

DENGUE WARNING SIGNS

Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

Watch out for dengue warning signs!

A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Severe and continuous headache
- Joint pain
- Present vomiting
- A sharp rise in temperature
- Diarrhoea
- Steady rise in pulse or weak, rapid pulse
- Redness

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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J&K's Budget for 2025-26 to be Unveiled in Assembly on March 7

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After a gap of seven years, Jammu & Kashmir's annual budget will be presented in the Legislative Assembly on March 7. According to the tentative calendar issued by the Legislative Assembly secretariat, a copy of which is in possession of the news agency, the budget for the Union Territory for 2025-26 will be presented in the Assembly on March 7 during the session commencing from March 3 and culminating on April 11.

The annual financial statement of expenditure for 2025-26 and the supplementary statement of expenditure for 2024-25 will be presented in the House on March 7. This will be the first

time in seven years that the budget of J&K will be presented in the Assembly. Following the imposition of central rule, the budget for successive financial years was presented in the Parliament.

The budget session will have a total of 22 sittings. According to the calendar, the session will commence on March 3 with the LG's address to the House. There will be discussions on the LG's address on March 4, 5, and 6, concluding with the Chief Minister's reply on March 6.

As per the calendar, there will be general discussions on the budget on March 8, 10, and 11. The Finance Minister, who is also the Chief Minister, will conclude the general discussion on the budget on March

11 with his reply. According to the timetable worked out by the LA secretariat, demands for grants will be discussed on March 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 24. After the demands for grants, the budget will be approved on March 25, with the passage of Appropriation Bills. The Legislative Assembly will go on recess for 12 days after the budget is approved.

The second part of the budget session will begin on March 7, which has been earmarked for private members' resolutions. The House will take up private member bills on March 8 and private member resolutions again on March 9. As per the calendar, government business will be taken up on March 11. KNO

Chief Minister addresses first ever National Medical Conference, MediCon-2025 in Jammu

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today emphasized the need to improve handling of emergency cases and capacity at various Government Medical Colleges (GMCs) to ease the burden on major hospitals.

He also stressed the importance of ensuring that doctors serve beyond urban centers.

"We need to augment and improve the emergency handling capability and capacity in new GMCs so that the pressure on GMC Jammu and GMC Srinagar is automatically reduced. Similarly, we must ensure that our doctors don't just practice in cities. I know it's not a popular thing to say, but rural areas also deserve proper health-care access," he said. The Chief Minister

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CM distributes appointment orders to Panchayat Secretaries at SKUAST-Jammu

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today highlighted the importance of honesty, transparency and dedication in public service while addressing an event at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences &

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J&K Admin has made a number of assistive devices accessible to differently abled: LG

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha and Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar today inaugurated the 11-day long Divya Kala Mela, a unique initiative of Government of India towards the economic empowerment of Divyangjan, at Gulshan Ground.

Divya Kala Mela being organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPWD) under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in collaboration with the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) showcased the extraordinary talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit



of Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs, and artists from across J&K UT and various other States and UTs.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor expressed gratitude to Government of India and all the stakeholders associated with the noble endeavour. He said the Divya Kala Mela reflects the Hon'ble Prime Minister's commitment to make

Divyangjan economically empowered and self-reliant.

Reiterating his resolve to bring qualitative change in the lives of Divyangjan, the Lieutenant Governor said the Union Territory of J&K is committed to create a conducive environment to provide equal opportunities and protect rights of Divyangjan.

"I always believe in God's gift and doing good

for others. I have made administration's primary goal to take steps that will lead to mainstreaming of Divyangjan in society.

In 2020 I had introduced a multi-faceted approach in Administration so that Divyangjan can realise their potential and become active participants in the development process", the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted the dedicated efforts made by the J&K Administration to make assistive devices accessible to differently abled.

"I want to make sure every Divyangjan has access to Assistive Equipments that empowers them and minimizes the disability impact. Devices like hearing aids,

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6th Anniversary PM Modi leads from front, pays tributes to CRPF jawans killed in Pulwama terror attack

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SRINAGAR, FEB 14 (KNO)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led from the front on Friday to pay tributes to 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who lost their lives in a terror attack in South Kashmir's Pulwama district on this day in 2019.

