weatherman here predicted four-day light wet spell in Kashmir from tomorrow (Thursday).

agency, Srinagar, the Celsius which was fol- recorded a maximum temsummer capital of Jammu lowed by Kokernag where perature of 19.0 degree & Kashmir, recorded a the day temperature set- Celsius. maximum temperature of 27.5 degree Celsius, which was just 1.4 degree Celsius above the normal. The station simmered at 32.6 degree Celsius yesterday.



Qazigund, a gate way of north Kashmir recorded Kashmir, was the hottest 27.9 degree Celsius. Gul-According to the news in Kashmir at 28.6 degree marg, a famous ski-resort, tled at 28.3 degree Celsius.

Unlike Kashmir, Jammu

Pahalgam, a famous areas continued to record tourist destination, the intense heat wave recorded a maximum tem- while Jammu recorded the perature of 25.6 degree hottest day of Celsius while Kupwara in

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Preparations underway for Vote Counting in Jammu and Kashmir

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have intensified. The vote

the respective parliamen-May 31.

ency will take place and with 1500 designated for Each table will be counting will be held duty on counting day and

ing will be held in Degree With the conclusion of College Baramulla. On ing will cover seven assemvoting in all five parlia- the other hand, counting bly constituencies at MAM mentary seats of Jammu of votes for Anantnag- College and eleven at Polyand Kashmir, preparations Rajouri seat will be held in technic. To ensure accufor the counting of votes Degree college Anantnag.

at SKICC Srinagar. For the remaining kept on Baramulla Seat, count- standby. In Jammu, vote count-

racy and prevent errors, Jammu parliamentary employees will adhere to counting process is set to seat will take place at MAM a specific dress code for begin on June 4 at 8 AM in College Jammu and Poly- each assembly constitutechnic Vikram Chowk. ency at both locations. An tary constituencies, with Approximately 400 per-election official disclosed a trial run scheduled for sonnel will be involved that 265 tables will be in the trial run. Overall, a installed at MAM College As per the news agency, total of 2200 employees and Polytechnic, with an the trial for the Srinagar have been trained for the additional 35 tables desig-Parliamentary constitu- vote counting process, nated for service voting.

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30-year-old dead man brings 2 blind persons out of darkness at GMC Jammu

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JAMMU, MAY 29

A 30-year-old man from Jammu, who lost his life in a road accident, has for the first time with supbrought two persons out of the darkness by donating his eyes and giving a new lease of life to two blind persons including a 55-year-old and 60-yearold.

A 30-year-old man admitted in Super Speciality Hospital (SSH) Jammu with a road trafsented to donate his eyes.

This was the first such corneal donation, which the news agency.

In house attempt was made by SSH authorities who received transplants. port from SOTTO J&K for eye donation, they said.

Medical Superintendent and Dr Sanjogita Soodan by Dr Sanjay Kai Professor Dy MS paid gratitude to the family of the deceased for agreeing to donate corneas on Wednesday morning at SSH Jammu.

fic accident was declared Transplant Coordinator of Rifat Hamid (Sister dead and his family con- SOTTO took the initiative Incharge Eye Bank) and to motivate the family for Anjuman MTS. KNO

case in SSH, officials told gave a new lease of life to two blind patients aged

55 and 60 at GMC Jammu, It is pertinent to mention here that this is the second corneal donation Dr Rehana Khurshid, in this month in GMC. Transplant team was led & Head of 2nd Unit, Ophthalmology Department. Enucleation was accomplished by Dr Malvika (Registrar), Dr Irfan Ahmad Lone, Manpreet (Registrar),

Police affixes GPS tracking device on bailed out LeT aide in Bla **JI NEWS SERVICE**

SRINAGAR, MAY 29

In compliance to an order received from court, Jammu and Kashmir police in Baramulla on Wednesday affixed a GPS tracking device on a under trial terror associate who was enlarged on bail in a UA(P) case of Police Station Uri.

A police spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency said that the accused was arrested in case FIR No 104/2023 under section 13, 18, 18B, 20, 23, 40 UA(P) Act,120 B IPC, 7/25 Arms Act of Police Station Uri and has been enlarged bail by the Court.

The GPS anklet will be used to monitor the movement of the said terror associate and ensure that he doesn't violate the bail conditions, he said.

Power curtailment schedule withdrawn with immediate effect: MD KPDCL

Kashmir's Lok Sabha Polls: Former

'24x7 power supply in smart metered areas'

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Managing Director JPDCL Vikas Kundal Wednesday issued a public notice in which the curtailment schedule has been withdrawn with immediate effect. The Public Notice issued by the MD JPDCL read that:

"In view of the improvement in power infrastructure by way of Capacity addition and repair



of 2x50MVA, 132/66KV Summer 2024, issued by power supply in smart Power Transformer at Grid Chief Engineer (Distribu-metered areas and up to tor JPDCL also visited Station Samba and 10MVA, tion) JPDCL vide no: CEJ/ 20 Hours power supply 33/11kV Power Transform- TS-II/906-20 dated: 27-05- in other areas. However, er at Miran Sahib, the 2024, stands withdrawn. JPDCL will have to resort reviewed the availability of curtailment schedule for JPDCL will provide 24x7 to distressed curtailments power for Jammu region

in order to safeguard the and said that with the pur-

due to the soaring demand and also provide relief to of electricity driven by the rural areas by reducthe unprecedented rise ing the curtailment hours. in temperatures and the He was accompanied by severe heat wave.

advised to pay their Engineer System and electricity dues in time Operations Rajan Gupta, through online/offline mode.

The Managing Directhe State Load Dispatch Corporation office and

critical power infrastruc- chase of additional 200 ture as and when required. MW of power, JPDCL shall The general public is be able to supply smooth requested to exercise pru- and uninterrupted power dence in electricity usage to the smart metered areas

Chief Engineer Distribu-The public is further tion Manhar Gupta, Chief Executive Engineer IT&C

Anil Verma and Executive Engineer, ED-II Sh. Ashok Chibber among others.

MD JPDCL issued on spot orders that Maintenance and repair CONTINUED ON → PAGE 4

Militants, Militant Families, banned Jamaat-e-Islami turn the tables

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reported.

construction agency unmoved

The 2024 Lok Sabha the Anantnag-Rajouri seat, ist Naeem Khan, ran for elections in Jammu and where members of the office in Baramulla, while Kashmir proved unique Jamaat-e-Islami, for the Rauf Ahmed, brother of in more ways than one. first time in three decades, active Lashkar-e-Taiba This election cycle wit- engaged in the democratic terrorist Umar, and the nessed an unprecedented process. Ahmed Reshi, family of TRF commander voter turnout, including assistant director of the Bilal voted in the Baramparticipation from fami- Jamaat-affiliated Falah-e- ulla constituency. Umar's lies of militants, separat- Aam Trust in Kulgam, cast brother even urged him ists, and members of the his vote, alongside sepa- to renounce militancy and banned Jamaat-e-Islami, ratist Mukhtar Waza and reintegrate into society. who traditionally abstain Mushtaq Ahmed Reshi, from the electoral process. the father of militant Jamaat-e-Islami, voted in The elections were con- Junaid Reshi. This trend Pulwama district, part of ducted peacefully, with of rejoining the main- the Srinagar seat, assertno instances of zero voting stream was also evident in ing that most South Kashmir, tradition-

As per news agency, the ally a stronghold of sepamost notable transforma- ratist sentiment. Nazir tions were observed in Khan, brother of separat-

Ghulam Qadir, Ameer of

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DGP J&K makes surprise visit to SIA Jammu Reviews its working, interacts with officials

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Director General of Police (DGP) R.R Swain during a surprise visit to State Investigation Agency (SIA) Jammu reviewed its working and interacted with the officials posted there.

Deepika SP and head of Jammu unit of SIA explained how the working space and environment had been improved for SIA investigation and narco-terrorism cases agency. have been filed, a police



officers, chargesheets of spokesman said in a state- anklet programme pioimportant terror financing ment issued to the news neered by the CID wing. J&K police is the first in the She also explained the country in the entire coun-

try which introduced this technology based stringent bail condition that remotely monitors the movement of UAPA, NDPS and other offenders facing criminal proceedings for committing heinous and repeat crimes. DGP impressed upon

how SIA is making a mark in investigating terror cases and creating a fear of law in the minds of terrorists and their associates in the terror ecosystem.

SIA is focussing on property attachments, freezing of bank accounts, CONTINUED ON » PAGE 4

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MAY 29

The rescue operation continued for nearly 24 hours after a driver fell into Chenab river and went missing at the Rattle hydroelectric power project site near Drabshala in Kishtwar district.

Ironically, the authorities of this project seem to be unmoved by the death of a person at their construction site and neither NHPC higher ups



The

dumper was

Rescue operation continues for 24 hours,

construction agency) have tran area of Doda district, reached there to help in fell into the river Chenab the rescue operation. last evening when he was According to the news unloading a dumper at the nor anyone from Megha agency, Faizan Ahmed construction site. Engineering Limited (the Rather, a resident of Chila-

retrieved from the river whereas his body is still missing.

The district administration Kishtwar with the help of local non-government organizations, SDRF and Red Cross have launched the rescue operation since the accident took place but NHPC and the construction agency officials have not even turned up from the venue.

The relatives of the missing driver and general public have been demanding fast action to

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FSD Anantnag conducts Special Drive at Pahalgam GCE Srinagar organises 'Alumni Meet 2024'

JI NEWS SERVICE ANATNAG, MAY 29

The Food Safety Department (FSD) of District Anantnag, conducted a significant drive to evaluate compliance with Schedule-IV and other provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006, along with its associated regulations.

The inspection targeted several renowned hotels and restaurants in the Pahalgam area, including Hotel Pine and Peak, Hotel Radisson, Hotel Heavan, Hotel Grand Heritage, Hotel Abshar, and Hotel Outlook.

During the inspection, it was discovered that some establishments were not adhering to good manufacturing and hygienic were identified. practices. Issues such as



inadequate hygiene sani- have been issued to seven observed non-compliance. tation, lack of protective hotels/restaurants found gear for food handlers, to be operating in con- the drive, fifteen food busiimproper waste disposal travention of FSSA 2006. ness operators in the area systems, and the use of They are required to pro- have been registered for non-food grade materials vide explanations as to the Repurpose Used Cook-

why their licenses should during the drive. Consequently, notices not be suspended due to

Furthermore, as part of

ing Oil (RUCO) initiative. This initiative, supported by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), involves the collection of used cooking oil from food business operators by authorized aggregators for the production of biodiesel through the Ministry of Petroleum of India. Additionally,

efforts were made to raise awareness among the general public about RUCO and the detrimental effects of repeated use of cooking mediums

This initiative underscores the commitment of the Food Safety Department to uphold the highest standards of food safety and hygiene in the region.

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

The Govt. College of Education (GCE) Srinagar today organized 'Alumni Meet 2024' today in the college auditorium in order to reconnect alumni with the alma mater and their old classmates and teachers.

All the alumni were received with open arms by the organising committee and Alumni Association 'QANDEEL' headed by Dr. Shaheena Rasool.

The program witnessed unprecedented response from the alumni and dignitaries invited to grace the occasion. Their presence really made the program meaningful and colourful. Notable among them were Prof. Zamaan Azurda, Prof. (Dr) Khursheed Ah Khan, Dr Uheeda Shah, Prof. Munawara Syed Alumna, Prof. (Dr) Allaie, Prof. Gurmeet Kour.

Welcoming the alumni of the College, Principal



GEC, Prof. Seema Naz lauded the efforts of all the Prof. (Dr) Khursheed Ah alumni and other invited Khan, Dr. Uheeda Shah dignitaries for gracing the shared their nostalgic occasion in spite of their memories of their college

busy schedule. During the programme a beautiful cultural protheir better future. gram was staged by the students of GCE. The programme included variety of cultural items like Group Song, Ladakhi Dance, Solo Song, Kashmiri Rouf, Duet, Gazal singing etc.

Prof. Gurmeet Kaur also sung a gazal on the stage by this institution as we lege Protocol Committee, which enthralled and mesmerized the audiences.

basic institution. Prof Khusheed one of the alumni also expressed his nostalgic memories with the college, adding that it is really a hub of learning

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Dr. Uheeda Shah, while narrating her memories narrated how this institution has sown seeds of success for her career

Prof. Zamaan Azurda, advancement. More than 120 alumni participated in this event. The Alumni Meet 2024 proved a grand success as days and encouraged the it offered an opportunity students to study well for for the alumni to network and to contribute for the Prof Zaman Azurda development of institu-

deliberated upon the tion in various ways. "Qandeel" alumni meet Necessary arrangeand expressed his remark- ments for the success able memories of the col- of this grand event lege. He also highlighted were made by the Colthe importance of the lege Alumni Association event. He said that we 'QANDEEL', College Culhave got fully illuminated tural Committee, Colgive first priority to attend Auditorium Committee, the functions of our own College N.S.S Units.

Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament begins DC Kulgam chairs meeting at Bhaderwah with Grand Inauguration

JI NEWS SERVICE BHADERWAH, MAY 29

The Inter-School Zonal Level Tournament for U17 and U14 boys was inaugurated at LHS Nichla Thara, Bhaderwah at a grand opening ceremony.

Organized by the Department of Youth Services & Sports Bhaderwah, the tournament features competitions in Kabaddi, Football, Volleyball, Kho-Kho, Badminton, Carrom, Chess, Tug of War, Yoga, and Cricket. The event was formally inaugurated by ASP Vinod Kumar, in the presence of Headmistress Vipna Devi, Physical Education Masters, Teachers, and sports enthusiasts.

level competition.

The competitions are Zonal Education Officer nament.



being held under the Vijay Kumar welcomed patronage of Director of ASP Vinod Kumar with a Youth Services and Sports, bouquet of flowers.

J&K Shubash Chander The matches are being Around 35 government Chibber and the guid- officiated by technical and private schools are ance of District Youth committees consisting of participating in the tour- Services & Sports Officer Physical Education Masnament, with matches to . Sunil Kumar and over- ters, Teachers, and REK determine eligibility for all supervision by ZPEO Teachers, ensuring fair the Inter-Zonal District Bhaderwah Vijay Kumar. play and a competitive After the inauguration, spirit throughout the tour-



JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, MAY 29

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today chaired a meeting of Officers of BSNL to discuss Mobile network issues in and status of completion of BSNL towers at various locations.

The Divisional Engineer BSNL, Bilal Ahmad briefed locations.

DC Samba reviews progress

under CAPEX Budget 2023-24

The DC instructed the BSNL officials to expedite the process of tower installation at various locations in the district and to complete it by the end of June.

He also directed concerned telecom operators various areas of district to facilitate the people of unconnected areas with network facilities of BSNL within the shortest possible time.

The meeting was the chair about the status attended by ACR, Diviof new tower installation sional Engineer, BSNL, in the district at various DFO Kulgam, Tehsildars and other officers.

JKSTD initiates special drive against fake claims of ITC

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

ernment revenue.

by jurisdictional officers premises of inspected under supervision of units for verification. Additional Commission-

World Environment Day

Bhat. The official spokesper-

Jammu and Kashmir son said that suspected State Taxes Department dealers have been iden-(JKSTD) today initiated a tified after a thorough special drive against the scrutiny of transactional practice of claiming fake history with the help of Input Tax Credit (ITC) to advanced technical tools the officer said that visitplug the leakage in Gov- for data analytics besides ing teams collected vital using its intelligence net-As per officials, the work across the country drive was carried at vari- to collect such informaous business units across tion. The teams collected Jammu simultaneously vital documents from the

er (Administration and that the drive was initiat- pliance, such inspections Enforcement) Namrita ed against the dealers to will intensify in coming Dogra and overall direc- tackle the menace of GST days across Jammu and tions of Commissioner evasion, particularly the Kashmir.

State Taxes, J&K P. K. fake ITC claims and circular trading leading to tax evasion.

He said department develops specific intelligence, after which these units were inspected.

Sharing further details, information and further assessment of documents is going on.

Warning the tax evaders, the officer further added that to curb fraud in Goods and Services Tax An officer of JKSTD said (GST) and increase com-

DEERS organizes Model Making Competition at GHSS Rainawari

Health Secretary vows support for IFS efforts on infertility awareness, academic research



JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

as the first doctor from Jammu & Kashmir elected tility Society (IFS) as its Additional Joint Secretary, Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rashid Shah, today felicitated the leading IVF

expert. emony, organized by the Indian Fertility Society", Indian Fertility Society, underscoring his vital conwitnessed participation tributions to the field. of over 90 gynaecologists SKIMS MCH, JLNM Hospiof new IFS Kashmir Chap- ening of fertility care on in the event.

to the Governing Council performance by a group of tility in Kashmir, Dr Syed of National Indian Fer- girls from the J&K Cultural

of honour at the event, pitals of Kashmir. lauded Dr Syed Sajjad The felicitation cer- as the "backbone of the pledged ongoing coordi-

from various medical Kashmir, Dr Syed Sajjad institutions of the valley in his vote of thanks was including LD Hospital, overwhelmed with the were unveiled for an Inter-SKIMS Trust Hospital, gracious presence and national Conference on assurances of the Secre- ART & Reproductive Medital and other district hos- tary Health and Medical cine to be held in Srinagar, pitals of Health Services Education inspite of his with international del-Kashmir. The ceremony very busy schedule. He egates from USA, Europe also marked installation emphasized the strength- and Canada participating

ter team with Dr Samiya grassroots level where the Mufti, a reputed gynaeco- Indian Fertility Society logist and Head of Unit at will be on forefront with In recognition of Dr Syed LD Hospital, assuming the the health and medical Sajjad's achievement role of Chapter Secretary. education department of The highlight of the JK UT. In a bid to address

evening was a captivating the pressing issue of Infer-Academy, adding a cultural flair to the proceedings. In his address, IFS President, Professor Pankaj Hospital Srinagar in addi-Talwar, who was the guest

Founder Secretary, IFS and infertility awareness camps across J&K. Furthermore, plans

also assured and showed

his readiness in starting

weekly one day free IFS

Infertility camps at LD

tion to other district hos-

nation and logistical sup-

port for the IFS to sustain

their academic activities

The Health Secretary

JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MAY 29

Deputy Commissioner Samba, Abhishek Sharma today chaired a review meeting to assess the physical and financial status of toring and coordination District Capex Plan 2023-

24. The meeting was held in meeting Hall of the DC Office, included Sectoral and District Officers to provide insights into various sectors such as RDD, PMGSY, R&B, Jal Shakti, Education, Health, and Youth Sports.

funds released and expenditures incurred across different sectors, emphasizing the critical need for timely project completion and efficient fund utilization. He directed officers to expedite ongoing projects while strictly adherence to timelines and quality standards.

JI NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, MAY 29

In a significant move through meticulously Environment Day, June towards promoting crafted models. Each 5th, recognizing their Environmental Sustain- model vividly depicted outstanding efforts and ability and as a prelude the adverse effects of contributions to environto World Environment desertification, empha- mental awareness. Day 2024, the Depart- sizing the urgent need ment of Ecology Envi- for sustainable practices highlighted the imporronment & Remote Sens- to combat this growing tance of addressing ing (DEE&RS) EIACP problem. The competi- desertification but also Hub Jammu & Kashmir tion witnessed participa- encouraged young minds today organized a Model tion of 20 students, divid- to think critically about Making Competition ed into 4 groups, who sustainable solutions. By on the theme 'Waste to brought their innovative engaging the youth in Wealth at Govt. Girls Hr. ideas to life with passion Sec. School (GHSS) Rain- and precision. awari, Srinagar.