On the sixth anniversary of the attack, PM Modi, according to the news agency posted on X: "Homage to the courageous heroes we lost in Pulwama in 2019. The coming generations will never forget their sacrifice and their unwavering dedication to the nation."

Home Minister Amit Shah said that the Narendra Modi government is determined to completely



destroy terrorists by carrying out a campaign with a "zero-tolerance" policy against them. "On behalf of a grateful nation, I pay my heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who were martyred in the cowardly terror attack in Pulwama on this day in 2019," Shah wrote in Hindi on X.

"Terrorism is the biggest enemy of the entire

humanity and the whole world has united against it," the Home Minister added.

"Be it through a surgical strike or an air strike, the Modi government is determined to completely destroy terrorists by carrying out a campaign with a 'zero-tolerance' policy against them," Shah said.

Defence Minister

Rajnath Singh also paid homage to the soldiers. "On this day in 2019, India lost our brave CRPF personnel in a gruesome terrorist attack in Pulwama. Their sacrifice for the nation will never be forgotten. I pay homage to them and offer unwavering support to their families. India stands united in honouring their valor and we remain resolute in our fight against terrorism," he wrote on X.

J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha paid rich tributes to the fallen jawans and posted on X: "Heartfelt tribute to the courageous martyrs of the heinous Pulwama attack of 2019. Their supreme sacrifice in the service of the motherland will

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CM holds pre-budget consultation with public representatives from Rajouri, Poonch

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, as part of his ongoing pre-budget consultations, held deliberations today with public representatives from Poonch and Rajouri districts at the Civil Secretariat.

The discussions were attended by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary and Minister Javed Ahmad Rana, who represented their respective assembly constituencies. Chairpersons of District Development Councils and Members of the Legislative Assembly from the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch who participated, both in person and through virtual mode.

Addressing the partici-



pants, the Chief Minister reiterated that the purpose of these consultations was to gain firsthand insight into the priorities and aspirations of the people through their elected representatives.

"When we undertake new projects, it is our duty and responsibility to ensure that ongoing projects are completed with as much priority as new ones. Every project

belongs to the people, and all ongoing works need to be completed on time," the Chief Minister said.

He assured that the issues and priorities raised by the representatives had been duly noted and would be considered for inclusion in the upcoming budget.

"You are the primary stakeholders—you meet people daily and understand their most pressing

concerns. Our aim is to involve you in planning and development so that the voices of the people find a place in our governance," he said.

The Chief Minister emphasized the crucial role of elected representatives in grassroots governance, stating that their feedback and inputs were vital in ensuring effective administration.

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Dir Info reviews performance, functioning of department

JINNEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Director Information J&K, Nitish Rajora, emphasized enhanced public outreach, efficient communication strategies, timely dissemination of government initiatives as well as strengthening media coordination and improving public engagement through digital platforms.

The Director made these remarks while chairing a meeting to review the performance and functioning of the Department of Information and Public Relations at Media Complex here today.

Joint Director Information (Hqrs), Viveik Puri; Joint Director Information Jammu, Atul Gupta; Joint Director Information Kashmir, Shah Nawaz Bhukhari; Deputy Director Informa-



tion (PR) Deepak Dubey; Deputy Director Information (Central) Sunil Kumar; Deputy Director PR Kashmir Ahsan Ul Haq Chisti; Deputy Director PR Jammu Ankush Hans; Cultural Officers, Field Publicity Officers, Information Officers and other concerned officers attended the meeting, either in person or through video conferencing.

During the meeting,

the Director underscored the importance of proactive communication for the public good. He urged the officers to adopt innovative approaches to highlight developmental programs, welfare schemes and policy decisions of the government.

The Director laid special emphasis on leveraging social media and digital platforms for

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'Airstrikes were fitting reply to terrorists': HM Shah on Pulwama attack anniversary

JINNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEB 14 (KNO)

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the airstrikes were a fitting reply to Pakistan after the Pulwama attack that killed 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel on this day in 2019. Addressing the conclusion of the 38th National Games, Shah, according to the news agency, paid tributes to the CRPF personnel. He said the airstrikes that followed the Pulwama attack were Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "clear message" to terrorists.