The event aimed to cased their creativity to foster a deeper underraise awareness about and deep understanding standing of ecological the effects of desertifica- of environmental issues issues and inspire coltion. through meticulously

Participants show- crafted models.

Environment Day -2024 DEERS organises Model making competition at GHSS Qasaban

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Environment Day -2024, the Department of Ecol-Jammu.

The initiative aimed ier planet. to promote a sense of waste for environmental vated the students about song too.

cased their creativity and deep understanding of the competition will of environmental issues be felicitated on World

The top three winners

This initiative not only such meaningful activities, DEERS-EIACP Hub Participants show- Jammu & Kashmir aims

lective action towards a sustainable future.

In anticipation of World students showcasing gested a plantation drive ogy, Environment & products of household Remote Sensing DEERS- use. By organizing such EIACP Hub Jammu activities, the depart- Hub gave an overview of organized a Model ment aims to inspire citi- the theme of the World making competition at zens to take active roles Environment day i.e. Govt. Higher Second- in preserving their local Land restoration, desertary School, Qasaban, environment, ultimately ification and drought contributing to a health-

The chief Guest of the skit on save earth and reducing waste and occasion Sajjad Ahmed showcased their skills generating wealth from Khan, ESC, DEERS moti- in group dance and solo

conservation. The event not using single use plassaw enthusiastic par- tic and keeping our sociticipation from school ety clean. He also sugtheir expertise in utiliz- in the school campus ing waste in generating during the upcoming Van Mahotsav.

> The PO- EIACP J&K resilience. The students presented a thematic

ect progress. He directed pur Sub division.

issues to prevent delays, emphasizing the impor-

The DC scrutinized the tance of efficient implementation for the benefit of the district's residents.

The meeting witnessed the presence of key officials including the ADDC Samba, Champa Devi, Chief Planning Officer, Kasturi Lal, ACD, Mehmood Riaz, DSEO, Executive Engineers of KPDCL and Jal

Sakhti, CMO, CEO, Execu-It was revealed during tive Engineer PMGSY, DIO, the meeting that out of the Ashiq Rafiq, AEE R&B, and total 2221 works initiated other stakeholders.

under the District Capex, 2113 have been successfully completed, with the remaining projects currently in progress. The DC underscored the significance of close moni-

projects taken under the among departments to overcome any bottlenecks and ensure seamless proj-

DSEO for spot verification of a few projects in Vijay-

He urged officers to provide regular updates and promptly address any

DC Bandipora visits Sumbal sub-division, inspects developmental works under Horticulture Sector

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MAY 29

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel Ur Rehman today conducted a comprehensive tour of Sumbal subdivision to review the functioning of various horticulture units.

The DC inspected different cultivation setups, other initiatives.

He assessed the production process of high-quality fruit plants for various fruit crops and their subsequent distribution to the farming community, along with revenue generation. Chief Horticulture Offi-

cer Bandipora Farooq Ahmad informed the DC within the district.

sity Mother Block Apple of land. orchard established under



pora, Sumbal.

Apple orchard have been are for nursery. established on 20 Kanals of land.

Officer (CHO) Bandipora, Farooq Ahmad; Horticulture Development Officer in the district. Sumbal and other concerned field officers.

about the initiatives taken ed an on-site inspection department to ensure under different schemes of the Model Orchard cum swift and effective imple-Nursery at Asham estab-During the visit, the DC lished by the Horticulture projects for compreheninaugurated 04 High Den- Department on 100 kanals

land in Model Orchard CHO informed that cum Nursery 77 kanals such as high-tech nurser- these 04 units of High are for the mother block ies, mother blocks and Density Mother Block of apple and 20 kannals

> Shakeel ur Rehman appreciated the horti-The DC was accompa- culture department Bannied by Chief Horticulture dipora for taking solid and substantial steps for implementation of HADP

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned Later, the DC conduct- from the horticulture mentation of agricultural sive development and to ensure the successful exe-

The DC was informed cution of HADP for maxi-HADP 2023-24 at Shahtul- that among 97 kanals of mum benefit to farmers.

NCORD meeting discusses strategies to combat drug abuse in Reasi

JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, MAY 29

To tackle the alarming rise in drug abuse, the District Level Narco Coordination Committee (NCORD) today called for following a comprehensive plan to fight drug menace in the District. The Committee, which met today here under the chairmanship of District Magistrate Vishesh Mahajan in the DC Office Complex, delved into comprehensive strategies to curb drug abuse and prevent untimely deaths caused by narcotics.

Emphasizing proactive measures, DM Mahajan ed for the formation of urged educational institutions to vigilantly monitor students' attendance and behavior. Additionally, he lance committees. These mandated the regular utilization of drug testing kits envisioned to bolster vigiprovided to schools and colleges to identify and assist at-risk individuals.



health department directed to intensify efforts in identifying and providing support to those ensnared in substance abuse. With a focus on prevention, Mahajan stressed the importance of engaging youth in sports activities to divert their attention from illicit substances. To enhance community

involvement, he advocatparents' associations in educational institutions and village-level surveilgrassroots initiatives are lance and facilitate the identification of individuals involved in drug ped-

10 AROs, 60 teams constituted to count

Furthermore, the dling.

In line with the comprehensive approach, Addl. SP Ifthikar Ahmed highlighted the pivotal role of community-driven committees in Reasi and Katra. By fostering collaboration between law enforcement and local residents, these committees are poised to play a crucial role in identifying and addressing drug-related activities within their respective

communities ADDC Sukhdev Singh Samyal, ADC Kulbhushan Khajuria, ACR Anshumali Sharma, Joint Director Chief Planning Officer Narinder Kumar, ACD, CEO, DIO (info), Tehsildars and other concerned officers were present.

DC Bandipora prohibits entry, sale & carrying of polythene bags in Sub-division Gurez

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MAY 29

In order to eradicate the effects of polythene bags and to keep Gurez Valley shipshape and tidy, the on entry, sale and carrying Sub Division Gurez. of polythene bags in Sub

Division Gurez. The move is aimed to trate, Gurez, to ensure reduce the hazardous strict compliance of these effects of polythene bags and other non-biodegrad- urged to take immediate able wastes in the ecologically fragile Valley.

tours/inspections by vari- Valley on Bandiporaous officials from District Gurez Road, and to also Administration Bandipo- constitute market checkra, it was found that there ing teams in this regard. is rampant use and littering of polythene at vari- the public in general and ous tourist spots in Gurez tourists in particular to Valley in view of huge influx of tourists/ local bags and to cooperate in grave threat to the local this menace so that organ-

of the above and in the served.

interest of conservation of ecology and environment of Gurez Valley and as part of eco-tourism and sustainable tourism measures, Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Deputy Commissioner/ Bandipora in an official District Magistrate, Bandi- order instructed that there pora, Shakeel ul Rehman shall be complete prohibi-Rather on Tuesday tion on entry, sale and carimposed a complete ban rying of polythene bags in

The DC also directed Sub Divisional Magisinstructions. Rather also steps to not allow polythene bags at all entry During recent field points enroute Gurez

The DC also appealed to avoid usage of polythene travelers which is posing complete eradication of ecology and environment. ic set up of the ecologically Now, therefore, in view fragile Valley can be pre-

Secretary Health reviews functioning of Health department at Baramulla

JI NEWS SERVICE

BARAMULLA, MAY 29

Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, today convened a meeting to review the functioning of Health department in the district.

Dr. Syed Abid emphasized the importance of efficient healthcare delivery and the need for continuous improvement in medical facilities. He reviewed the current operational status, challenges and achievements of various healthcare units working within the district.

The meeting also had socio-economic status. discussion on implemenwith the Pre-Conception Officers to present their PNDT) Act. He stressed on for further enhancing standards of healthcare medical practices. provide best possible and PNDT Act. healthcare facilities to



tify any remaining targets The meeting provided a and ensure that they are tation and compliance platform for Block Medical covered within a month. Dr. Abid Rasheed and Pre-Natal Diagnos- reports, discuss issues highlighted the necestic Techniques (PC and and propose solutions sity of maintaining high

postal ballots in PC Udhampur JI NEWS SERVICE

KATHUA, MAY 29

Returning Officer, 4-Udhampur Parliamentary Constituency Dr. Rakesh Minhas (DEO Kathua) today chaired a meeting cum training session held for the AROs designated for counting of votes under Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) here in the conference hall of DC Office complex.

It was given out in the meeting that vote polled through ETPBS shall be counted in the opening hours of the day of counting of votes for General Election to Lok Sabha-2024 scheduled on 4th Iune.

During the training scanning of QR codes Power Point Presentation, their team members with and electors above 85 briefed the trainees about all the guidelines and years of age casted their the SOPs to be adopted procedures. The RO fur- votes through postal balduring the counting exercise. paper. He further instruct- the counting of postal bal- programme.



ed them to go through lots will start at 08:00 am the Hand Book issued by sharp.

ECI to have clear insights into different aspects like session, Master Trainer on ballot, declaring the Transmitted Postal Ballot Sideshwar Bhagat (DIO ballot valid or invalid System (ETPBS) where NIC Kathua), through a etc and further acquaint persons with disabilities

Pertinently, for the first time ECI had made provisions in the Electronically GDC, Ramgarh, District Police organize Intra-College debate competition



The Secretary exhorted vices, regardless of their directed the BMOs to iden- concerned.

the importance of strict healthcare services. Key and asked the officers adherence to the PC and topics discussed included to focus on areas requir-PNDT Act to prevent its resource allocation, infra- ing immediate attention. misuse and ensure ethical structure development, He assured them of the staff training, patient care department's support in Dr. Abid Rasheed standards and effective addressing any challengdirected the officers to implementation of the PC es and improving service delivery.

The meeting was the people of Baramulla. upon the concerned to attended by Chief Medical He emphasized the impor- ensure that the benefits of officer Baramulla, Dr Mastance of ensuring that all Ayushman Bharat should toora Akhter, Block Mediresidents have access to reach to all eligible benefi- cal Officers and Nodal quality healthcare ser- ciaries in the district. He officers besides other

for counting of postal bal- ther informed that a total lots from the comfort lots besides explaining of 60 teams have been of the home as the pollprecautions to be taken constituted for counting ing parties reached their of ETPBS votes polled in doorsteps. the entire 4-udhampur

Among other ADC, The RO, while interact- parliamentary constitu- Kathua Ranjit Singh, CPO ing with AROs, laid thrust ency. He directed the Ranjit Thakur, Nodal Offion acquainting with laid AROs to ensure all teams cer, and other designated down guidelines of ECI on shall reach the counting AROs were also present at counting of postal ballot venue well before time as the meeting cum training

RO Baramulla PC presides over Training programme for AROs

JKAACL organizes mega event at GDC Marh

JI NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, MAY 29

J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages, in collaboration with the Department of Dogri organized a 2-day cultural event at Government Degree College Marh.

The Dogri Department tural activities. The chief the guests. guest for the function was Reeta Khadyal.

stressed upon the impor-state level. tance of Dogri language also", he added.

In his inaugural

inaugurated by Principal and languages in differof the college Dr. Rakesh ent spheres. She stressed Kumar Koul who wel- upon students to learn announced the cash comed the chief guest and Dogri language and cul- price for the particistaff of J&K Art Culture ture in different ways, as and Language Depart- the academy is working benefit transfer method. ment Jammu. He also on 12 languages at the The whole event was

Reeta Khadyal spoke on Department of the colrequired at national level She also sang a Dogri song Jolly. which enthralled the stu-

Earlier, the programme dents and staff, fostering of the college presented commenced with lighting new confidence towards a bonanza of Dogra cul- of the ceremonial lamp by dogri language among all present.

The Students of college Editor Dogri J&KAACL address, the chief-guest presented their talent by explained the function- way of elocuting poem, The programme was ing of J&K art, culture singing, dance and nukkad naatak performances.

The chief guest pants through direct organized by the Dogri

enrichment among youth. the achievements of the lege headed by Dr. Sheetal "It is our vernacular lan- academy, especially pub- Devi and the cultural comguage where promotion is lishing of Dogri books. mittee headed by Dr. Ashu

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MAY 29

As part of the ongoing efforts to ensure a seamless and transparent electoral process, the Returning Officer for 1-Baramulla Parliamentary Constituency, Minga Sherpa today conducted a training programme for Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) at Dak Bungalow Baram ulla.

This programme is a pivotal component of the preparations for the upcoming vote counting scheduled for June 4th.

The training programme was designed to thoroughly equip AROs with the essential knowledge and skills required to manage the vote counting process with precision and transparency. Emphasis was placed on strict adherence to the established guidelines and procedures, reinforcing and the proper handling of the commitment to main- electoral materials. taining the integrity of the electoral process.



ing process. He urged all officers to perform their cratic principles. The protechnical aspects of vote counting, including the dence in the preparedness use of counting software of the AROs, reiterating the

participation from all

In his address, RO designated AROs, who underscored the impor- engaged in interactive tance of accuracy and discussions and practical vigilance during the count- demonstrations to address potential challenges that might arise during the duties with the highest counting process. This levels of professionalism hands-on approach aimed and dedication to demo- to ensure that all officials are fully prepared to gramme featured com- manage any eventualities prehensive briefings on efficiently and effectively.

RO expressed conficommitment to conducting a free, fair and trans-

The event saw active parent counting process.



JI NEWS SERVICE SAMBA, MAY 29

Government Degree College, Ramgarh in collabo- tion to young generaration with District Police, tion by their parents and Samba today organized a teachers. thought-provoking Intra-College debate competi- ent were SDPO Vijaypur tion on the topic "Crime Shri Rohit Gupta and SHO against Women: Decreas- Ramgarh Inspector Jasing in 21st Century?

Andotra, the Principal pur and Inspector Jasvinof the College. While der SHO Ramgarh. addressing the audience, she appreciated the initia- secured by Alisha Meenia, tives and efforts of district Second position by Babli police in providing a plat- Choudhary and Third

who are involved in crime Atri. against women.

tioned that it was not Convener, Literary Club, always the men who GDC Ramgarh. commit crime against women but in many cases by all the faculty memwomen are also responsi- bers and students with ble particularly in domes- great zeal and fervor. tic violence cases. In his

concluding remarks he said that it is the need of an hour to provide moral and value based educa-

The other guests presvinder. The jury members The competition was comprised of Prof. Ritu held under the able Bhagat, Dept. of Educaguidance and leadership tion, GDC Vijaypur, Shri of Prof. (Dr.) Geetanjali Rohit Gupta SDPO Vijay-

First position was form to participants to position went to Komal present diverse perspec- Devi. The Cash prizes of tives on this critical issue. Rs. 10000, Rs. 8000 and Vinay Kumar Sharma, Rs. 5000 were given to SSP Samba was the chief them by District Police guest, who in his address Samba. Eight consolahighlighted that Crime tion prizes of Rs. 2000 against women is decreas- each were also given by ing but the reporting them to Jagmeet Kour, of these cases has been Harmandeep Kour, increased. He also added Chahat Tadyal, Bhoomika

that the priority of Police Sharma, Ritika Manhas, Department would always Geetanjali Kumari, Priya be to punish the criminals Raj Kumari and Tamanna

The vote of thanks was Moreover, he men- presented by Dr. Snobar

The event was attended



Thousands of houses submerged by flood in Manipur

AGENCIES IMPHAL, MAY 29

Thousands of houses all over the state were inundated by flood as Cyclone Remal hit Manipur since Monday.

The historic Kangla fort was also flooded as police, volunteers took out the aged and children from the affected houses towards safe place.

Over a lakh people were taking shelters at relief centres according to a volunteer, who was taking out infants to safer places.

were all flowing at the supply across the state. danger levels.

hours has severely disof Manipur.

Valley and Hill Districts ernment is committed have been heavily sub- to taking all necessary merged. Additionally, measures to prevent the Cyclone Remal has left landslides on state and situation from worsena trail of disaster, fallen National Highways 37 and ing and to extend all postrees, uprooted houses, 2 have disrupted the main sible assistance to those landslides. All the rivers routes for transporting affected. All citizens are flowing in the state spe- essential commodities, requested to stay informed cially Nambul, Iril, Imphal severely affecting their through official channels for updates and follow the She said, " deeply con- guidance provided by local

Manipur Governor cerned and saddened by authorities. Together, we Anusuiya Uikey said inces- the damage to homes and will overcome these chalsant rainfall due to cyclone properties in both the lenges." Remal over the past 48 Valley and Hills Districts.

turbed the lives of people urge all citizens to remain in essential services were calm and refrain from asked not to take leave to

The low-lying areas of panicking. The State Gov- meet any eventuality. To maintain water level a gate of the Ethai Barrage was opened.

platform. "We are closely monitoring the situation, and any further openings will be done in consultation with the Water necting Imphal to the disporation (NHPC). Our highways. A high alert has been official teams are working In light of these events, I sounded and all working tirelessly around the clock

safety of the people." As the water levels of

the rivers were increasing gradually, thousands of people living beside Imphal, Nambul, Iril rivers were evacuated to safer places. Local clubs and youth bodies arranged sandbags to protect the river walls from breaking.

Both national highways were completely cut off. The Imphal Mao was earlier cut off since May 2023 by various Kuki organizations while the other highway Imphal Jiribam was cut off on Tuesday due to

Chief Minister N Biren landslide and a truck fell Singh said in a social media into a gorge as the highway was washed off at Sinam village. The driver had managed to jump down. State highways con-

Resources Department tricts were also affected as (WRD) and the National landslides were reported Hydroelectric Power Cor- in most parts of the state

The government has ordered closure of all eduto manage this situation cational institutes from effectively and ensure the May 29 to 31.

Neither democracy nor government in

LG orders paid break for construction workers amid Delhi heatwave

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAY 29

> As temperatures at various national capital locations breached 50 degrees Celsius amid a severe heatwave, Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Wednesday issued order mandating three-hour paid break for labourers at construction sites.

The directive issued by LG office said, "LG has given instructions to Delhi Development be given a break during etc and issue directives for adequate arrangements for water, coconut and etc for cial statement said. labourers who have been deployed at various conthese arrangements should struction sites so that they can stay hydrated."

"Directions were also 40 degrees Celsius. given that appropriate arrangements for shade/ coolers be made to pro- Naresh Kumar to convene tect the poor labourers an immediate meeting of ers should be deployed from heat stroke. DDA has all Public Works Depart- to cool down the ambient been given orders that the ments including DJB, MCD, temperature on the roads, supervisors and labourers NDMC, Power Department he added.

Authority... for making peak heat hours - between protecting the labourers 12 noon and 3 pm," an offiand supervisory staff from extreme heatwave condi-The LG has directed that tions.

Saxena further directed continue across all sites, till to arrange earthen pots temperatures drop below with drinking water at bus queue shelters to provide He further directed relief to bus passengers

Delhi Chief Secretary and passersby. Water sprinklers tank-

DRDO successfully flight-tests RudraM-II missile from Su-30 MK-I off Odisha coast

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAY 29

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday successfully flighttested the RudraM-II Airto-Surface missile from Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the coast of Odisha at around 1130 hours.The flight-test met all the trial objectives, validating the propulsion system and control and guidance algorithm, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The performance of the missile has been validated enemv assets. from the flight data captured by range tracking the-art indigenous techinstruments like electronologies developed by optical systems, radar various DRDO laboratories man DRDO Samir V Kamat and telemetry stations have been incorporated in also complimented the deployed by Integrated the missile system. Test Range, Chandipur at various locations, includ- Minister Rajnath Singh tion culminating into the ing the on-board ship.

RudraM-II is an indig- IAF and industry on the



enously-developed solid- successful test-flight of propelled air-launched RudraM-II.

missile system meant The successful test has for air-to-surface role to consolidated the role of neutralise many types of the RudraM-II system as a force multiplier to the A number of state-of-

Armed Forces, he said. Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chair-DRDO team for their untir-Meanwhile, Defence ing efforts and contribucongratulated DRDO, successful flight test.

AGENCIES PATNA, MAY 29

Senior RJD leader Tejaswi Prasad Yadav on Wednesday alleged neither was there democracy nor government in Bihar and only bureaucrats were calling the shots.

Yadav while responding to queries of media persons regarding school timing during the summer, when state was reeling under heatwave, said neither was their democracy nor government in Bihar. When state was reeling under scorching heat, school timing should have been rescheduled to provide relief to children specially of lower classes, he added.

by the officials. There was ticularly of lower classes.



no government and only bureaucrats were calling the shots, he remarked.

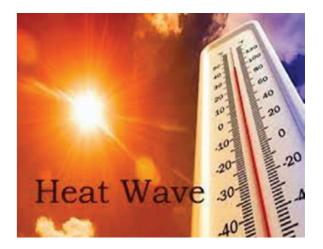
Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar had requested state government few days ago to admitted were discharged declare holiday in schools due to scorching heat but Districts where students RJD leader said that it went unheeded. School complained of uneasiness Chief Minister Nitish timing has been fixed from and other complications 6 AM to 12 PM in Bihar are -- Begusarai, Siwan, which is causing lots of dif- Munger, Jamui, Sheikhtiming but it was ignored ficulties for students par- pura and others.

A large number of school

students fell unconscious due to scorching heat and some of them were admitted to local hospitals for

treatment. Most of those after treatment shortly.

Heatwave over Northwest Bihar, bureaucrats calling shots : Tejaswi & Central India to reduce gradually: IMD



AGENCIES NEW DELHI, MAY 29 Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltistan and Muzaffar-

Heatwave to severe heatabad till June 2, it added. wave conditions prevail-The weather departing over Northwest and ment has also forecast a Central India are expected gradual fall in maximum to reduce gradually from temperatures by 3-4°C Thursday, the India Mete- over Northwest and Cenorological Department tral India during the next (IMD) said on Wednesday. 3-4 days.

Yesterday, the maxi-

Kumar had issued instructions to change the school

FROM THE FRONT PAGE..

All looters during...

Modi also predicted that there will be a "big explosion" in the BJD politics in Odisha in the next six months.

The Prime Minister emphasized that those who have looted the state's resources will have to return the money, reiterating that this is "Modi's guarantee."

There will be no sympathy for those who have looted the people of the state, and these looters will be punished and sent to jail to spend the rest of their lives there, he said.

Jammu sizzles at...

the season at 44.8 degree Celsius today. Katra station also recorded the hottest day of the season at 40.3 degree Celsius.

As per the data, shared by the Meteorological department, Banihal has recorded a maximum temperature of 30.8 degree Celsius while Batote and Bhaderwah their supporters are seen in a relaxed state, some even recorded 31.9 degree Celsius and 29.4 degree Celsius respectively

Meanwhile, Director MeT, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that the weather is expected to remain partly to generally cloudy on May 30 and 31st while there is a possibility of light rain and thunder at isolated places as well.

from June 03 as the weather would remain generally dry on June 03 and 04.

scattered places.

Moreover, in its advisory, the MeT stated that there 7 days

"Slight relief from heat wave and Hot & dry weather parts of Kashmir & few hilly areas of Jammu Division," it reads

Another spell of heat wave is expected during 3-4 June over Kashmir division, it said, adding that avoid fluid and water especially vulnerable people (Elderly to maximum areas of Jammu region. KNO people, infants and children). KNO

Preparations underway...

and micro supervisor, with AROs stationed at separate ism and terrorist threats appeared diminished across tables

During the trial, electronic voting machines (EVMs) and other election materials will be transported from the strong room to the counting centers and then returned. The trial will commence at 8 AM, with employees expected to report by 6 AM. All trained personnel have been instructed to be present.

The Jammu parliamentary seat has 37,404 registered service voters. As counting day approaches, the anticipation and anxiety among politicians and their supporters are palpable. Many constituencies, particularly those centered in Kashmir, are witnessing fierce competition among prominent candidates.

Representatives will be present at the counting centers, and a large number of supporters are expected to gather outside. Meanwhile, with voting completed across all five seats in the state, many politicians and visiting tourist destinations to unwind before the results are declared. KNO

'24x7 power...

works should be planned in such a manner that there On June 1 & 2, partly to generally cloudy weather with should be no inconvenience to the General Public and light rain and thunder at isolated places is expected, he there should be no long hour outages even in rural said, adding that the weather conditions would improve areas. He also issued instructions that no shut downs should be allowed in the peak summer season.

During the visit, it was informed that 160 MVA, However, he added that from June 5-June 7, gener- 220/132 KV Auto Transformer at Gladni grid has also ally cloudy with light rain and thunder is expected at been brought into the circuit by JKPTCL today, the transformer is now running in parallel with 400 MVA Auto Transformer bank. This will help in reducing the would be no respite in heat wave and Hot & dry weather infrastructure challenges for JPDCL and issues of forced conditions over plains of Jammu division during next curtailment due to temperature rise of transformer shall subside with this step.

The Managing Director Vikas Kundal exhorted the conditions during 30-31May & 1-2nd June over most staff to come down heavily on the illegal hooking and conduct regular connection to provide relief to honest consumers. He reviewed the SCADA system installed at Gladni Grid and complimented the fact that such technological advancements are being used to monitor and heat exposure during 12 noon to 3 PM & drink lot of control systems at the parent Grid which feeds power

Kashmir's Lok Sabha...

Jamaat members exercised their franchise, considermanned by a counting assistant, counting supervisor, ing it their democratic right. The influence of separate

all Lok Sabha seats in Kashmir. Even those who previously advocated for election boycotts participated in the voting process.

The participation of Pakistan-backed separatists further highlighted the shift in the political landscape. Voter enthusiasm was palpable in all phases of the election, with many constituencies breaking previous turnout records. The increased voting percentage in Srinagar, Baramulla, and Anantnag indicated a significant change in the valley's atmosphere. KNO

DGP J&K makes...

executing Non Bailable Warrants, opening Look Out Circulars etc to put social as well as financial pressure on terrorists.

DGP agreed to the proposition of SIA officials that full throttled efforts should be made to make those seeking and succeeding in getting bail connected with terrorism, secessionism, narcotics, land mafia and gangsterism to pay for the anklet. Why should public pay for the anklet and its service which costs around Rs 50,000 was their contention. KNO

Rescue operation...

retrieve the body and also book those who are responsible for the incident.

"We have been here since last night but no one from the construction company has come here to help us in fishing out the body. Their attitude is totally vindictive and careless and it seems the lives of common workers don't matter for them," said Shabir Ahmed, former Sarpanch of Kalihand Panchayat of Doda district, the native village of the missing driver.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar Devansh Yadav visited the site to supervise the rescue operation and asked the officers to speed up the process and push machinery into the service to trace the body.

According to the eye witnesses, the accident occurred due to loose soil in the area where the construction agency is dumping the soil to construct the dam of Rattle power project. The vehicle was moving on the loose area and during unloading the vehicle fell into the river and driver also fell inside the river.

Despite repeated attempts, Rattle power project authorities were not available for the comments. KNO

wave to severe heatwave mum temperatures were conditions is very likely in the range of 46-50°C in in most parts of Punjab, many parts of Northwest Haryana, Chandigarh, India; 42-46°C in many Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar parts of West, Central & Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh East India. These were today and gradual reduc- above normal by 3- 6°C tion thereafter. Heatwave over many parts of Northconditions is likely to con- west India and in some tinue in isolated pockets parts of Central and West of these areas till June 1st. India, the IMD said.

According to IMD, heat-

Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Vidarbha, Chhat- weather, the IMD said tisgarh, Jammu division these conditions are very and Himachal Pradesh likely to prevail over isowill also witness heatwave lated pockets of Konkan to severe heatwave con- and Goa for the next two ditions till tomorrow, the days. The MeT depart-IMD said.

A fresh disturbance is conditions are continue likely to affect Northwest to become favourable region, under its influence for Monsoon onset over isolated to scattered light Kerala during the next rainfall accompanied by 24 hours and advance of thunderstorms and light- monsoon over some parts ning is very likely over of Northeastern States

On hot and humid ment further said the

Uttarakhand, Himachal during the same period.

28 killed, over 20 injured in Pakistan bus accident

AGENCIES

ISLAMABAD, MAY 29

At least 28 people were killed and over 20 others injured on Wednesday morning in a bus accident in Washuk district of Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, local police said. Local police told Xinhua that a bus carrying over 50 passengers fell into a ditch in Bismia area of the district, leaving 28 people dead, including women and children. Police and rescue teams rushed to the site and shifted the bodies and injured to a nearby hospital. Medics feared that the death toll might rise further, as several of the injured were in critical condition. Some passengers with minor injuries reported that a tire on the overspeeding bus burst while the bus was traveling from Turbat city to the southwest provincial capital city of Quetta, police added.

JINDRAH IMAGES 05 JAMMU, MAY 30, 2024 THURSDAY

Lok Sabha Elections 2024: RO Anantnag-Rajouri PC visits Rajouri to assess preparations for counting

JI NEWS SERVICE RAJOURI, MAY 29

The Returning Officer for the Anantnag-Rajouri Parliamentary Constituency (Deputy Commissioner Anantnag) Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid, visited Rajouri district today to oversee the preparations for counting process scheduled on June 4.

Accompanied by the District Election Officer Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat, the Returning Officer inspected the count-Government Degree Colestablished at the location integrity. to facilitate the smooth votes on June 4th, 2024.



staff who will be involved

and efficient counting of Officer and the District uphold the democratic Election Officer Rajouri, ethos of the nation. During the visit, the chaired a meeting with Returning Officer thor- the concerned officers to attended by the ADC Nowoughly examined the review the overall pre- shera, Babu Ram Tandan; facilities and infrastruc- paredness for the count- ADC Koteranka, Adil Mir; ture in place, ensuring ing day. Various aspects Dy DEO, Shakeel Mir; ACR, that all necessary arrange- were discussed and fine- Mohd Jhangir Khan; SDM ments have been made for tuned to ensure a seamless Thanamandi, Abid Husthe counting process. He and transparent counting sain Shah and other conemphasized the impor- process. The Lok Sabha cerned officers.

ing halls and strong rooms tance of proper training Elections 2024 counting that have been set up at and orientation of the in the Anantnag Rajouri constituency is scheduled lege (GDC) Rajouri. A total in the counting, in order to take place on June 4th, of 7 counting halls and 7 to carry out their duties 2024 and all necessary strong rooms have been with utmost precision and steps have been taken to maintain the integrity of Later, the Returning the electoral process and

The meeting was

Inspection drive to check installation of **District Reasi starts** CCTV cameras & CBS by medicine sale outlets held at Kulgam

JI NEWS SERVICE KULGAM, MAY 29

In a bid to achieve cent percent computerized billing system (CBS) of medicine sale outlets and with the aim to stop unscrupulous sale of scheduled formulations, inspections of the retail and wholesale establishments were conducted today in Kulgam district. During the drive, all the inspected firms were found to have installed high resolution CCTV Cameras and computer billing systems.

On the occasion, an awareness programme was conducted to inform wholesale firms of the district regarding benefits of installation of computer billing systems and prevention of misuse of scheduled formulations.

The inspection drive has been aggressively pursued to achieve a robust system for observing the conditions of licenses and

prosecution was launched forming drugs.

ADDC inspects progress of work on

key projects in Kishtwar district

Earlier in the day, one nance records of habit

yearlong celebration of birth of girl child



JI NEWS SERVICE REASI, MAY 29

District Development Commissioner Reasi, Vishesh is promote positive think-Mahajan on Monday felici- ing for the girls and to partated a new born girl child ticipate in the celebration and her parents at Dis- of the families on the birth trict Hospital Reasi. This of a girl child. He emphamarked the initiation of sised that the bright future year long celebrations of of the girl child will ensure a birth of every new born better and healthy society. girl child in district Reasi as of Department of Social Welfare.

During the function, DDC regular intervals which emphasised the impor- will help in empowering tance of close coordination among other depart-

District Social Wel-Beti Janamotsav under Beti fare Officer Reasi, Sachin Bachao Beti Padao Scheme Sharma, appraised that like this and many other initiatives shall be organised at women Chief Medical Officer Dr.

move as one of its kind

initiative, the DDC empha-

sised that the objective of

this long year celebrations

ments to ensure the effec- Ravinder Manhas, Medical tive implementation of the Superintendent Dr. Gopal schemes of Social Welfare Dutt and other officers were Department. Terming the also present.

SMVDU hosts training program on 'Procurement through GeM'



DC reviews status of Jal Jeevan **Mission projects in Udhampur**



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MAY 29

spearheaded a compre- Certification. hensive review meeting Office Complex, convened work in schemes. officers and field function-

Deputy Commissioner hold Tap Connections stressed the importance of Udhampur, Saloni Rai, (FHTC) and Har Ghar Jal close coordination among

Conference Hall of the DC any pending electrical Jeevan Mission. The DC authorities for the ratioscheme-wise review, running stations and the

emphasizing the need to removal of bottlenecks in expedite work and ensure providing FHTC and Har 100% Functional House- Ghar Jal Certification. She different stakeholders to

She also directed for ensure unhindered progtoday to assess the status the timely completion ress. Additional District of ongoing schemes under of all allotted works, set- Development Commisthe Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) ting June 15 as the dead- sioner Rajinder Singh, across Udhampur district. line, and emphasized the Chief Planning Officer, The meeting, held in the importance of addressing Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh Shan, along with other officers Necessary directives from line departments, as aries involved with the Jal were issued to concerned well as Junior Engineers (JEs) and Assistant Execconducted a thorough nalization of staff for utive Engineers (AEEs) attended the meeting.

District Level

approves seven

of Land Use in

cases for change

Committee

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MAY 29

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kishtwar, Ghulam Rasool today conducted an extensive inspection tour of Nagseni and Paddar Blocks to evaluate the progress of the mega projects coming up in the region. The visit aimed to ensure timely completion and efficient implementation of key infrastructure and development works, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life for the residents.

The inspection began materials being used. The Bhawan in fostering local with a detailed review ADDC directed the project governance and commuof the Pullar road align- authorities to expedite nity engagement. ment at Nagseni. This the construction process crucial infrastructure without compromising aspects of the inspection project is expected to on quality. The next stop was the review of power significantly improve con- was at the Yatri Bhawan in restoration efforts in the nectivity and accessibility Gulabgarh, Paddar, a sig- Bhawans and adjoining in the region. The ADDC nificant project designed areas. The region had assessed the current status to provide accommoda- recently experienced a of the road alignment and tion and facilities for pil- severe windstorm, causdiscussed strategies to grims. The ADDC reviewed ing significant damage to overcome any challenges that might impede prog- ing that the construc- The ADDC reviewed the ress. He emphasized the tion was in line with restoration work. importance of adhering the proposed plans. He to the project timelines to instructed the concerned ensure that the benefits officials to accelerate the of improved connectivity pace of work to meet the immediate restoration are realized by the community at the earliest. Following this, the ADDC visited the underconstruction Primary Health Center (PHC) at Padyarna, Nagseni. The PHC is a vital at Bhawan serves as an healthcare facility that important administrative will cater to the medical hub for local governance needs of the local popu- and community activilation. During the visit ties. The ADDC assessed opment Officer (BDO) the ADDC inspected the the current status of the Paddar, and Naib Tehsil-



evaluated the quality of the role of the Panchayat

One of the critical





NUMAN

DC Udhampur reviews working of Revenue Department



JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MAY 29

Deputy Commissioner Joginder Singh Jasrotia, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Umesh in the meeting. Detailed prescribed timeframes. discussions were held on records, quality assurance pending cases.

of updated Jamabandies and digitized Mussavies, restoration of damaged

Mussavies, backlog muta-Udhampur, Saloni Rai, led tions data entry, progress a comprehensive review on revenue court cases, meeting of Revenue offi- Public Service Guarantee cers in the Conference Act implementation, com-Hall DC Office Complex, plaint redressal, grievance here today. Additional resolution, and building Deputy Commissioner permissions, as well as eviction of State Land

The DC issued direc-Shan, SDM Ramnagar tives to expedite pending Rafiq Ahmad Jaral, SDM tasks within defined time-Chenani Gurdev Kumar, lines, emphasizing adher-SDM Dudu Dr. Manmeet ence to established rules Kumar along with all and laws and the delivery Tehsildars, participated of services within PSGA-

various aspects which were tasked with prioriinclude digitization of tizing the resolution of all

were discussed in detail.

SDMs and Tehsildars

JI NEWS SERVICE UDHAMPUR, MAY 29

A meeting of the District Level Committee on Change of Land Use (CLU) was held today under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Saloni Rai at the Mini Conference Hall DC Office Complex Udhampur.

During the meeting, the committee approved seven cases submitted online by the applicants. Out of the 21 cases presented, seven were approved, five were rejected due to non-compliance with regulations, and nine were reverted for rectification of docu-

ment deficiencies.

Udhampur

the ongoing work, ensur- the power infrastructure. deadlines and ensure the of power supply to mini-

Bhawan is operational before the upcoming pilgrimage season. A spot review of the Pan-

chayat Bhawan was also conducted. The Panchay-

construction work and building. He highlighted dar (NT) Atholi Paddar.

SDM Paddar was directed to take PDD authorities on board to ensure the mize inconvenience to the residents and ensure the smooth functioning of essential services.

Accompanying the ADDC on this comprehensive inspection tour were Tehsildar Nagseni, project authorities of the Kwar Project, Block Devel-

JI NEWS SERVICE KATRA, MAY 29

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University conducted a Officer, SMVDU inaugu-One Day Training Pro- rated the Training program on "Procurement gramme attended by 57 through GeM" for Heads of all Schools, PIs, Members of Engineering wing, Director-State & UTs, GeM DRs, ARs & SOs, AAO, ASO and Staff from various wings like S&P, MAC, Ahmed Shaikh Business Sports, Central Library, Facilitator (Jammu & & network Centre of the Kashmir/Ladakh) at GeM University.