"The airstrikes were a fitting reply," he

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Police-Public meeting addresses rising traffic issues, encroachments, drug abuse in Akhnoor

J1 NEWS SERVICE
AKHNOOR, FEB 14

A police-public meeting was organized today at Mahajan Hall in Akhnoor by the local police, where representatives from various social, business, and sports organizations, along with a large number of citizens, actively participated. The meeting was chaired by Akhnoor's newly appointed SDPO Varinder Gupta and SHO Rohit Gandhi.

The discussion primarily focused on rising traffic congestion, encroachments, and the increasing issue of drug abuse in the town. The business community shared their concerns and presented suggestions to ease traffic congestion, urging the police to take effective measures. Additionally, citizens expressed deep



concern over the rapid spread of drug addiction in the area and demanded strict action against those involved.

Several attendees, including social activists and concerned citizens, highlighted the growing menace of drug addiction. The police officials urged residents to report individuals involved in drug-related activities to help curb the issue. They assured the public that the identity of informants would be kept completely confidential.

The meeting also

addressed concerns regarding the verification of laborers and traders coming from outside the state. Citizens suggested that proper documentation and background checks be conducted to prevent any potential criminal activities.

The meeting was attended by several prominent figures from Akhnoor's business, social, and sports sectors. These included former councillor Rakesh Malhotra, businessman Shiv Mahajan, social activist KK Bhagat, Ashok Mahajan, Bansi Lal

Gupta, Cricket Club Chairman Sham Singh, Akhnoor Tigers Football Club's Pawan Bharti, Youth Welfare Committee President Sham Magotra, and Press Club Akhnoor President Kunwar Shakti Singh. Additionally, Ritesh Gupta, Suraj Mahajan, social activist Rahul Langer, Ashok Langer, Pankaj Gupta, Suresh Gupta, businessman Raman Gupta, Prem Sharma, Nikhil Sharma, Shubham Sharma, Vinay Sharma, and Vishal Sangral were also present.

All attendees collectively discussed solutions for traffic congestion, encroachments, and drug abuse and assured full cooperation with the police to address these pressing issues. The police reaffirmed their commitment to taking strict action and ensuring a safer and more organized town.

Kashmir winter games attract global athletes to pristine slopes of Gulmarg

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GULMARG, FEBRUARY 14

Amidst the crystalline air of Gulmarg, where Himalayas jut into the heavens, an unlikely assembly is taking shape.

The 2025 Khelo India Winter Games, to be held from February 22 to 25, has drawn an interesting cross-section of international players and fans, turning this premier skiing destination into a melting pot of cultures bound together by their passion for winter sports.

"The beauty here is overwhelming," says Melania Anderson, a yoga instructor from the United Kingdom based in Hong Kong.

Anderson, who works with the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) through her charity 'Yama', is enchanted by the double appeal of

Kashmir as both a sporting challenge and cultural treasure.

"The Kashmiri cuisine alone would have made the journey worthwhile," she says.

Maybe nobody better illustrates this meeting's surprise demographics than Ben Hurst, an Australian commercial prawn fisherman who has swapped the spray of the Pacific for the powder of the Himalayas.

"Standing in the mountains of Kashmir is safer than walking across the streets of Sydney," he says with the sort of assurance that comes from direct knowledge.

Hurst, who is from the small village of Iluka midway between Brisbane and Sydney, waves aside travel warnings.

"What we have experienced is just gorgeous and

beautiful. It's unlike most skiing resorts around the world," he says and praises hospitality & friendliness of the locals.

The French team brings its own view to these games. Jean Marc Auge, who grew up in the French Alps, talks of the Himalayas with holy reverence.

"This is different," he says, sweeping his hand across the expanse before him and added "Altogether different".

His fellow-countryman Nabil El, who is now resident in Australia, nods assent.

The locals, the athletes, see more in the games than sport.

Firdous Ahmad Sheikh from Tangmarg, Yasmeen Sajad from Sopore, Mehak Mushtaq from Palhalan Pattan, and Aalima Zainab from Tangmarg are in awe

about meeting international ski and snowboarding experts.