Push Button Procurement, & Bunching, etc. Neeraj Gupta, Finance

tures like, Bid Creation,

participants. Ankit Jhawar Deputy

gave an introductory lecture on GeM and Javeed and Trainer conducted

The aim was to provide the technical training. practical training to Fac-The program was orgaulty and Staff on how to nized by the Stores and use GeM effectively & to Procurement Wing of the apprise them of the fea- University.

DC Rajouri reviews implementation of HADP

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RAJOURI, MAY 29

Deputy Commissioner Rajouri Om Prakash Bhagat today presided over a meeting to review implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

The meeting focused on evaluating the progress made in achieving the objectives of the program. Stress was laid on spreading awareness among farmers about the innovative interventions available under the program.

As many as 2042 cases, including 2029 of Agriculture sector, 8 of Hortisector received through their productivity and cers.



online were scrutinized profitability. Simultane ously, the HADP seeks to and approved.

The HADP is an ambicontribute to the overall tious initiative aimed at growth of the agricultural establishing a sustainable sector.

Among others, the and profitable agricultural meeting was attended by ecosystem. Deputy Commissioner Om Prakash GM DIC, Fareed Kohli; Bhagat emphasized the CPO, Maqsood Ahmed; overarching goal of the CAO, Sohan Singh; CAHO, program which is to Dr Khalid Hussain; DSHO, empower local farmers PP Sagotra; CHO, Madan by equipping them with Lal; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; culture and 05 of Sheep knowledge and tools that AD Fisheries, Bodh Raj Husbandary Department can significantly enhance and other concerned offiKathua admin provides interim relief to family of accident victims **JI NEWS SERVICE**

KATHUA, MAY 29

District Administration Kathua provided Interim relief to family of two accident victims, who died in an accident at Kot Punnu last week.

Terming the accident as highly unfortunate, the Deputy Commissioner said "An interim relief of Rs 1 Lakh has been sanctioned under Road Accident Victim fund to the bereaved family." The remaining amount of Rs. 1 Lakh shall be released soon.

Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ranjit Singh, RTO Kewal Krishan visited the bereaved family at Nagri and offered condolences.



EDITORIAL

Kashmir's wetland crisis!

he recent revelations by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) concerning the water quality of Kashmir Valley's nine wetlands are alarming. The report indicates that these crucial ecosystems fail to meet the criteria for Class B Designated Best Use, highlighting a pressing environmental crisis. The wetlands, integral for fishing, swimming, recreation, and as a healthy aquatic habitat, are now threatened by unchecked pollution and neglect. It is deeply concerning that neither the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) nor the CPCB can definitively state the number of Ramsar sites in Kashmir. This lack of basic information underscores a troubling disconnect between the authorities and the environmental realities on the ground. The NGT's surprise at this ignorance is well-founded; it is a glaring indictment of the administrative and bureaucratic apathy towards these vital natural resources. The NGT's investigation reveals a disturbing trend of unchecked sediment deposits, rising temperatures, increased Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), elevated pH levels, illegal encroachments, and waste discharge into the wetlands. These factors collectively degrade the water quality and threaten the ecological balance. The fact that only five out of the purported eleven wetlands are acknowledged as Ramsar sites, and even that number is disputed, further complicates efforts for their protection and rehabilitation. Specific findings from the CPCB's report paint a grim picture. For instance, Wular Lake in Bandipora and Anchar Lake in Srinagar have several monitoring locations that do not meet Class B water quality criteria. Similarly, Dal Lake, a jewel of Kashmir, fails entirely to meet these standards at any of its monitoring points. The degradation extends to Hokarsar, Shalbugh, Freshkoori, Kranchoo, Chatlam, and Manibug wetlands, indicating a widespread environmental catastrophe. The NGT's directive for the respondents to submit comprehensive reports and take corrective action within two months is a step in the right direction. However, this needs to be coupled with a more robust and sustained effort. The local bodies must respond swiftly to communications regarding the removal of encroachments, and the awaited microbiological reports should be expedited. The corrective measures proposed by the CPCB, including detailed data collection and implementation of remedial actions, must be pursued with urgency and transparency. Moreover, the discrepancies in the recognition of Ramsar sites must be resolved immediately. Accurate identification and documentation of these wetlands are critical for formulating effective conservation strategies. The involvement of local communities, environmentalists, and other stakeholders in the conservation efforts can foster a more inclusive approach, ensuring that the unique biodiversity and ecological functions of these wetlands are preserved. The condition of Kashmir's wetlands is a clarion call for immediate and decisive action. The CPCB and MoEF must not only acknowledge the severity of the situation but also demonstrate a commitment to resolving it. The NGT's proactive stance should be supported by comprehensive policy measures, stringent enforcement of environmental laws, and active participation of all stakeholders.

Relevant skill sets can combat unemployment

DINESH SOOD

he service sector has such as e-commerce and undeniably been the other tech-based services primary driver of like Artificial Intelligence India's growth since 2000. (AI) and the Internet of in AI adoption. However, The exceptional perfor- Things (IoT), revolutionismance of certain modern ing the sector.

relationship services has unequivocally The contributed to the creation between the service sector's growth and techof more productive and decent employment. The nological innovation is reliance on services for undeniably mutually economic growth unequiv- beneficial. As the service ocally demands a fully sector expands, it undenideveloped job market, ably fuels further innovaenabling a free flow of the tion in technology-based workforce. The absence solutions. New ventures of such mechanisms will and their technological undoubtedly lead to rigid- needs undeniably push for ity in the services sector, continuous technological curtailing growth against advancements to gain the the backdrop of the competitiveness needed to increasingly important maintain their foothold in position of the services the dynamic industry. This sector. The key focus areas competition and need for include the pivotal role of differentiation undeniably technology in shaping the lead to increased investservices sector and stimu- ments in research and lating job growth in other development (R&D) and sectors through multiplier open innovations, benefiting both the firms involved The momentous trans- and the public.

formation of the Indian The introduction of 5G economy is irrefutably and the ongoing develbeing spearheaded by opment of 6G technolothe service sector, which gies have significantly unequivocally contribenhanced connectivity, utes more than 50 per service delivery speed and cent of the GDP. The sec- overall efficiency in India. tor's expansion is not Efforts to improve digihappening in isolation tal literacy have further but is deeply intertwined accelerated technology with global technological adoption, with 70 per cent advancements. Techno- of businesses identifying logical progress has unde- as "Digital Businesses" niably been a catalyst for and the country exhibitefficiency, customer satis- ing the highest fintech faction, market expansion adoption rate at 87 per and data-driven decision- cent. The application of making within firms. It has AI in business operations due to a lack of necessary development to enhance

also undeniably given rise has markedly improved skills. This issue is exactor new service categories, operational efficiency, erbated by the country's customer satisfaction and decision-making, positioning India as a global leader the rapid digital transformation necessitates a balance between creating employment and providing the relevant skill sets for technology-demanding jobs for a new generation is a national need.

> The service sector unequivocally offers both abundant opportunities and formidable challenges. Addressing challenges demands a resolute, comprehensive approach with astute policies and unwavering implementation. Public-private partnerships and policies aimed at bridging the skill gaps must be executed with unwavering effectiveness. Educational institutions must urgently revamp their curriculum to directly align with the market's skill demands.

> Technological advancement, while propelling economic growth, undeniably necessitates relentless skill development. To fully exploit technological progress, educational institutions must steadfastly ensure their curriculum is consistently updated and in sync with the latest innovations. Skill Gap: In India, the

skill gap in the labour force is a significant challenge,

diverse socio-economic conditions, particularly affecting those in rural areas and from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who lack access to quality education and perpetuates cycles of poverty and aggravates wage inequality. Moreover, inadequate emphasis on devel-

oping non-technical skills such as communication, critical thinking and leadership, which are increasingly in demand, further compounds the problem. The absence of these skills from the curriculum of most educational institutes compels employers to choose candidates only from a handful of premier institutes. Additionally, there is a significant mismatch between the skills taught and those required among the formally educated.

Efforts to bridge this gap must include public-prition is the Equal Remunervate partnerships (PPPs), ation Act of 1976, designed such as the initiative to to eliminate the wage gap between genders by ensurupgrade Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and ing equal pay for equal the National Skill Developwork. However, the act ment Corporation (NSDC) faces challenges, such as to train 150 million people the narrow interpretation by 2024. These initiatives of the same work or work are crucial steps toward of a similar nature and aligning educational out- the onus on employees comes with market needs, to prove discrimination, emphasising the vital which is difficult due to with only 51 per cent of the importance of both techniworkplace power dynamyouth deemed employable cal and non-technical skills ics and legal complexities.

Gender Inequality: schemes like Mission exceeded male employability from 2020 to 2023, Mission(DAY-NRLM), 2024. Furthermore, it has been higher for seven training. This situation out of eleven years of include exclusive train-

has risen over the years,

but substantial improve-

The Indian Govern-

ment has implemented

various initiatives to foster

gender-inclusive employ-

ment, aiming to bridge the

gender gap in the work-

place, making employing

ing it does not come at the

One significant legisla-

cost of pay disparity.

ment is still necessary.

employability.

Female employability in Shakti and the Deen-India has consistently dayal Antvodaya Yoina-National Rural Livelihoods but there was a drop in focusing on women's skill development and employability. These initiatives the Wheebiz India Skills ing institutes for women, Reports. However, there industry-oriented courses has been a persistent gap and partnerships with between female and male private sector bodies labour force participa- and NGOs. To encourtion, indicating a clear bias age female participation against employing women in skill development, 30 over men. This bias is per cent of seats in ITIs diminishing as female and ITCs are reserved for labour force participation women.

EDIT

ernment has launched

These measures represent a comprehensive and assertive approach to promoting gender equality in employment, highlighting the crucial importance of legislative support, skill development and financial empowerment in achieving a more inclusive workby employers, leading female labourers more force. These unwavering to unemployment even lucrative while also ensur- steps will guarantee the complete realisation of the Indian economy's potential and the equitable distribution of the benefits of skills development.

(The writer is Co-Founder and MD, of Orane International, a Training Partner with the National **Skill Development** Corporation(NSDC), Network Member, of India International Skill Centres, an initiative of GoI. Views expressed are personal)

Indian elite's longing for the West's high table can only bring ridicule

M K BHADRAKUMAR

effects.

The government's ment spoke of sanctions. the G7 summit in Italy (June 13-15) and the conference on Ukraine in Switzerland (June 15-16) can only be seen as a cynical act. The explanation ment is attributable that this decision reflects largely to India's refusal to New Delhi's commitment identify with the Western to advance the interests of moves to isolate Russia.

the Global South won't fly. would be that the 'Inter- taunting, harassing, and

Gang'

port, the US state depart- cherrypick while the US won't settle for anything decision to attend Again, Quad gets mar- less than India unequivoginalised in favour of a cally toeing the Western new grouping called 'The agenda from A to Z. Squad' with the Philip-However, the fact

pines taking India's place. remains that the govern-Of course, this estrangement's decision to pander to the West by participating in the two forthcoming events still makes no sense. The two events, Meanwhile, the power-

the West as collateral – a tainty.

This is happening against the backdrop of national Khan Market humiliating New Delhi in and its allies that Russia attempt to shield the war a crowd, and posing for early-warning Voronezh

of a terminal in Chabahar is that the elite wants to G7 nations are coalescing ence's sole purpose is to can and Arab states, etc.) around a plan to secure an address President Zel- are off the table, and the enormous loan by using ensky's so-called peace deliberations are not Russian assets frozen in formula, which involves about negotiation. The Russia's eventual capituscandalous move that is lation, payment of repara- cobble together a 'Collecclouded by legal uncer- tions, a war crime tribunal tive West + Global South' for the Russian leadership, etc.

Additionally, the Gov-

Russian Foreign Mina plan NATO is drawing ister Sergey Lavrov with up to secure a five-year characteristic plain-speak- to do with all this skulmilitary aid package of ing stated, "Those who duggery? Our decisionmasterminded by Wash- up to \$100 billion under are now being courted makers should carefully A plausible explanation ful Five Eyes are in turn ington, stem out of the the rubric 'Mission for and pressed into coming assess NATO's proxy panic gripping the US Ukraine' in a bizarre to Switzerland, creating attack on the Russian

idea is to isolate Russia and ultimatum demanding its capitulation. Moscow won't accept it.

What has India got

- to borrow the a sniper war to implicate has gained the upper from 'winds of political a 'family photo' in order M radar system in Orenmost recent coinage by it in alleged murder plots hand in the Ukraine war, change' that could usher to be able to then bloviate burg, which provides data External Affairs Minister with hired assassins in which throws their alli-S Jaishankar – has put the North America, the indiggovernment in a quanda- nant Indian denials notry. India's ruling elite are withstanding.

The paradox is, while in an untenable position being branded as pariahs the Indian elite resorts by mainstream US media. to strident nationalistic Signs are multiplying rhetoric and jingoistic that the US has fallen out grandstanding in domesof love with India's ruling tic politics, its psyche elite. Within hours of longs for a seat at the high India signing a contract table of Western democ- agenda to inflict a 'strate- a free exchange of ideas. scored that all other peace

ance system into disarray, and may toll the death knell for the 'rules-based order'. The two back-to-back

events focus on charting out the trajectory of the Ukraine war and on a speedy supercharge of NATO's spluttering with Iran for the operation racies. The contradiction gic defeat' on Russia. The Far from it, the confer- proposals (by China, Afri-

dency! NATO secretary using them to strike mili-

tary targets inside Russia! The government is misleading public opinion

that the Swiss conclave is Joseph Borrell under-

in a second Trump presi- about broad-based sup- on space objects for outer port for Zelensky's peace space control to guard general has followed up formula, should be aware against a surprise therwith a call on allies supply- of the place they are monuclear attack. It is an ing weapons to Ukraine to being lured into. They are unprecedented attack in end their prohibition on expected to support an the entire chronicle of the ultimatum that will then Cold War, and harbingers be presented to Russia. an extremely dangerous phase of NATO-Russia This is ridiculous."

EU foreign policy chief confrontation looming ahead on the horizon.

(M K Bhadrakumar is a former diplomat.)

Time to prioritise human life over commerce

SIDDHARTHA MISHRA

when a hoarding fell on a suburb in Mumbai on May 13. It is guessed that the hoarding had a weak foundation and probably fell due to the heavy winds that were blow-

ing that day and struck sevent at a nearby petrol pump. It is learnt that the hoarding was three times the size sanctioned by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and stood on the land owned by the Government Railway Polic (GRP). The advertising panel that held the hoarding in question was put by Ego Media whose owner Bhavesh Bhinde was arrested in this connection on Thursday.

of legal norms. Any damage n a massive human trag- or harm caused to persons, edy, involving human naturally, raises concerns negligence, 16 innocent of some kind of negligence lives were lost and almost or human carelessness. It is 75 people were injured apparent that some negligence was involved and legal petrol pump in Ghatkopar, a norms were violated. There was negligence on the part of the people who put up such a dangerous advertising panel as well as the local authorities

The natural question here eral people who were pres- is why was the company allowed to put an advertising panel, that posed danger to human lives, in violation of the relevant norms and why some action to remove such a dangerous panel was not taken in time by the concerned authorities. There is clear negligence of the owners and workers of the company that put this panel on the public road as they could reasonably foresee

This incident would not that such a panel may cause have occurred if care had harm or injury if care is not been taken by those who are taken. But there is also apparentrusted with the responsi- ent negligence of the local

ability is required to be fixed as their responsibility is to keep watch on city roads and, wherever necessary, take quick action to prevent accidents and damage. In this particular matter also, there is an obvious indifference towards the breach of duty and negligence as is apparent in the general attitude of apathy and lackadaisical approach in the Government functionaries as well as among the common people in India. This incident has posed many questions involving faulty urban governance in Indian cities as well as highlighting the general apathy towards human life in

our country. There is no doubt that the Ghatkopar incident was an

accident and accidents do occur despite precautions and they happen even in the most developed nations. But incidents and accidents causing deaths, injuries and damages are rampant in India, perhaps, much more than in any other country.

bility of ensuring observance authorities whose accountinjuries and damages caused either due to road accidents, dog attacks, fire incidents, drowning in rivers, lakes to negligence in many other situations including while doing medical procedures. What is surprising is that such news does not invite or attract much public reaction and only some hue and cry is raised in bigger matters for

some time which is gradually forgotten. The Government officials also do not seem much bothered by such incidents and they also respond public outcry for the time being

The thought that perplexes one here is how unfortunately so many innocent and precious lives were lost and what impact it would have had on their family members. income the family may have is always a possibility of an

The national newspapers been dependent. The unex- accident occurring with them are full of news of deaths, pected deaths of near ones due to negligence and callous and injuries to those who survived must have caused huge shock and left indelible marks on the psyches of and swimming pools or due relatives and injured that will remain a constant source of pain for them for the rest of to study in England. When their lives. The loss of relatives as well as the source of life between India and Engincome will turn this tragedy into a double jeopardy for the

members. Anyone, with an awakened mind and a sensitive heart, who is witnessing rampant human tragedies regularly happening in India, natumomentarily to assuage the rally shudders to think about whether there is any guarantee of security or value of, human life in this country. Ghatkopar tragedy among

shattered and grieving family

other such incidents again compels one to think that whether every individual, in this country, is so insecure Many of those who died must and vulnerable that anything have been the sole breadwin- can happen to them anytime ners in the family on whose and anywhere and there

apathy of others towards human life.

This dismal atmosphere makes the author recall a Statement from a friend's son who had long back gone asked about the difference in land, he sadly quipped that in England people do not let even their animals die and go to every extent to save their lives, but in India, we see people regularly dying like animals, without much

compassion being felt by Government or people. Hope that the Ghatkopar incident will raise concerns and make the Government and people more careful and responsible and a general atmosphere of care and value for human life shall prevail to save precious

human lives in our nation. (The author is a Sr Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, the University of Delhi; views are personal)

HEALTH



ga for diabetes

Follow these simple pranayams and asanas to control blood glucose levels

Study after study at top Western universities confirm and reiterate what our ancient science has been preaching all along -that positive health effects of yoga are bountiful.

For one, yoga stimulates the organs which in turn improves meta-bolic activities. This means that the chemical transformations within a cell are carried out more efficiently. This makes it a highly beneficial exercise for those suffering from dia-betes -a complex condition which occurs due to lack of insulin production by the pancreas or lack of cell response to insulin, resulting in a multitude of metabolic imbalances involving the regulation and utilisation of insulin and glucose (sugar) in the body.

In fact, a study published in the journal, Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine, last year analysed available research looking at yoga's influence on diabetes and complications of diabetes (for instance, kidney problems and high blood pressure) and found that regular yoga practise led to shortterm improvements in fasting glucose and cholesterol lev-els. The research, conducted by Marshall Govindan and Dr Emilia RipollBunn, also found that the direct stim ulation of the pancreas by certain postures rejuvenated its capacity to produce insulin.

Yoga practitioner Sabir Shaikh adds, "A few asanas help balance the functioning of the endocrine system.It massages and tones the abdominal organs like pancreas and liver, stimulate the nervous and circulatory system which in turn helps in controlling diabetes.

Diabetologist Dr Pradeep Gadge concurs. "Besides medication", he "Yogic asanas help in harmonising the body, breath and mind, thereby contributing to the overall health of the individual. Asanas help in optimal secretions of the endocranial glands which helps insulin in the body to be used more effectively."