"It's an out of this world experience," they say, with their enthusiasm clearly evident.

Others like Virginia Winstone, a New Zealander; Laura Thonton, from Wisconsin, USA; and Australian ski guide and patroller Bill Barker, too have been attracted to the games.

Their numbers have turned Gulmarg into an instant global village, where the snow is the lingua franca.

As preparations for the games enter the last leg, the air in Gulmarg is alive with expectation.

The untouched slopes look for their moment to shine, prepared to present not only athletic prowess but also Kashmir's hospitality.

Science & Technology integral to progress, prosperity: Satish

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Minister for FCS&CA, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Information Technology, Science and Technology, Satish Sharma, today attended the 3rd International Conference on "Emerging Trends in Biosciences and Chemical Technology", at SMVDU Katra.

Vice Chancellor, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Professor Pragati Kumar; Executive Director of SMVD College of Medical Excellence, Dr Yashpal Sharma; Head of the School of Biotechnology, Professor Ratna Chandra and Dr. Indu Bhushan Sharma, Convener of the conference were also present on the occasion.

During the conference, the Minister also paid tributes to the martyrs of Pulwama attack, observing two minutes silence as token of respect for the brave soldiers.

While addressing the gathering, the Minister asserted that this conference serves as a vital platform to discuss and deliberate upon groundbreaking advancements and their applications in our ever-evolving world.

Satish Sharma congratulated the SMVDU and the organising committee for bringing together some of the finest minds in the fields of biosciences and chemical technology. He emphasised that science and technology are integral to progress and prosperity of society; and in today's rapidly evolving world biosciences and chemical technology play a pivotal role in addressing global challenges, be it healthcare, agriculture, energy or environmental sustainability.

"In the field of biosciences, we are witnessing groundbreaking innovations, from genome editing and regenerative medicine to synthetic biology and



personalized healthcare. These advancements hold immense potential for disease prevention, drug discovery and agricultural improvements, ensuring food security and better health outcomes for all", added the Minister.

The Minister exhorted that Jammu and Kashmir is blessed with rich biodiversity, fertile land and immense natural resources and with the right

approach and innovation in science and technology, we can unlock new opportunities for sustainable development and economic growth. He said that with the innovative use of science and technology, J&K can provide better facilities and create livelihood opportunities in the field of Agriculture and Rural Development, Healthcare, Education, Skill Development and

Environmental Conservation.

The Minister said that the present government under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah, is committed towards fostering a culture of research, entrepreneurship and technology-driven growth. We are also getting good support and guidance from central government in the field of Science and technology, he added.

Parallel to the conference sessions, a workshop on Skills in Biosciences was conducted at the School of Biotechnology, offering the participants hands-on experience in various bioscience applications.

The workshop, coordinated by Dr. Sharada Potukuchi and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, included informative lectures and practical training on advanced techniques such as sequencing, real-time PCR, microarray and mass array analysis.

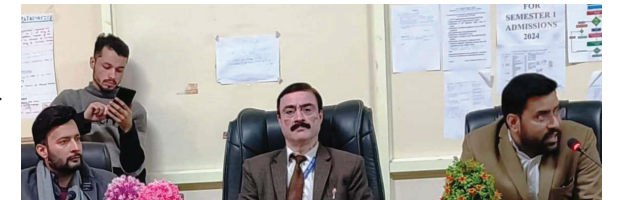
GDC Marh organises 2-day Career Counselling on Competitive exams

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Career Counselling Cell of Government Degree College Marh organised two day career Counselling to guide students regarding preparation for Competitive Examination.

The event was organized under the guidance of Principal of the College Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul. The Principal highlighted the significance of career counselling in helping students to figure out their strengths and develop strategies for success.

The resource persons Shoaib Farid-Director (Wings -EkUdaan) and Shubham Sardhalia, Centre Head (SUNYA), both registered under Mission YUVA, provided insights into different career opportuni-



ties after graduation and the scope of competitive exams.

The students were provided detailed guidance about competitive exams being conducted by JKPSC, JKSSB and SSC for government recruitments, besides the competitive exams conducted for entry into professional courses and as well as career avenues in different sectors after graduation. They emphasized the need of time management, hard work, early go getter techniques, subject orientation and self study. They shared preparation

strategies, techniques and study skills with students to excel in academic and professional pursuits that will motivate them to clout their efforts and allegiance to create opportunities in future.

The resource persons also distributed study material. The session saw active participation from students followed by an interactive questions and answers segment, where students engaged with the speakers to seek clarifications on various aspects of career planning and competitive exams.

Commissioner Secretary IT reviews implementation of National e-Vidhan App in J&K

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Commissioner Secretary, Information Technology (IT), Saurabh Bhagat, today chaired a high level meeting to review implementation of National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) in the Union Territory.

The Commissioner Secretary assessed various aspects of implementation of NeVA including conducting training programs for MLAs, Assembly staff and nodal officers from various departments, provisioning of high speed connectivity in Jammu and Srinagar Assembly complexes and procuring the necessary hardware and related items.

He underscored the commitment of J&K administration to modernise legislative processes while ensuring successful implementation of NeVA. A detailed action plan has been outlined to ensure timely execution of the project, with all necessary support and resources being made available, he added.

The meeting was



apprised that NeVA is a workflow system hosted on NIC's MeghRaj Cloud, designed to facilitate the smooth conduct of legislative proceedings. It will assist the Chair of the House in managing legislative sessions efficiently, enable members to perform their duties digitally and promote a paperless legislative ecosystem in line with the 'Go Green' initiative. Launched in March 2020 as a Mission Mode Project under the theme 'One Nation, One Application,' NeVA aims to transform all state legislatures into digital platforms.

Pertinently, the Law Department has been designated as the nodal department for NeVA implementation in J&K. Efforts are underway to ensure seamless adoption of NeVA across the Union

Territory, with key developments including infrastructure upgradation, capacity building and procedural refinements for transition towards a fully digital legislative framework.

It was informed in the meeting that, so far, 25 state legislatures have signed MoUs for NeVA implementation, with funds released to 22 legislatures. Among them, 14 have successfully adopted the platform and are conducting legislative business digitally. Besides, the NeVA Cloud Infrastructure has been enhanced to ensure seamless and uninterrupted legislative sessions across the states and the UTs.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Rupesh Kumar, CEO, Jammu and Kashmir e-Governance Agency; Jaskaran Singh Modi, SIO, NIC J&K; Minakshi Vaid, Additional Secretary, IT Department; Shafiq Husain Mircha, Deputy Legal Remembrance, Department of Law besides other senior officers from the IT Department, NIC and SeMT.

Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan Poonch admin trains Master Volunteers to tackle substance abuse at grassroots level

J1 NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, FEBRUARY 14

A comprehensive training program for Master Volunteers and resource persons under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan was conducted today here. This initiative aims to strengthen the district's efforts in combating substance abuse and promoting a drug-free society.

The event, held in the Auditorium Hall of the Government Degree College, was hosted in collaboration with the JKSLCA, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, and the District Administration Poonch.

Under the overall guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal, and the supervision of District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Wakeel Ahmed Bhat, the program focused on equipping volunteers with essential knowledge and skills.

Kimi Parihar from JKSLCA briefed the participants on strategies



and interventions to tackle substance abuse at the grassroots level. She emphasized the role of Master Volunteers as key agents in spreading awareness, identifying vulnerable individuals, and mobilizing community support for de-addiction efforts. The training saw enthusiastic participation, empowering volunteers to engage effectively with the community.

The training program featured four comprehen-

sive sessions, including: Information on Drugs, Drug Use and Its Consequences, District-Level Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, Intervention Spectrum in Drug Treatment and Prevention

This initiative marks another milestone in Poonch's commitment to building a drug-free and healthier society. By training dedicated volunteers, the district aims to foster a supportive environment for those struggling with substance abuse.

DLC meeting under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram held at Kulgam



J1 NEWS SERVICE
KULGAM, FEB 14

District Level Committee (DLC) meeting under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV) was today held at Kulgam with an aim to formulate a comprehensive plan under the scheme. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan. The PMJKV scheme aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of people particularly weaker communities by providing them with basic amenities like education, health, infrastructure, skill development and employment opportunities for the youth.