Studies have also confirmed that practising certain asanas such as Ardha Matsyendrasana (half-twist pose) combined with Dhanurasana (bow pose), Vakrasana (twisted pose). pose), Matsyendrasana (half-spinal twist), Halasana (plough pose) squeezes and compresses the abdomen and helps stimulate the pancreatic secretions or hormonal secretions. As a result, more insulin is pushed into the system. This rejuvenates the insulin producing beta cells in the pancreas of diabetics suffering from both type 1 and 2. Practising the postures in a relaxed manner, without exertion, meditation and breathing techniques help most patients control the triggers or causes of diabetes.

Asanas over high-intensity work

out A study, by S A Ramaiah in Washington, compared the effects of exercise such as walking, jogging on a treadmill, static cycling with asanas such as Upavishta Bakasana (sitting crane), Bakasana (standing crane) and Dhanurasana. It was



found that these asanas were the most effective as they helped stimulate the hormonal secretion of the pancreas and rejuvenate its capacity to produce insulin. They also strengthened the back muscles which enhance toning of abdominal viscera (muscles and internal organs). The balancing in Bakasana improves interaction between the pituitary gland and pancreas.

Breath of life

Aside from asanas, breathing exercises especially anulom vilom (alternate nostril breathing) and kapalbatti (one-time inhale; exhale 30 to 50 times quickly) is extremely beneficial.Anulom vilom is found useful in diabetes as alternate nos-tril breathing has calming effects on the nervous system, facilitating homeostasis (internal equilibrium in the function of all the systems). This manages the stress levels, helping in diabetes treatment.

Kapalbhatti, on the other hand, stimulates the pancreas to release insulin, thus helping control diabetes. Pranayam makes the mind calm, thus balancing the interaction between the pituitary gland and the pancreas. Kapalabhati combined with Nauli Kriya (pressure manipu-Kapalabhati combined lations and isolation of abdominalrecti muscles) help control blood

sugar. These practices balance the Basic Metabolic Rate (BMR) which in turn helps stabilise sugar levels. "Once you are through with the

practice, relax in shavasana (lying flat on the ground) to cool off," advis-es Shaikh. "A yogic diet that is high in fibre, whole grains, legumes and vegetables complements the regi-men. It is recommended to lose excess weight and stabilise blood sugar levels.

Bear in mind

Throughout the programme, monitor glucose levels under the supervision of a physician, and take appropriate medication as prescribed.

-Practise yoga in the morning and evening for 40 to 60 minutes with the recommended series of postures according to one's capacity.

-The maintenance period of pos-tures should be increased gradually from five seconds to a minute, or even longer, depending on the posture and capacity of the person.

Always focus on breathing during the maintenance period of the posture

Tried and tested

When 38-year-old Manish Chaturyedi was diagnosed with case of borderline diabetes (medically termed as pre-diabetes), a condition characterised by the presence of blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not high enough to be classified as diabetes, he was advised by his doctor to take up yoga

If undiagnosed or untreated, prediabetes can develop into type 2 diabetes. Chaturvedi, a healthcare professional was also asked to change his sedentary lifestyle. "My mother is diabetic. When she introduced voga in her routine, it helped control her sugar levels," he says

Chaturvedi began with yoga and pranayam Chaturvedi began with yoga and pranaya after his sugar hit a high. "I practised pranayam, which included anulom vilom, kapalbatti, mandukasan and ardha chakrasana

(in pic) for 30 minutes every day." After three months of regular practise, Chaturvedi found that his practise, Chaturvedi found that his sugar levels were returned to the normal margin.

Follow these four key yoga pos-

tures Vrikshasana

Benefit: Helps stimulate the hormonal secretion of the pancreas. Method

-Stand straight and keep your feet close to each other. Your knees, legs and hand should be held

straight. -Now bring your right foot and keep it on your left thigh. Try to make a right angle. If you are unable to keep your foot on the thigh, try to keep your foot on the left leg wherever you feel comfortable and maintain balance. But remember your right toe should point down wards. Your body balance should depend on the

left leg. -Join your palms and bring them to the middle of your chest and keep the figure pointing upwards. Slowly move your hands overhead. Raise your arms over your head. Your arms should be slightly bent.

-Stand straight, look in front and try to be relaxed.

Relax! Coffee won't make Top breath freshening foods

EOPLE who like drinking coffee can safely continue to have it, at least in moderation, without the risk of developing atrial fibrillation -- a heart condition that causes an irregular and often abnormally fast heart rate, suggests new research.

The research includes analysis of four other studies, making it the largest study of its kind, involving nearly 250,000 individuals over the course of 12 years.

"This is the largest prospective study to date on the association between coffee consumption and risk of atrial fibrillation," said lead author Susanna Larsson from Karolinska Institutet, Sweden.

In this study, researchers first followed for up to 12 years 41,881 men and 34,594 women "We find no evidence that high consumption of coffee increases the risk of atrial fibrillation," Larsson noted

consumed. There were 4,311 and 2,730 incident AF cases in Atrial fibrillation (AF), is the most frequent form of irregular heartbeat. men and women, respeccausing a substantially increased risk of stroke, tively, in the two cohorts. The median daily coffee



consumption was three cups among both men and women.

In their analysis, the researchers found that coffee consumption was not associated with AF incidence in these cohort studies, even in more extreme levels of coffee consumption. This lack of association was confirmed in a follow-up meta-analysis that included the present two cohorts and four other prospective studies, giving

a total of 10,406 cases of diagnosed among 248,910 individuals.

Here's is a list of foods that freshens your breath Water! Water! Water! Water is a quick and an easily accessible remedy for rapidly making that breath fresh. And it is a simple tip to follow. Just swish and swirl some water in the mouth as if you are gargling (but soft-ly, not loudly) and drink it up or rinse it out. The logic behind doing this is when we get dehydrated, the saliva generated in our mouth automatically decreases. This is because our body tries to conserve moisture. Saliva tends to clean our mouth by diluting the bacteria. Bacteria and their by-products are responsible for that offen-sive bad breath or that a person might have. Therefore rinsing the mouth with water clears might have. out these odour generating bacteria. Water is a short term but a super fast way of freshening up breath in

a jiffy. Oranges, sweet lime, lemons, kiwis, and all citrus fruits rich in Vitamin C: These help in keeping the breath fresh. Vitamin C is known to fight the bacteria. It is also an antioxidant - thus it helps in

their juices.



Cardamom and

Eucalyptus both contain a substance called cineole. Cineole has antibacterial, antiseptic properties and thus attacks the stinker bacteria in the mouth. With these harbingers of foul smell gone for good, the mouth feels and smells fresh. Cardamom seeds can be kept as such in the mouth and biting into them intermittently to release that typical delicate flavor and aroma of elaichi which most of us an age old Indian remedy to keep the mouth fresh and the breath smelling sweet. Fennel is known to possess aromatic and medicinal properties.

Probiotics: Probiotics such as yogurt rid mouth of hydrogen sulphide. For instance Lactobacillus salivarius also helps in case of dental and gum related problems. It enables healing of the sores in mouth. Gum and teeth related conditions make the oral environment conducive to bacterial growth which in turn makes the breath smell lousy. Probiotics thus help those with bad

Spice up your life! Know why red chillies are good for you!

Spice PICY food is loved and savoured by all across the globe. The hot and fiery flavour peppered with relish is how most people, the world over, prefer their food to be. Spicy food gives one a feeling of satisfaction and contentment after finishing a meal

Many people have been known to recite the harmful facts related to the consumption of spicy food. However, you'll be happy to

hear that spicy food, especially food made spicy by the help of red chillies or red peppers isnot o n l y healthy but also helps in shed ding weight! Mos people equate dieting with bland food This is a wrong belief

Dieting doesn't necessarily mean bland food. It just means that you need to cut down on added sugars, extra salt, oil and unhealthy processed foods, and include more vegetables and fruits or healthy meat in your diet. You can happily eat spicy food with less oil and lose weight and red chillies can help you do exactly that! How, you ask? 1. According to a study, spicy food or the consumption of peppers helps in reducing hunger pangs and appetite. 2. A compound by the name of Capsaicin present in chillies is accountable for boosting metabolism and triggering the brain to release feel-good endorphins, thereby making you feel satiated and content.

cloves(laung) etc. From amongst these, the following are favorites with most folks

What your eyes say about your health

heart failure and all-cause

speculated that high coffee

consumption may increase

the risk of developing atri-

who, in 1997, reported how

many cups of coffee they

al fibrillation (AF).

It has previously been

mortality.

ERE is what a few common eye symptoms could reveal about your body's health

Is there more to your health than meets the eye? According to experts, your peepers may hold clues to undiagnosed health problems and a routine eye test could reveal the truth.

Eyes are the window into the body, offering a great pre-warning for many lifethreatening illnesses. Most of us think we only need their eyes checked for vision problems, but all of us should have regular examinations, as conditions such as diabetes can be detected in the eye before they start to cause problems in the body.

Here are some common eve symptoms that can be detected by opticians and what they could reveal about your health.

Red eyes Could be: High Blood pressure

When an optician shines a light into your eyes, they see the tiny blood vessels in your retinas - the sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.

High blood pressure can make these blood vessels appear twisted - or even cause them to burst so the eyes look red. A quarter of adults with high blood pressure don't know they have the condition, which can cause strokes.

Yellow deposits behind the eye could be: Diabetes

Yellow deposits of fat, or small tears in the retina, are signs of Type 2 diabetes. A big change to your glasses prescription is another. Early diagnosis is key to avoiding long-term, sometimes fatal, complications.

Iris rings Could be: High cholesterol

White rings around the iris — the coloured part of the eye are a sign of high cholesterol levels.

Another clue is 'xanthelasmas' — flat, white fat deposits under the skin on or around your eyelids. Studies show people with both these symptoms have a higher risk of heart disease.

Pale inner eyelids

Could be: Anaemia

If the inside of your lower eyelids look pale when pulled down, you may be anaemic - lacking iron, which helps makes red blood cells. Anaemia can be treated with iron supplements, but can be a sign of internal bleeding, so see your GP.

Bulging eyes Could be: Thyroid problems

Prominent-looking eyes can run in families, but eyes that appear to bulge may be evidence of an overactive thyroid. Abnormal levels of thyroid hormone cause the tissues around the eye to swell, mak ing it appear the eye is popping outwards.

Droopy eyelid Could be: Bell's Palsy or Stroke

A drooping eye can indicate Bell's Palsy, a temporary facial paralysis. It can also be a symptom of a stroke, especially if the speech is slurred.

More rarely, it could also be evidence of a brain tumour or an autoimmune dis-ease that is known myasthenia as gravis

Yellow eyes Could be: Liver disease

conditions Liver including hepatitis and cirrhosis, can turn the whites of

your eyes yellow — a symptom which requires an immediate doctor's trip. The colour is caused by bilirubin, a chemical created by the breakdown of hemoglo bin, the oxygen-carrying molecule inside red blood cells.

Pale optic nerve

Could be: MS or Brain tumour

The optic nerve, which transmits information from the retina to the brain, is visible at the rear of the eye to an optician. A pale optic nerve can be an early manifestation of MS or evidence of a brain tumour. Different sized pupils

Could be: Stroke or tumour

Healthy pupils are around the same

size and react similarly to light. If this is not the case with you, check yourself for problems such as stroke, brain or optic nerve tumour, a brain aneurysm or MS.

tend to like. reducing the toxins in the

Parsley and coriander: body, this includes those These are rich in the green produced by the bacteria in the mouth. You may have pigment chlorophyll which because of it's alkaline these fruits as whole or properties cleanses the even drink up or sip on body in a generic sense. It attacks the bacteria of the Spices and herbs: These are super amazing at keeping the breath free of any malodour for a good mouth thus rendering ineffective. them

Chlorophyll also possesses detoxifying ability. period of time. Examples Cinnamon (dal chini): The essential oil present in are cardamom (elaichi), fennel (saunf), spear mint, cinnamon is antiseptic and parsley, rosemary, euca-lyptus, coriander (dhania kills the germs giving rise to bad breath. daal),cinnamon(dal chini),

Fennel seed (saunf) is

breath.

Veggie land: Broccoli, carrots and cucumber are known to keep the mouth fresh by diminishing the bacterial content of the mouth. Chewing onto them floods the mouth with saliva.

Apples: When we crunch on to an apple, salivary secretion gets stimulated

This literally bathes the mouth and rinses out the odour generating bacteria in mouth thereby making the breath fresh

3. Another study indicates that spicy food intake cuts down cravings for salty, fatty and sweet foods for longer times and also reduces your hunger pangs.

4. Spicy food can also help increase your sex power and help you last longer.

Tiny but strong: This is how sesame seeds promote good health!

LTHOUGH tiny, sesame seeds pack quite a punch Hwhen it comes to health One of the first oil seeds known to humankind, sesame seeds have been widely employed in culinary as well as traditional medicines for their wholesome, nutritious, prophylactic, and remedial prop-

erties Known for its distinct nutty flavour, sesame seeds are not only extolled for their nutritional con tent in seed form, but are also highly valued for their rancid-

resistant oil. They were considered worth their weight in gold during the Middle Ages and for many good reasons

They are commonly added to salads, as an ingredient or topping for bread and grain products, crackers, sushi, cakes, soups, breading for fish and meat, and a wide variety of other applications. You can find sesame seeds in almost every cultural cuisine in

some way. Listed below are ten points about sesame seeds that will benefit your health in every way. Take a look!

1. Diabetes prevention:

Sesame seeds contain magnesium and other nutrients. Sesame oil has been shown to prevent diabetes, and it can also improve plasma glucose in hypersensitive diabetics 2. Reduces blood-pressure:

gen, giving the skin more elasticity and aids in repairing



T h e tissues. Regular use of sesame oil can also reduce risk of skin cancer 5. Prevents wrinkles:

Sesame seed oil prevents harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun from damaging your skin, thus preventing the appearance of wrinkles and pigmentation. 6. Healthy hair:

Sesame seed oil is full of nutrients which are needed for a healthy scalp and hair. 7. Bone health:

The impressive levels of essential minerals like zinc, calcium, and phosphorous that are found in sesame seeds can be a major boost for your body's bone health. These minerals are integral parts in creating new bone matter, and strengthening/repairing bones that may be weakened by injury or the onset of debilitating bone conditions like osteoporosis and arthritis.

8. Metabolism:

Sesame seeds contain high amounts of protein, which is broken down and reassembled from its component parts into usable proteins for the human body. This adds to overall strength, healthy cellular growth, mobility, energy levels and metabolic function.

Promotes respiratory 9. health:

Thanks to the magnesium, sesame seeds are able to prevent asthma by and other respiratory disorders by preventing airway spasms

10. Oral health:

Head of oil pulling? Oil pulling, has been used for oral health for thousands of years in Ayurveda to reduce dental plaque, whiten your teeth and boost overall health. Sesame seed oil used for oil pulling promotes good oral health.

same study above reveals how sesame oil lowers blood pressure

3. Digestive abilities:

The high fiber content of sesame seeds helps the intestines

sure

with proper digestion.

4. Healthy skin: The high zinc content in sesame seeds helps produce colla-

in diabetics. The magnesium content in sesame seeds is also known to help lower blood pres-

'Revisiting Thought, Art and Philosophy of Laleshwari': Lal opened gateway Indian Naval Ship Kiltan to women, stood up against atrocities through philosophy: KU VC

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

To delve into the contributions of Laleshwari to ing projects. the composite culture of Kashmir, her philosophical thoughts, feminist to fill those gaps," she said, perspectives and her adding that KU is investing influence as a visionary, in upscaling of resources the University of Kashmir and infrastructure and is (KU) in collaboration with promoting cultural and Indian Council of Histori- historical studies across cal Research (ICHR), New its campuses. Delhi, Wednesday inaugurated a 2-day national way to women of the seminar here.

Thought, Art and Phi- simultaneously presented losophy of Laleshwari her philosophical thoughts of Kashmir History', the tained. seminar explored the life, philosophy and legacy 14th-century mystic and said that her works are key poetess, variously known to understanding Kashmiri as Lal Ded, Lala Arifa and Shivism and aesthetics. Laleshwari.

need to understand the importance of research and that one has to be assertive while undertak-

"Try to identify research gaps and try to know how

"Lal opened the gateentire world as she stood lighting the transforma-Titled, 'Revisiting up against atrocities and through Various Sources to the world," she main- times.

Former Head, Depart-



tive power of her religious, philosophical and aesthetic works in contemporary outlined the institute's var-Registrar, Prof and grants for researchers KU

Naseer Iqbal, pitched for ment of Kashmiri, KU, Prof publishing the works of Lal of Laleshwari, a revered Shafi Shouq, in his keynote Ded in different languages. stream and department

"Laleshwari possesses varsity is going the extra

demics and research." Assistant Director, ICHR, Dr Vinod Kumar, ious schemes, fellowships and faculty.

Laleshwari's legacy will tend to understand Lal's He said, "Every subject, further enrich our under- works in a tight frame standing of the Reshi cul- as we are imprisoned in has its importance and the tural heritage," he said.

On the occasion, KU a profound knowledge of mile to utilise its resourc- ment of Kashmiri, KU, exploration." Vice Chancellor, Prof mysticism and spiritual es for ensuring a renewed Prof Shad Ramzan, said: Nilofer Khan, said there's ity," he said, while high- approach towards aca- "Content and language are Persian, Prof Aejaz Moham- session.

the two key elements of a literary work; we need to dig deep and approach the roots to understand Lal's greatness."

Noted Broadcaster, All India Radio, Kashmir, Dr "Our efforts to promote Satish Vimal, said: "We frames, we are reluctant Former Head, Depart- to widen the horizon of

med Sheikh, underlined the significance of Laleshwari's poems in shaping the social, spiritual, mystic and philosophical beliefs of Kashmir.

"Her teachings transcend religious boundaries and continue to inspire scholarly debate and address social issues," he said.

Seminar Convenor, Dr Jahangir Iqbal, emphasised the need to introduce and educate masses about the significance of

Sharda language. "We need to highlight the contributions of various Kashmiri scholars whose efforts ensured the preservation of our legacy," he added.

The international peerreviewed departmental journal 'DANISH' and a book 'Kaeshri Zabaani Te Shaeiree Peatth Faarsi Asar (Afghan Daur)' were Head, Department of also released during the

strengthens ties with brunei during strategic visit

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 29

Indian Naval Ship Kiltan visited Muara, Brunei as part of Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet to South China Sea. The visit demonstrated India's commitment to further deepen relations between both maritime nations.



nel from the Indian Navy and Roval Brunei Navy. The port call included The ship also participatprofessional interactions, ed in a IN - RBN Maritime cross deck visits and cul- Partnership Exercise. tural exchanges. The ship This will enhance underwas also open for visi- standing of each other's tors wherein, members tactics, techniques and of Indian diaspora and procedure to further Royal Brunei Navy per- reinforce interoperabilsonnel visited the ship. ity. The successful com-They were briefed about pletion of this port call the ship, India's indig- is a demonstration of enous shipbuilding capa- India's commitment for bilities and rich maritime maintenance of peace heritage. To bolster esprit and stability in the region de corps, volleyball was in consonance to its 'Act played between person- East' and SAGAR policies.

BJP committed to uphold Babasaheb's Constitution of India : Rana

JI NEWS SERVICE PUNJAB MAY 29

Underscoring the huge role of Babasaheb Dr B R Ambedkar in shaping the democratic framework of the world's largest democracy, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today emphasized the importance of safeas the bedrock of India's democratic and inclusive pur Lok Sabha Constitusociety

"Being proud citizens of es in different blocks of been and will continue to Suraj Singh in support of interests of the marginal- said the fake narratives enterprise immediately asserted.



guarding the Constitution the BJP candidate Dinesh ized segments of the soci-Singh Babbu from Gurdas- ety. "We the foot soldiers of

ency in Punjab. the BJP under the leader-He said the nation will ship of Modiji are comvibrant and forward look- always remain indebted mitted to preserving the ing India under the lead- to the architect of the values of justice, equality, ership of Prime Minister Constitution for his monu- and liberty that Dr. Ambed-Yashasvi Narendra Modi mental contribution and kar enshrined in our Conour commitment stands cautioned against any stitution", Mr Devender unwavering to uphold and attempt by the opposition Rana said and enumerated protect the Constitution INDI Alliance to dilute its the initiatives undertaken bequeathed by Babasa- spirit by trampling with by the government to proheb for posterity", Mr the rights of Scheduled mote social justice and Devender Rana said while Caste, Scheduled Tribe, empowerment, reflecting facing political turmoil addressing a series of Other Backward Classes. the core values champimeetings of Booth Incharg- He said the BJP has always oned by Dr. Ambedkar. Lashing out at the Con-Dinanagar assembly con- be a staunch defender of gress and the Aam Aadmi Mukht, fulfilling the dream was, Sabka Prayas is going

country. the tendencies of the AAP and the divisive politics of the Congress have caused

much harm to the national psyche in general and Punjab in particular.

"The nation is still grapblunders of the Congress both in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir has been the worst victim and sufferer of its wrong policies", Mr Rana said, adding that the so-called grand old party is reaping the fruits of its negative politics and due to historic blunders. He said the time has come to make India Congress

of the two par- after the independence. ties reflect their He exuded confidence sheer despera- that the nationalistic and tion over losing pragmatic policies of the ground across BJP will lead to annihilation of the Congress in the The anarchist national politics.

Seeking vote and support for Mr Dinesh Singh Babbu, Mr Devender Rana said this will further strengthen the hands of the Yashasvi Prime Minister, who has initiated path breaking steps to transform the nation and make it the

pling with the historic world leader. The place the country enjoys in the comity of nations makes every Indian proud and hopeful that this century is going to that of India, the Vishswaguru. The nation becoming third economic power of the world in the third term of the Yashasvi Prime Minister and Viksit Bharat by 2047 as per the agenda of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishstituency along with DDC the Constitution, which , Party (AAP) for their divi- of Mahatma Gandhi, who to be the global success Vice Chairman Jammu Mr. inter-alia, takes care of the sive politics, Mr Rana had wished closure of this story of this century, he

Vi Launches 'Vi Guarantee' Program for Smartphone Prepaid Customers

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

tee Program', a limited users.

of data will be credited to their account automati- ing a truly unlimited data data experience. cally on every 28th day for experience, ensuring our 13 consecutive cycles. To customers can do more currently available to all avail this extra data offer, on the internet without 5G and new 4G smart-Vi users will need to be on worrying about data cona daily data unlimited plan straints.' of Rs 239 and above. The user will be able to use in India do not maximise Assam and North East this extra data only once the potential of their and Orissa. To claim the

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Vi Guarantee offer is phone users across India except Karnataka, Andhra Many smartphone users Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,

> Lecture on 'Importance of

Abhyuthanam: Day 5 concludes on a High Note, Showcasing Vision, Aims of NEP 2020



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JAMMU, MAY 29

Academic Leadership Program, Abhyuthanam, concluded with resound- 2020 ing success, marked by ported by the Government cellor of Tripura University;

the necessity of a collab-The fifth and final day of orative effort among polithe Ministry of Education's cymakers, educators, and stakeholders for the effective implementation of NEP

Following his address, insightful discussions and Prof Nangia chaired an strategic dialogues on the engaging panel discussion successful realization of the featuring distinguished National Education Policy academics: Prof Ganga (NEP) 2020. The event, sup- Prasad Prasain, Vice Chan-

of India, saw enthusiastic Prof Anand Bhalerao, Vice diligent efforts in organizparticipation from academ- Chancellor of the Central ic leaders across the nation. University of Rajasthan; Prof Vinay Nangia, a Prof C C Tripathi, Director renowned mentor and of NITTTR Bhopal; and Prof ing critical issues affecting guide for education, busi- Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice education, research, and ness, and startups, com- Chancellor of Central Sanmenced the day with a skrit University. The panel comprehensive overview deliberated on strategies to sion of Abhyuthanam reinof the formulation of NEP cultivate leadership across forces the commitment of 2020. He emphasized the higher education institu- academic leaders to drive policy's transformative tions, focusing on fostering the vision of NEP 2020 forpotential to reshape India's a robust leadership pipeline ward, ensuring a brighter educational landscape among all stakeholders. and more inclusive future through inclusive learning, The valedictory session, led for India's education sector. innovative pedagogies, and by Prof Manoj Gaur, Direc-

decentralized governance. tor of IIT Jammu, provided Prof Nangia underscored a fitting conclusion to the five-day program. Prof Gaur urged participants to apply the insights and knowledge gained during the event to enhance their institutions and benefit their communities. He expressed gratitude

to all attendees and praised the collaborative spirit that characterized the discussions

Participants lauded Prof Gaur and his team for their ing the event and for creating a valuable platform for networking and addressnational progress.

The successful conclu-

India is on track to attain SDG targets, eliminate Visceral Leishmaniasis disease, says Union Health Secretary

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 29

Apurva Chandra, Union Health Secretary who is leading the Indian delegation, addressed the Plenary Session of the 77th World Health Assembly of WHO in Geneva, today.

The Union Health Secretary started his address by highlighting the similarities of this year's theme, "All for Health, Health for All" with the age-old Indian tradition of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam which means the "world is one family". He stated that under this theme, "India launched the Ayushman Bharat meaning "Live Long India" to promote Universal Health Coverage by operationalizing more than 1,60,000 Health and Wellness centres (Ayushman Aarogya Mandir)".

Apurva Chandra highlighted that as per the WHO SPAR report, India has a core capacity score of 86% to detect, assess, report and respond to any health emergencies, which exceeds the Southeast Asia Region and Global average. "Showing significant drop in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Infant "India has emerged as a outcomes not just in the ent on the occasion. Mortality Rate (IMR) in lighthouse country in digi- country but across the



past decades, India is on tal public goods for global track to attain the SDG collaborations".

targets. Today, India is on the verge of eliminating Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL) disease and has also reduced the TB incidence and mortality", he stated. He also emphasized

on the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) which stands as the world's largest health assurance scheme providing over 343 million beneficiaries a health cover of \$6000 per family per tertiary care hospitalization, reducing the out-of-

The Union Health Secretary emphasized that "equitable access to medical countermeasures should be a fundamental

right for all". Highlighting India's contribution year for secondary and products for all". He fur- he stated. ther stated that India has a

world by emerging as one of the key destinations for Medical Value Tourism. On this note, he informed about the recently issued new Visa Regime - Ayush Visa for medical tourism in India under the Ayush systems of medicine.

Apurva Chandra also said that "India is constructively engaged in the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) and International Health Regulations (IHR) processes to build consensus and pave the way for a framework of global health architecture that will enable us to collectively prepare and respond to future pandemics and public health emergencies"

The Union Health Secretary ended his address by of 60% of global output urging all member counfor vaccine supply, he tries to collectively commit said "India in collabora- to the promotion of health tion with WHO intends and well-being as a cornerto further strengthen the stone of sustainable develdrug regulatory system opment. "Together, let us to ensure quick access move forward and create to high-quality medical a brighter future for all",

Hekali Zhimomi, Addl. highly trained and experi- Secretary, Union Health pocket expenditure. With enced workforce in health Ministry and other senior the digital initiatives in to bring compassionate officials of the Union healthcare, he stated that care to improve treatment Health Ministry were pres-

Physical Fitness' at Bafiliaz, Rajouri **JI NEWS SERVICE** RAJOURI, MAY 29 A 'Lecture on Physical Fitness' for spreading awareness regarding importance of physical fitness in one's life (amongst populace par-

ticularly young generation) to remain healthy was organised by Indian Army. This lecture helped in promoting and spreading the knowledge on best practices to boost physical & mental well being amongst resident populace. The aim of the event was to interact & educate young generation and resident populace about life style diseases like Cardio Vascular Diseases, Diabetes, Cancer, Stress & Depression and also the importance of Mental Health in overcoming all the diseases was highlighted. Indian Army demonstrated some of the physical & Yoga exercises to the audience to imbibe them in their daily routine to remain healthy. This lecture mainly emphasized on importance of good eating habits, balanced diet plan, maintaining personnel hygiene & increasing happiness quotient amongst people

and youth.

Archery event hosted at Girls Hostel Doda

JI NEWS SERVICE DODA, MAY 29

The 2nd J&K (I) COY NCC Bhaderwah, in collaboration with District Administration Doda on Wednesday inaugurated an archery event here at Girls Hostel, Govt Girls Higher Secondary School Doda, marking a significant step towards promoting the sport among young students.

The event was graced by Brigadier PS Cheema, (VSM SM) accompanied in the region. by Deputy Commissioner NCC J&K M.K Sharma, and DYSSO Sunil Kumar.

ing archery as a vital sport physical fitness among promoting a balanced and

er Doda Harvinder Singh sense of achievement. The emphasized the magnifi- introduction of archery at The inauguration cer- cence of archery as a sport the Girls Hostel aims to emony showcased the which enhances concen- encourage more students commitment to introduc- tration, precision and to participate in sports,

students. They highlighted lives. Brigadier PS Cheema how the sport can foster Harvinder Singh, Colonel and Deputy Commission- discipline, patience and a

As a gesture of community support, Brigadier PS Cheema and Deputy Commissioner gave away clothes to the students, reinforcing the importance of care and solidarity within the community.

and

healthy lifestyle.

Following

the inaugura-

tion, Brigadier

Cheema and DC

Doda interacted

with the students,

sharing words of

encouragement

and motivation.

They discussed

the benefits of

engaging in sports

and how it can

positively impact

their academic

personal

ABVP JU Unit submits memo to University of Jammu Admn regarding BAMS Results

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad University of Jammu Unit submitted a memorandum to University Administration to expedite the release of the Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) last semester examination result.

ABVP University of Jammu Unit along with BAMS students delegation met to the Assistant uncertainty for BAMS stu- Jammu University unwavdelay in the BAMS 4th Year result.

its impact on student's Jammu University admin- matters of their interest. academic trajectories istration," stated Shrivats. and future prospects. The within few days.

results creates significant underscores the ABVP present in the delegation.



The members were

Registrar and Submitted a dents, as these results are ering commitment to stumemorandum regarding crucial for planning their dent well-being and ensuracademic careers, including a seamless academic ing pursuing higher eduexperience. Irrespective Sannak Shrivats ABVP cation or securing intern- of any kind of circum-State Joint Secretary along ship opportunities. If stances, ABVP Jammu Uniwith delegation expressed University administration versity karyakartas would the concern about the will not solve this issue, always be there to support delay of the results and we will protest against the students with all the

The details of the Assis- University Vice President authority has assured in tant Registrar's response Chaitanya Mangotra, Ashthe declaration of result and the meeting's out- wariya Sharma, Druvh, come are forthcoming. Keshav Sharma, Ajvir and "The prolonged wait for However, this initiative many others were also **ARTO Office** Ganderbal conducts Special drive on Sonamarg-Zero **Point Route**

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAY 29

On the directions from higher authorities, the ARTO Office Ganderbal conducted a special drive on the Sonmarg-Zero Point route to address issues of overcharging and the improper fitment of speed limiting devices in vehicles. During this com-

prehensive operation, over 400 vehicles were checked. The drive produced significant findings and actions were initiated.

Driving licenses of 71 drivers who were found to be overcharging passengers have been confiscated and are subject to further action.

Similarly, permits of 53 vehicles with tampered speed limiting devices have been retained for further investigation and necessary action.

Meanwhile, 18 vehicles were found violating traffic rules and have been instantly blacklisted.

Nat'l Tele-Mental Health Programme reaches a significant milestone, receiving over 10 lakh calls on its Tele-MANAS toll-free number

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 29

The National Tele-Mental Health Programme in India has reached a helpline has seen a significant milestone, receiving over 10 lakh number of callers, growcalls on its Tele-MANAS toll-free number, averaging 3,500 calls per day. Launched by the Government of India in October 2022 to enhance mental health service delivery nationwide, the Programme operates 51 Tele-MANAS cells across all States and Union territories.

The Tele MANAS toll-14416 or 1-800-891-4416 offer multi-language support and have been pivotal in facilitating communication mental health professionals.

Tony flays Govt for announcing scheduled power cuts amid extreme heatwave

port they need.

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

Taranjit Singh Tony, General Secretary of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee and DDC Suchetgarh, has strongly condemned the government for enforcing scheduled power cuts amidst the severe heatwave sweeping across the Jammu region. As temperatures soar to unprecedented levels, the power cuts have exacerbated the suffering of the residents.

In a statement issued here today, Tony highlighted that the temperature has reached a scorching 47 degrees Celsius in Kathua and 44 degrees Celsius in the Jammu district yesterday. "Instead of providing relief to the people during this extreme heatwave, power cuts," he stated.

Reflecting increased Tele-MANAS has become awareness and utiliza- an essential platform for tion of mental health addressing the nation's services in the coun- mental health needs. try, the Tele-MANAS The government's dedication to expanding

steady increase in the mental health services, particularly targeting vulnerable populaing from around 12,000 in December 2022 to tions, represents a sigover 90,000 in May nificant milestone in 2024. This increase in India's ongoing efforts engagement also underto combat the mental scores the importance health crisis and ensure of continued investsupport for all individment and expansion of uals and households mental health initiatives across the country.

Moving forward, inteto ensure that everyone has access to the supgration with initiatives like e Sanjeevani will To ensure ongoing further enhance accesfree helpline numbers care and support for sibility and effectivethose accessing mental ness of the platform. By health services, the plat- continuing to promote form incorporates call- awareness and accessibacks for follow-up. By bility, Tele MANAS can linking existing mental further contribute to between callers and health resources and addressing the mental establishing a compre- health challenges facing hensive digital network, the nation.

> of a stable and 24x7 power supply. However, now, at the peak of summer, the electricity department has announced extended scheduled power cuts, leaving residents to suffer in this extreme heat," he said.

The senior Congress leader warned the government to reconsider its approach, emphasizing the growing frustration among the people. "The government must amend its ways immediately. If this negligence continues, the people will have no option left but to take to Tony criticized the govthe streets to voice their ernment's failure to delivresentment," he cauer on its promise of regular tioned.

and uninterrupted power Tony called for urgent supply after installing action from the authorities Smart Meters. "There is no to address this dire situaiota of doubt that the govtion and provide relief ernment is charging hefty to the people of Jammu, the government is rubbing amounts from the people who are enduring extreme salt on their wounds by of Jammu. The instal- hardships due to the swelimposing long scheduled lation of Smart Meters tering heat and lack of came with the assurance electricity.

Process of granting citizenship certificates under Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 commences in West Bengal

JI NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MAY 29

The process of granting citizenship certificates under the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 has now commenced in the State of West Bengal, where the first set of applications from the State were today granted citizenship by the Empowered Committee, West Bengal.

Similarly, the Empowered Committees of the States of Haryana and Uttarakhand have also granted citizenship today to the first set of applicants in their respective States, under the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024. The first set of Citizenship Certificates after notification of Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024, granted by the Empowered Committee, Delhi, were handed over to the applicants in New Delhi by the Union Home Secretary on 15th May, 2024. The Government of

India had notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 on 11th March 2024. The Rules envisage the manner of application form, procedure for processing applications by District Level Committee (DLC) and scrutiny and grant of citizenship by State Level Empowered Committee (EC). The processing of applications is done completely through the online portal. In pursuance of these rules, applications have been received from persons belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who have entered into India up to 31.12.2014 on account of persecution

fear of such persecution. **CUKashmir's HoD Mathematics**

DC Kishtwar treks 10 Kms to Remote Nagbhatna Village, **Addresses Local Grievances**

JI NEWS SERVICE KISHTWAR, MAY 29

In a significant outreach initiative, Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav, accompanied by a team from the District Administration, on Wednesday visited the remote village of Nagbhatna in the Kuntwara area of Drabshalla block

The entourage included District Social Welfare Officer Tariq Parvez Qazi, CEO RK Vashishta, EE PDD, EE PMGSY and other concerned.

Demonstrating a com- resolved on the spot. mitment to governance region.

During the visit, Dr. counter for ration depots, administration team had of prompt redressal. He to essential services. directed the concerned immediate concerns were the concerned authorities Viz at their doorstep.



for swift action.

The visit was marked by

visited this remote area in

Deputy Commissioner

Kishtwar termed this visit

ment to inclusive gover-

A notable issue identiand accessibility, the fied was the absence of vet- a warm reception from the Deputy Commissioner and erinary staff, prompting locals, who played drums his team trekked 10 kilo- the Deputy Commissioner and musical instruments meters to engage directly to assure strict disciplin- to welcome the district with the residents, listen ary action for dereliction administration team. The to their grievances and of duties. Additionally, residents praised the assess the effectiveness locals raised demands for efforts of the young and of the government's func- the expediting of PMGSY dynamic Deputy Comtioning in this far-flung road work, the establish- missioner, noting that ment of an extension this was the first time an

Devansh Yadav actively and the provision of a listened to the concerns of bank branch or KHIDMAT Drabshalla block. the locals, assuring them center to improve access

Besides, responding to as the administration's district and sectoral offi- the community's demand dedication and Commitcers to address these for the upgradation of HS issues in consultation Nagbhatna to Higher Sec- nance and responsiveness with the community and ondary Level, Dr. Yadav to the needs of all resito submit an action taken assured that the matter dents, regardless of their report to his office. Several would be taken up with geographical location viz a

Lok Adalat on **Traffic Challans** & Electricity Bills on June 08 at Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

In compliance with the plan of Action formulated by J&K Legal Services Authority, U.T of J&K, Lok Adalat for amicable settlement of Pre and Post Litigation pending before the courts at District Court Complex Srinagar and also Addl. Spl. Mobile Magistrate (13th FC) Panthachowk Srinagar, is scheduled to be held on 08 May, 2024

The Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held under the Chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (PDJ) Srinagar.

Meanwhile, all the concerned Judicial Officers have been requested to identify Traffic Challans and Electricity Bills to be taken up in the Lok Adalat and submit the list of the cases to DLSA Srinagar by or before 04-06-2024.

The litigants who are interested to settle their dispute in the proposed Lok Adalat are directed to approach the concerned courts immediately so that their cases shall be listed for amicable settlement in the Lok Adalat.

Jammu group NCC conducts Ex sampark, a visionary conclave of ANOs, CTOs



JI NEWS SERVICE NAGROTA, MAY 29

Jammu Group NCC conducted Ex Sampark, Review and Future Planning Conclave at NCC Training Academy, Nagrota, which brought together recently Course Qualified Associate NCC Officers and Care Taker Officers (CTOs) from the entire Jammu region covering all 10 districts. The event served as a melting pot of ideas, fostering discussions on training experiences, alignment with

immersive experience of enjoying enforced diversity and how it changed positively. The pride of nessed active participa- earmarked to undergo NCC community.

tion from Associate NCC the next training course Officers (ANOs) who at OTA Kamptee must preshared their transforma- pare themselves mentally tive experiences from and physically in order to training at the Officers excel in the training. He Training Academies in reminded them that out-Kamptee. The ANOs standing performances shared their views on the on the course does uplift routine of a regimental the self-image of the NCC life, the syllabus and the officers amongst the NCC cadets, their own institutions and Battalions which overall benefits the organtheir whole perspective isation in the long run. Such Review and Future wearing the uniform Planning Conclaves serve was a common emotion as a platform for collab-

which was echoed by all orative brainstorming participants. Col Jitendra formulating a shared organisational objectives, Dahiya, Training Officer vision, paving the way for and strategies for prepar- of Jammu Group NCC enhanced and contempoing a future-ready youth. motivated and empha- rary training methodolo-The conference wit- sised that all ANOs/CTOs gies and a more engaged

deptt registers design patent

on grounds of religion or

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAY 29

Dr. Haribhau R. Bhapkar, Head, Department of Math ematics, Central University of Kashmir (CUKashmir) and his team have achieved a significant milestone by securing registration of "Design Patent for Innovative AI-Based Street-Cleaning Vehicle."

This innovative patent features a novel shape and configuration designed to optimize street cleaning services, which are essential for maintaining clean and orderly communities and preventing waste accumulation.

Street cleaning is traditionally labor-intensive, requiring large teams of workers. However, with technological advancements, a single AI-based vehicle could potentially replace eight to ten human cleaners. This innovation not only optimizes efficiency, but also has global applicability, given the universal nature of street cleaning tasks. With millions of individuals working in cleaning-related fields worldwide, the introduction of AI technology in this sector holds tremendous potential for societal impact.

Dr. Bhapkar, is known for his keen interest in the Design Thinking Approach and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and has successfully filed 40 copyrights and 34 patents, with several already published or granted.



Decoding Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow' for next generation of Innovators

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

Samsung's 'Solve for for Tomorrow'-a plat- ress: From ideation to convergence of innova- lenges head-on. tive concepts that help some of the most press-The 'Solve for Tomorrow' better tomorrow. platform recognizes the ing advancements.

The two distinct tracks -School Track and Youth sity and inclusion. Track, each are dedicated

ensuring equal opportu- their passion and creativ- of Solve for Tomorrow just a few clicks away.

field for all students. Enter Samsung's 'Solve issues. Phases of Prog-

Tomorrow' serves as a form where innovation implementation, the complatform that enables the meets real-world chal-

Where Innovation from conception to execuin finding solutions for Meets Action: 'Solve for tion. Research, planning, Tomorrow' isn't just about and feasibility assessing global issues. This ini- dreaming; it's about turn- ments pave the way for tiative transcends theory, ing those dreams into a real-world impact. extending an invitation to reality. Young minds are young innovators to lead encouraged to convert Action: As ideas solidify, and collaborate in build- innovative concepts into participants dive into the ing a sustainable future. practical solutions for a implementation phase,

Empowering the Next and resources to transimportance of harness- Generation: From regu- form concepts into taning innovation for yield- lating body temperature gible solutions. with semiconductor A World of Possibili- devices to combating ties: Imagine a realm gender biases through AI, a jury in regional rounds, where every idea, big or the sky is the limit for par- with 20 semi-finalists small, holds the poten- ticipants. This initiative advancing to an innovatial to shape a greener, empowers young inno- tion walk at Samsung's more sustainable and an vators to lead the charge R&D centers and regional inclusive future empow- towards sustainability, headquarters where they ering the communities. and social causes like edu- attend workshops. At a cation, healthcare, diver-

to championing a specific It all starts with a simple who undergo one-ontheme and are targeted registration at Samsung one training. The Grand

nity and a level playing ity to the table to tackle 2024, each receiving a pressing environmental grant of INR 25 lakh and 50 lakh respectively, plus Samsung Galaxy products for their school and colpetition unfolds in phases lege

designed to nurture ideas Continued Support: Winning isn't the end; it's just the beginning. With Samsung's ongoing support, winning ideas will evolve into sustainable Turning Ideas into projects with lasting benefits for consumers.

Beyond Competition: 'Solve for Tomorrow' isn't leveraging technology just a competition; it's a movement. It empowers individuals and communities to effect positive A National Stage: 100 change through innovateams pitch their ideas to tion and collaboration. Another key element/ benefit of the programme is that the intellectual property/patent of the idea remains with the team that develops the solution.

Opportunity National Pitch Event at Your IIT Delhi, they vie for a Awaits: If you have a pas-The Journey Begins: spot among 10 finalists sion for innovation and solving pressing environmental issues, take the towards different age Solve for Tomorrow 2024. Finale crowns the 'Com- next step. Your chance groups. Both the tracks Whether in school or col- munity Champion' and to contribute to environwill run simultaneously, lege, participants bring 'Environment Champion' mental preservation is

Passing out event for first Batch of MBBS, BSc paramedical students held at GMC Baramulla

M a h a t m a the defence force', Gandhi

G a n d h i, said the country cannot

N e h r u , have two types of schemes

Ambedkar one for poor with no ben-

with all basic benefits.

Talking about his par-

He said all promises

in the manifesto would

ment posts lying vacant,

He also showed grave

The former Congress

Earlier, Rahul Gandhi

paid tribute to famous

President also urged the

people to vote and make

JI NEWS SERVICE BARAMULLA, MAY 29

A memorable passing out event was held today at Government Medical College, Baramulla, for the first batch of MBBS and BSc paramedical students, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. Secretary Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, was chief the farewell. guest on the occasion.

The Secretary com- Rasheed highlighted the their future endeavors. It members, doctors and mended the students for importance of continu- also served as a reminder others were present in their hard work and dedi- ous learning and adapta- of the pivotal role that the event.

PM Modi only practices politics of hatred: alleges Rahul

AGENCIES LUDHIANA, MAY 29

Just days left for the final

and several efits and another for rich great leaders and Congress will not ty's ambitious Mahalakshallow any- mi Scheme, the Wayanad body to change it as the MP said on July 5, the INDI

Constitution is not just a alliance government will book but is the voice of transfer Rs 8,500 directly crores of people of the into the account of poor women and this will go on country and has also given them their rights. every month. He therefore appealed

to the people of Punjab to that had been mentioned vote for the Congress so that the Constitution and be fulfilled including fillthe rights of the people are ing up of 30 lakh governprotected.

Rahul alleged that doubling the daily wage of despite being the Prime MNREGA workers, Asha Minister of the country, and Anganwadi workers. Modi only worked for 22 rich industrialists. "He had concern over drug menace waived off loans worth Rs in Punjab and said that the 16 lakh crores of his bilissue would be dealt with

lionaire friends, while the poor farmers in debt were

left alone to die". He said that on June 4, NDA will be out and INDIA the Ludhiana candidate bloc will form the govern- Amarinder Singh Warment. The first decision ring victorious with huge would be to 'throw the margin. Agniveer scheme into the dustbin'.

Calling the Agniveer singer and Congress

cation, emphasizing the tion of latest technology healthcare professionals crucial role they will play in the medical field. He play in society, especially in the healthcare sector. exhorted upon the stu- in challenging times. He encouraged them dents to stay updated Deputy Commisto continue striving for with the new advance- sioner Baramulla, Minga excellence and serve the ments and best practices Sherpa, Principal GMC, community with compas- in the world of health- Baramulla, Dr sion and professionalism. care. He also acknowl- Reshi, Principal GMC, The event was enliv- edged the efforts of the Srinagar, Dr. Iffat Hassan, ened by a variety of pro- faculty and staff in shap- Principal GMC Anant-

Rubv grams, showcasing the ing the future of these nag, Dr. Rukhsana, Printalent of students which young professionals. cipal GMC Handwara, added a festive and cel- The passing out event Dr. Khursheed, Medical ebratory atmosphere to celebrated the achieve- Superintendent GMC ments of students and Baramulla, Dr.Parvaiz In his address, Dr Abid wished them success in Masoodi, HODs, faculty

NEWS

SC Registry snubs Kejriwal's interim bail extension plea

AGENCIES

NEW DELHI MAY 29

The Supreme Court Registry Wednesday rejected Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea for a seven-day extension of his interim bail, paving way for his scheduled return to Tihar Jail on June 2. The Supreme Court registry refused to accept the application saying that since the Delhi chief minister was given the liberty to move the trial court for regular bail, the plea is not maintainable. Kejriwal had got interim bail from an apex court bench comprising Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta on May 10 and was asked to surrender to Tihar on June 2. The bench on May 17 reserved a verdict on Kejriwal's plea challenging the validity of his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering (PMLA) case linked to the liquor scam following the formulation of a new excise policy for the

Uday Chib pays tribute to Sidhu Moose Wala on death anniversary



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

Udav Bhanu Chib, Nation- and honor him."

'World Economic Forum': KU student to attend 'Global Shapers Annual Summit'

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

The University of Kashmir (KU) Tuesday announced postgraduate student from the Department of Social Work, has been selected 'Global Shapers Annual Summit'. The summit, place in Geneva-Cologny, A member of the 'Global

to music and culture have initiative by the World Ecoleft an indelible mark, and it is our duty to remember

'Global Shapers Annual Summit' validates her commitment to social justice and gender equality, and her journey itself that Syed Uzma Hamid, a reflects the values of the university and highlights the importance of empow-

ering young leaders to to attend the prestigious drive positive change," Prof Khan said. Syed Uzma Hamid's parorganised by the World ticipation in the 'Global Economic Forum, will take Shapers Annual Summit' underscores KU's com-Switzerland, from July mitment to encouraging 10th to July 12th, 2024. change agents who advocate for critical causes like Shapers Community', an social justice.

"Her involvement not nomic Forum, Syed Uzma only showcases her per-Hamid plays a key leader- sonal success but also ship role for the Srinagar reflects the University of

Kashmir's dedication to

phase of voting to the Lok Sabha election, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi and alleged that he practices politics of hatred and making people

Gandhi also slammed the BJP for openly telling that it will scrap the Constitution when it again comes to power.

He said, "For the first time in 70 years, a party has dared to change the Constitution. Several of BJP leaders have openly said that when they will come to power, they will change the Constitution". The Senior Congress

leader said that the Con-

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fight among themselves. Addressing a huge

rally here, the former Congress president said,

"During the last ten years, Modi has done nothing for the people except for making them fight among

themselves on the basis of religion, language and region".

stitution was framed by scheme as an 'insult to leader Sidhu Moosewala.

al General Secretary of Indian Youth Congress, a large turnout of locals today paid heartfelt trib- who appreciated the gesutes to the late Sidhu ture of distributing sweet-Moose Wala on his death ened water, a traditional anniversary. In honor of practice symbolizing the his legacy, Uday participat- spirit of community sered in a Chabeel organized vice and compassion. by Youth Congress lead- The event underscored ers Sunny Jatt Bhai and the commitment of the Tilka Choudhary Bhai in Indian Youth Congress to Mishriwala (Jammu North engage with and support Assembly), where sweet- the community, especially ened water was distribut- in remembering and celed among the people. Hari ebrating the lives of those Singh Chib, Vice President who have made significant of J&K Pradesh Congress cultural contributions. Committee was also present.

millions. His contributions solidarity.

The Chabeel event saw Hub.

"Since December 2023, Uday Bhanu Chib

thanked the organizers, Speaking on the occa- Sunny Jatt Bhai and Tilka sion, Uday Bhanu Chib Choudhary Bhai, for their remarked, "Legends efforts in making the never die. Sidhu Moose event a success and for Wala's legacy continues to their dedication to the proud of Uzma's remarkinspire and resonate with principles of service and

creating a better world," coinciding with the launch the statement read. Congratulating Syed Uzma of the Srinagar Hub, she has been leading a signifi- Hamid, Head, Departcant project on menstrual ment of Social Work, Dr education. Her dedication Shazia Manzoor said, the to this cause and her lead-Department of Social Work ership skills have earned is equally proud of her her the opportunity to accomplishments. represent her work among "Her journey has been 500 hub members from one of significant growth over 150 countries, making and empowerment. With her the first woman from the guidance and support Kashmir to present on of the faculty and staff, she

such a global platform," an has developed the skills official spokesperson said and confidence needed to in a statement issued here. excel in her endeavours,"

by the World Economic

In her congratulatory Dr Shazia said. message, KU Vice Chan-All travel costs, includcellor, Prof Nilofer Khan, ing accommodation and said that the university airfare for Syed Uzma community is immensely Hamid, will be covered

able achievement. Forum, the statement "Her selection to the added.

Khatana expresses concern over increasing forest fire incidents

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JAMMU, MAY 29

Senior BJP leader and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Gulam Ali Khatana has said that increasing forest fire incidents in Jammu and Kashmir is a matter of grave concern.

Khatana was interacting with a group of deputations of tribal people at his people belonging to tribal raised the issues concern- their life stock and cattle about the forest fires.



dry grass and fallen leaves the deputation members their livelihood by grazing chances of forest fires.

ests but a good number of are interdependent on one said. He also said that the be saved at all costs.'

another for very many tribals also need to take special care of forests and

"The concerned Forest update the forest guards and Wildlife Department on incidents of even should take serious steps minor forests to prevent to prevent forest fires as the same from becoming many important and rare massive blaze.

species of animals and "The concerned Forest plants are lost in these for- Department should also ests," the BJP leader said. increase its vigil and press Khatana said that the more forest guards into life stock and other cattle service to avoid forest with tribal people graze fires," Khatana maintained adding: "The Fire official residence wherein communities also drive in forests which reduces and Emergency Service Department should also

"Preventing these remain alert and in ready ing their livelihood and in these forests," Khatana people from grazing their to act position to press its made a special mention said. He said that there is a cattle in forests means men into service immedivery old relation between playing a role in burning ately on getting informa-"Not only animals and the tribal Gujjars-Bakwer-forests," the Member of tion about such forest fires plants survive due to for- wals and forests and both Parliament (Rajya Sabha) so that the green gold can

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Manjit seeks long term policy to deal with dry spell in Kandi Belt

JI NEWS SERVICE PARMANDAL, MAY 29

Apni Party Provincial President, Jammu, and Former Minister, S. Manjit Singh today demanded regular clean drinking water supply in drought hit Kandi belt amid the severely heat wave affected areas in Parmandal in Samba District.

A meeting was organized by the Party leaders at Gurgani village in Parmandal to discuss the problems being faced by the people of Kandi belt.

The people informed the Former Minister that the concerned department of Jal Shakti has failed to ensure supply of clean drinking water in the above said village, and belt.

While speaking on the to more problems. occasion, S. Manjit Singh cern before the Jal Shakti Department.

He, however, expressed wave that has put normal life out of gear.

ing water supply and the other areas falling in Kandi supply often takes over

Similarly, the people in kins. assured them that he Kandi belt are affected due would highlight their con- to the unscheduled power blast victims in the hospicuts and it also affects the drinking water supply.

"The people have no deep concern over the source of water in Kandi, inhuman attitude of the and therefore, the Govt concerned authorities for should come out with a their inability to supply policy to frame a policy to drinking tap water to the ensure 24/7 drinking water people in Kandi belt, espe- to the people in Kandi vilcially when the region is lages," he said while urging facing dry spell amid heat for long term policy to deal with the issue.



belt is suffering because Madana village and met the of the irregular drink- family members of the victims who were wounded in the explosion of a mineafter over a week that leads blast to know about the well-being of their injured

He also visited the minetal to query about their health. He spoke to the hospital administration to

provide best treatment to the injured persons. Prominent among those who were present on the occasion includes Raman Thappa, Adv Lovely Mangol, Bachan Choud-

hary, Brij Mohan Dutta, Mohammed Shafi, Chano Meanwhile, S. Manjit Ram, and others.

Radio-Sonde launched from ISRO Centre, CUJ

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

The Centre University of Jammu proudly announces the successful launch of its Radio-Sonde from its ISRO Centre. This Launch is a part of MOU between the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO and CU Jammu. This milestone event marks a significant achievement in the university's ongoing commitment to advancing space science research and technology.

The Radio-Sonde, a crucial tool for atmospheric data collection, was meticulously prepared and launched by a dedicated team of scientists and researchers from the university. This launch aims to enhance our understanding of atmospheric conditions and climate Prime Minister Sh. Narenchange, contributing valuable data to both national and global meteorological research.

Chancellor, Centre Uni- atmospheric studies. This the morning and evening sciences.



versity of Jammu was the is only the third testing Radio-Sonde is expected chief guest of the event facility of such kind estaband he remarked on the lished by ISRO at CUJ."

achievement: "Today's successful launch of the convenor of the centre of space and atmospheric Radio-Sonde exemplibriefed that today is the fies our commitment to first one in the series: enhancing innovation this centre will launch and research in space sciences. This entire Radiothe ISRO Centre of CUJ. Prof. Kumar highlighted Sonde system is fully that the centre is launchdeveloped indigenously by ISRO under the Make in India vision of honourable dra Modi. This initiative of data as the convection the Radio-Sonde will be not only strengthens our layer is fully developed analyzed and utilized for research capabilities but by this time. Other cenalso positions our insti- tres and institutions are ultimately contributing to Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Vice- tution at the forefront of doing this practice only in the broader field of space

hours. The balloon will **JI NEWS SERVICE** ascend upward at a rate

of 5 meters per second up to the maximum height of 40 km.

The ISRO Centre in Centre University Jammu, a premier facility within the university, has been instrumental in providing state-of-the-art infrastructure and resources for such pioneering projects. The launch of the to pave the way for future research endeavours and Prof. Vinay Kumar, collaborations in the field sciences. This event was attend-

ed by esteemed faculty balloons bimonthly from members, students, and notable guests from the scientific community, all of whom witnessed the ing this weather balloon launch and celebrated this in the afternoon and this landmark achievement. will provide a unique set The data collected from various research projects,

Tree plantation drive organized at Chas, Kishtwar KISHTWAR, MAY 29

Commitment towards Environ mental Stewardship and 'Strategic Perception Management' through. Tree plantation drive was organised at village Chas of Kishtwar district of Jammu & Kashmir. This initiative underscores the Indian Army's multifaceted approach towards fostering 'Goodwill and Sustainability'. The drive not only aimed at enhancing the local ecosystem but also served as a proactive measure in shaping positive perception among the resident populace. By actively engaging in environmental conservation efforts, the Indian Army continues to strengthen bond with communities and reinforce its image as a responsible and caring organisation. A total of 35 residents and schools children actively participated during the plantation drive, symbolizing a collective effort towards environmental protection. This drive was highly appreciated by the Awam and civil authorities. which was evident from their overwhelming response.

IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu formally takes over new campus building at Bantalab from CPWD

26 years ever since IGNOU ment and Entrepreneur-2024 virtually.



struction work has been J.L. Meena, AE(Civil), carried out by the Central Sh. Vikash, IE(Civil), Public Works Department Sh. Palash Choudhary, (CPWD). The building was JE(Electrical) from the today formally handed over by the CPWD author- were also present on the ities to IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu. Dr. Jai Prakash Verma, Regional Director, Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Assistant Regional ship on 7th of February, Director, Dr. Asha Upad- IGNOU Regional Centre hyay, Assistant Regional Jammu, Dr. Jai Prakash

CPWD, Satwari Jammu occasion. The building, along with all the inventories, was taken over by the Regional Centre Jammu. Regional Director

IUST announces admission to B.Tech Robotics and Automation

JI NEWS SERVICE AWANTIPORA, MAY 29

The Department of Mechanical Engineer- the automation sector ing, Islamic University of is experiencing robust Science and Technology (IUST) launches B.Tech. in expected to reach USD 11.8 Robotics and Automation. billion by 2026, growing

professionals in the automation and Industry 4.0 ics, control systems, CNC, 3D printing, industrial automation, and IoT.

Prof A H Moon, Dean skilled workforce capable Academic Affairs, said that of driving technological IUST boasts of state-of-the- innovation and industrial art laboratories equipped modernization. with the latest technology,

and the global demand for professionals in the area is at an all-time high. He added that in India, growth, with the market Dr. Ovais Gulzar, Head at a CAGR of 14.5% from of the Department, said 2021. Regionally, Jammu that the course has been and Kashmir are poised to curated keeping in view benefit significantly from the growing demand for advancements in automation and robotics. With the government & focus on domains. He said that the boosting industrial growth programme features a cut- and creating job opportuting-edge curriculum that nities, the introduction combines theoretical and of the B.Tech program in practical learning in areas Robotics and Automation like robotics, mechatron- at IUST is timely. It aligns with regional development goals and addresses the local demand for a

Pertinently, admission Academia-industry collab- to different courses is open

Kavinder holds meetings with booth-level workers in Gurdaspur

Reiterates BJP's commitment to work towards devp, prosperity of people of Punjab

JI NEWS SERVICE GURDASPUR (PB), MAY 29

Kavinder Gupta, senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, today held a crucial meeting with booth-level workers in the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency. The meeting aimed to strat-



egize and finalize prepa- out any hindrances," he be warded off timely

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29 After a long wait of around

> operations started in J&K in the year 1998 on government invitation, IGNOU Regional Centre Jammu is all set to start its operations from the new campus in Jammu at Rajinder Vihar Housing Colony, Phase-I, Bantalab, Iammu. The state of the art building has a built-up area of around 6800 sq.ft. built on a parcel of land measuring 14.5 kanals which was inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education, Skill Develop-

rations for the upcoming added. polling day on June 1, 2024 in Punjab.

emphasized the critical asked them to strengthen adherence to electoral triumph at the progressprotocols. "Booth-level ing Lok Sbaha polls. workers are the backbone

right efficiently and with- that doubts if any can Punjab state.

leaving no scope for the Kavinder asked the opposition parties to take party cadre to strengthen undue benefits by sway-Addressing a meeting the party base at booth ing people by misleading of booth-level workers level to ensure resounding them. The former Deputy in Gurdaspur district of victory in the progress- Chief Minister said that it Punjab State, Kavinder ing Lok Sabha polls. He is important to bring the voter to the polling booth role they play in ensuring the organization from and efforts should be a smooth and success- the booth-level, and made by the party workful election process. He reach out to prospective ers to meet this challenge outlined detailed instruc- voters from all segments with utmost ease through tions for the preparations and age-groups. He laid strong resolve and convicon polling day, stressing stress on strengthening tion. He said that ground

the importance of disci- organizational setup to level workers are the pline, coordination, and the hilt so that the party's real ambassadors of the party as their efforts can prove to be the game The senior BJP leader changer especially to get

of our party's grassroots asked the booth level favourable results in elecefforts. Your dedication workers to dissemi- tions. He also reiterated and hard work are vital nate information about the BJP's commitment in ensuring that every Modi government's flag- to working towards the eligible voter is able to ship schemes among development and prosexercise their democratic the common masses so perity of the people of

Sahil Gupta visits temple, took blessings



JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

Bharatiya Janata Party ASI Naresh Digra Visited in the temple.

in Temple at Village Kukar took blessings.

Sahil Gupta took bless- JP Kundal, Sikandar Lal, Leader and Corpora- ings of all the elderly ASI Naresh Digra, Rohit tor Sahil Gupta from MC people there and held Kumar, Tushar Digra and Bishnah today along with discussions while sitting many dignitaries were

On the occasion of "Murti Sthapana" in the temple, Sahil Gupta said that he is very happy that he is sitting in the temple on such an occasion. He thanked the members of the temple committee and also took prasad in the temple.

Manga Ram, Krishna and bowed his head and Lal, Naresh Bittu, Yashpal Dablehar, Bittu Baba, Dr. present in the program.

The new campus build- Director, S. Tejinder Pal Verma expressed his haping has a high tech Elec- Singh, Deputy Registrar, piness on the formal taketric, Electronic, CCTV, Sh. Rajesh Mohan, Assis- over of the new campus Solar, Intercom, EPABX, tant Registrar, Sh, Lakh- and informed that Region-Fire Alarm, Fire fighting bir Singh and Sh. Naveen al Centre Jammu will soon Downcomer systems with Dutta were present from start its operations from passenger lift, DG Set and the IGNOU Regional the new campus once the Panels. The entire con- Centre Jammu and Shri shifting process is over.

BJP led govt gaining popularity across globe: Rekha Mahajan

JI NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, MAY 29

Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President Jammu South Rekha Mahajan said that it is under his leadership that the foreign policy of India has given fame to the nation, which has resulted in the BJP-led government gaining popularity across the globe. While interacting with the senior citizen rejuvenation center in Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Rekha Mahajan, along with other dignitaries on the occasion, also celebrated the 91st birthday of Pran Nath Jalla ji in the esteemful presence of Ashok Gupta, chief patron, Krishen Lal Gupta patron, Narinder Gupta, Baldev Raj Gupta president, Chander Verma, excouncillor, TC Taggar, and Vinod Gupta, who organized the program in the Senior Citizens rejuvenation center.

During the event, Rekha Mahajan said, "Under the 15000 crore. leadership of PM Modi, the

the near future. She elabogood governance, and she expressed that in foreign has done a splendid job.

foreign policy of India has ment, with strong willpow- to a sweeping win in 2024.

given fame to our country, er, has done this across all and India is going to play districts across all of Chithe role of Vishvaguru in na's bordering states, building wide and all-weather rated that PM Modi has roads and tunnels to reach done an excellent job in the the borders. Rekha assertlast ten successful years of ed that this is the India of today, one that will not submit, will cooperate with diplomacy, Modi Sarkar allies, and is willing to go to any lengths to ensure the Rekha Mahajan highlights security of anything. The that the Modi government BJP leader also cited the PM has increased the budget Narendra Modi-led governfor infrastructural develop- ment's successful goverment on the China border nance, including its initiamanyfold, enhancing it tives on economic develfrom Rs 3000 crore to Rs opment, national security, and social welfare, as key The Modi-led govern- factors that would propel it

orations and internships at IUST. In this regard, that provide real-world Prof Moon said that aspiexperience. He said that rants whose results of the course will be led by the qualifying exams are experienced faculty with awaited can also register extensive academic and for provisional considresearch backgrounds.

Dr. Ovais also said aspirants are welcome to that the Automation and visit the campus and gain

eration. He said that the

robotics are revolution- first-hand experience of izing industries globally the facilities available. Water crisis at Katra, DC assured

early redressal of matter

JI NEWS SERVICE KATRA, MAY 29.24

Hotel & Restaurant filling points be made at Association, Katra Presi- Pamote Nallah enroute dent Rakesh Wazir Katra-Narayana and Jhadiscussed in detail the jjar river by installation matter of water crisis at of pumps over there by Katra with Deputy Com- the administration and missioner Reasi Vishesh the water be extracted Mahajan and apprised by from there because him that Katra is passing the water is available through a deep water at higher water level at crisis at the moment Pamote Nallah and likeand elaborated him that wise at Jhajjar river the the situation is this that water can easily be lifted leaving aside the water which even otherwise is through department getting wasted. even the hoteliers are matter is the need of the crisis is concerned.

hour but for immediate time being redressal of the matter some Tanker

Mahajan listened the finding it difficult to get things patiently and water through Tank- assured that besides ers even and because long term solution of out flow of most of the the matter, an immediwater resources around ate redressal of the situ-Katra has reduced dras- ation would remain his tically or dried up and priority and as suggested as a result the people, within days the possibilare forced to bring ity of Pamote Nallah /Jhawater from from far jjar river Water Tankers away places and if the filling points would be situation is not tackled explored and if everyit would effect Yatra vig- thing went well with the orously. Wazir apprised combined efforts ,the Mr.Mahajan that though people will find some a concrete solution of the relief as for as water

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Implement intensive measures to curb malpractices & facilitations of tourists: Div Com to officers

JI NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, MAY 29

In an intensive effort to further leverage the blooming Tourism Industry of Kashmir and eliminate malpractice of overcharging tourists, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today convened a meeting of Officers to address the issue through proactive enforcement and regulations.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla; Director Tourism; SSP, Tourism Enforcement; RTO Kashmir; ADC Anantnag; SP Traffic Srinagar; CEOs of Gulmarg, Pahalgam and Sonmarg Development Authorities.

Addressing the meetofficers and enforcement of overcharging. agencies to put more efforts in action to curb concerned Officers to dis- during the current year fixed by Tourism and at shikara ghats. Transport departments.



He directed concerned for creation of dedicated to keep strong vigil on the Whatsapp number for service providers particu- registration of complaints larly on Maxi-cab trans- round the clock. porters, Houseboaters, Shikara wallas and Poniing, Div Com directed wallas to curb malpractice informed the meeting that dance with the law. It was

Div Com also directed was realized till date allowed to use motors.

five cases. Besides, he informed that 170 complaints were received by the department of which 105 were disposed off.

Moreover, to give impetus to transport facility ferrying tourists to Shankar Achariya Temple and Pari Mahal, Div Com directed RTO Kashmir to start the shuttle service on both routes immediately to reduce the crowding at tourist places along boulevard road.

He also emphasized on initiating the prepaid counters and QR service for transporters and Poniwallas as a measure to curb exploitation of visitors.

The meeting also deliberated on an issue of oil-pilferage in Dal Lake from motorized Shikaras and decided that action should be taken in accorgiven that Shikaras are not

Div Com also instructed the overcharging of tour- play fixed rates on hoard- from erring transporters CCTV installation at all ists, and enforce the rates ings at tourist places and on account of cheating tourist resorts to ensure and overcharging while security of tourists and He further directed FIR has been lodged in service providers.

DLSA Kupwara holds Awareness programme on Solid Waste Management

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, MAY 29

An awareness programme on Solid Waste Management (SWM) was today organized by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) in collaboration with Municipal Council Kupwara, at Town Hall Kupwara.

The programme was held 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 aim of the proawareness about the pro-

connected therewith. Resource

tection and improvement management i.e., Genera- Regulate of Pollution) Act, wara, officials of DLSA of the environment, pro- tion, Storage, Collection, 1981, The Environment Kupwara, local populace moting sustainable devel- Transportation, Disposal, Protection Law, 1986, The of the town and Para Legal opment and for matters and various aspects of National Green Tribunal Volunteers.

Act, 2010 etc and further stated that the laws need to be followed to maintain a balance in the environment and take India to prosperity.

The resource person also highlighted the success of Jalige Gram Panchayat SWM Unit and stressed upon Self Help Groups (SHGs) to cooperate with ground level workers of Municipal

Council Kupwara. Para legal Volunteers, Irfan Ahmad Shah and Malik Ifshana also spoke During the course of on the occasion and assistthe programme, he also ed in the smooth function-

> The programme was attended by Officials of

GDC Ganderbal organizes annual road race for Boys & Girls

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAY 29

The Government Degree College Ganderbal on course. Wednesday organised Annual College Road Race-2024 to promote fitness, sportsmanship, and community engagement among the participants. The event was flagged-

off by the college principal, Prof Fouzia Fatima Manasbal Park. covering a scenic route showcasing the natural beauty. The annual College Road Race for boys and girls, 2024 was organwitnessed fierce compe- who finished at 2nd posi- to actively participate in Singh.

tition, with several par- tion while Abid Mushtaq co-curricular activities.

ticipants displaying their Rather of 4h semester finathleticism and determi- ished at third position.

nation throughout the In Girls category Khushboo Mushtaq of 4th semes-About 91 students ter secured first position participated in the road followed by Afnan of 2nd race. The race for boys semester who secured commenced from Power second position while Grid Station Badampora, Naysun of 4th semester Ganderbal and for girls got third position.

at Baroosa Crossing, Gan-Addressing the attendderbal and culminated at ees during the felicitation ceremony, the principal trophies, medals and cer-Jameel Ahmad of 6th expressed gratitude to the semester student took the collaborating agencies for lead by sprinting ahead their support in organizing of the rest of competitors the event. She commend- sports committee, Prof and finished first posi- ed the dedication of the Fayaz Ahmad Ahanger, ised by the department of tion with a comfortable college staff who worked members of Sports Comphysical education and lead followed by Shakir tirelessly in the early hours mittee and senior faculty sports of the college, and Ahmad Dar of 4h semester and encouraged students members, A.P.T.I Deedar

The principal also extended her appreciation to the students for their efforts and achievements. Valedictory cum prize distribution ceremony was held at Manasbal Park in which the Principal of the college felicitated the position holders of Annual College Road Race for Boys & Girls- 2024 by giving them tificates.

The ceremony was attended by convener

GDC Ganderbal conducts Cleanliness Drive

JI NEWS SERVICE GANDERBAL, MAY 29

engagement and promote unteers gathered at GDC focusing on waste segrethe values of cleanliness Ganderbal to take part in gation to ensure effective Lone, coordinator of NCC and hygiene, the National an informative session on disposal. the significance of cleanliness and its impact on principal of the college Officer of NSS played a overall well-being. This while inspecting the valuable role in making was followed by a col- activity, interacted with the drive successful. lective effort to clean the students and faculty and sanitize the college's members and expressed on a high note, with premises by all the par- her gratitude towards the participants pledging to ticipants. energetic group assem- participants. She empha- roundings and spreading activities viz. cleanliness bling in the college to sized the importance of awareness about hygiene and sanitation awareness extend the scope of the community-driven initia- practices.

and disposal and beauti- participants collaborated and positive impacts on fication of public spaces. to clean up the vicin- the environment and soci-

sessions, waste collection cleanliness drive. The tives in creating lasting

Prof Mansoor Ahmad

DDC Kupwara inspects ISC Galizoo, other sports infrastructure

JI NEWS SERVICE KUPWARA, MAY 29

The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Ayushi Sudan today visited Galizoo Stadium here to inspect the final stage of work on Indoor Sports Complex (ISC) at Galizoo Kupwara.

The DDC directed the concerned executing agency (R&B) to ramp up the pace of the work and complete it before 10th June, 2024, so that it is handed over to the YS&S



On the occasion, the

SSP Tourism Enforcement

an amount of Rs 143480



Department.

She instructed the DYS&SO Kupwara to make the Indoor Sports stadium fully functional culture is fostered here nearby dug wells. and sports talents of the best possible manner.

other sports infrastruc- landscaping. ture at the venue, DDC

immediately after it is directed the concerned interacted with local to speed up the work of

youth are nurtured in the ed to maintain the out- engagement. door sports stadium Gali-

handed over by the exe- officers to ensure repair youth, officials of the this important road projcuting agency, so that a of washrooms, electrifi- Department of YS&S, vibrant indoor sports cation and renovation of to gain insights into the execution of projects and DYS&SO was instruct- initiatives of the youth panied by CPO Kup-

While meticulously zoo by way of its cleanli- appraisal regarding the Farooq Ahmad and Disscrutinizing the status of ness, beautification and completion of the Lolab trict Youth Services and On the occasion, DDC ed the Ex. Engineer, R&B Zahoor Ahmed Wani.

ect so that commuters do not face inconvenience.

The DDC was accomwara, Parvaiz Ahmad The DDC took the Lone, Ex. Engineer R&B, Bye-Pass road and direct- Sports Officer Kupwara,

To foster community Service Scheme (NSS) and NCC units of Govt. Degree College Ganderbal organized cleanliness drive in college campus.

The initiative witnessed active participation of volunteers, students and faculty members as well. The event comprised various On the occasion, vol- ity, removing debris, and ety.

and Dr Fayaz Ahmad Prof Fouzia Fatima, Ahanger, programme The event concluded

enthusiastic participation continue maintaining the The drive witnessed an of all the volunteers and cleanliness of their sur-

DC Bandipora reviews functioning of DIC, EDI & KVIB

JI NEWS SERVICE

BANDIPORA, MAY 29

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakeel ul Rehman on Wednesday conducted a comprehensive review of several departments including Industries, EDI and KVIB in a meeting held at Mini Secretariat Bandipora.

District Heads of concerned departments apprised the DC regarding various initiatives of their departments implemented in the district.

Emphasizing proper implementation of various Government programmes, the DC directed the concerned to reduce the pendency of cases and organise more awareness camps for the larger benefit of the public. Sha-



keel ul Rehman also emphasized the swift dilevery of public services, maintaining quality of services, and working on reducing pendency of cases. The DC, on the occasion, urged the Nodal Officer, EDI to identify locations for establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs and directed the concerned to work in coordination with Education department for the realisation of these initiatives. Among others, the meeting was attended by ADC, Umar Shafi Pandit, CPO, Mohammad Maqbool, GM DIC, officials from DIC, EDI KVIB and other concerned.

JI NEWS SERVICE BANDIPORA, MAY 29

> Government Degree College Ajas in collaboration with Government AYUSH Dispensary Ajas Bandipora today organized an impactful anti-drug rally in Ajas. The rally aimed to spread awareness about the detrimental effects of drug abuse and advocate for a drug-free community. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty members of GDC Ajas, as well as members of Government AYUSH Dispensary Ajas Bandipora. During the rally, participants carried anti-drug placards and banners, boldly displaying messages They marched through the streets of Ajas, engag-



GDC Ajas organises Anti-Drug Rally



and passer-by, spread- community, drawing of drug addiction.

ing awareness about the attention to the pressing physical, psychological, issue of drug abuse and its condemning drug abuse. and social consequences far-reaching consequenc- continue the fight against es. Through interactive The rally had a pro- discussions and distribu- healthier lifestyle choices ing with local residents found impact on the local tion of informational pam-

phlets, participants effectively conveyed the message of leading a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

The anti-drug rally served as a powerful platform to advocate for a drug-free society. By uniting students, faculty, and community members, the event demonstrated collective determination in combating the menace of drug addiction.

On the occasion, Principal GDC Ajas said that such initiatives play a vital role in fostering awareness and a culture of responsibility towards one's health and well-being, and informed that GDC Ajas will con-

tinue to organize more awareness campaigns and educational seminars to drug abuse and promote within the community.

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