The committee discussed various aspects of the scheme, including interventions required in education, health, infrastructure development and skill development sectors in the district. During the meeting, the

DDC instructed concerned to frame sector wise comprehensive plan under the scheme for holistic development of the district.

DDC emphasized the need of expediting submission of Project Proposal Reports (PPRs) and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to ensure the seamless execution of the PMJKV scheme in the district. He also impressed for effective implementation of PMJKV in district & urged the officers to work in synergy to maximize the benefits of the scheme for the people of district.

The meeting was attended by Principals of GDCs of Kulgam, Kilam, DH Pora, Frisal; GM DIC, CPO, ACR, CMO, CEO, Principal Polytechnic, Superintendent ITI, DSWO, Executive Engineer R&B, AD Handicraft & Handloom, EO's of Municipal Committees of Kulgam, Yaripora & Devsar.

Komal Singh Manhas receives Bharat Ke Anmol national award for second time

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HYDERABAD 14 FEB

Komal Singh Manhas, Bureau Chief of News18 India Network 18 Broadcast Ltd Jammu, has been honoured with the prestigious "Bharat Ke Anmol" National Award for the second time. She received the award at the third edition of Bharat Ke Anmol, held at the Taj Deccan on National Women's Day.

The event, dedicated to women, recognised unsung women achievers from diverse fields. Actress-politician Kusboo Sundar presented the awards, with dignitaries like Mr. Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Hon'ble Speaker, and Ms. Kalvakuntla Kavitha MLC, founder-chairperson of Jagruthi Foundation and Ms. Nerella Sharada, chairperson,



Telangana State Women's Commission. Chairman of International Human Rights Association. Komal Singh Manhas

had previously received the award at the 1st Session of Bharat Ke Anmol Rattan in Delhi in 2023, becoming the first woman journalist from Jammu and Kashmir to receive the 'Bharat Ke Anmol' Award. This recognition is a testament to her exceptional work in the field of journalism. What's more, Komal was also awarded the prestigious J&K UT state Award this year on Republic Day. She's known in her circle as an "encounter specialist journalist," and her work has been recognized nationally.

GMS Sangli Katwalt organizes farewell party for class 8th students

JI NEWS SERVICE
RAMNAGAR, FEB 14

A heartfelt farewell party was organized at Government Middle School Sangli Katwalt Zone Kulwanta to bid adieu to the outgoing Class 8th students by their juniors from Class 7th. The event was filled with emotions, gratitude, and best wishes for the students embarking on a new journey. The program commenced with a warm welcome speech by the Class 7th students, expressing their admiration and good wishes for their seniors. Various cultural performances, including songs, dances, and poetry recitations, added to the charm of the occasion.

A special video presentation showcasing the memorable moments of Class 8th during their school years was also played.



Mr Kuldeep Kumar Headmaster Govt Middle school Sangli Katwalt, in their address, appreciated the students for their dedication and hard work over the years.

They motivated the outgoing batch to strive for excellence in their future endeavors and maintain the values instilled in them

by the school. The school Teachers also shared words of encouragement, recalling fond memories with the students.

Class 8th students expressed their gratitude towards the school, teachers, and juniors for their unwavering support and guidance. Some students

shared their experiences and aspirations, making the event even more emotional.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by refreshments. The farewell party not only celebrated the bond between students and teachers but also marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Class 8th batch of Government Middle School Sangli Katwalt.

Kuldeep Kumar Headmaster Govt Middle school sangli Katwalt, Makhan singh tr, Archana jugnwal tr, Sheetal Devi tr, Godavri Devi tr Rani Devi, Gopal Krishan, Manmohan Singh Satyam kankal, Nisha Devi, Kalasho, Deeksha, Moosmi, Manju, Radha, sunil, Rakesh, Bandhana, Mamta, Anuradha, Asha, Nitiin, Rohit, Versha Man-deep, etc

Kishtwar gears up for Shri Machail Mata Ji Yatra-2025

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 14

To enhance facilities in the Machail area for the upcoming Shree Machail Mata Ji Yatra 2025, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan convened a review meeting here today. During the meeting, the DC reviewed various ongoing developmental works in the subdivision for the convenience of Yatris.

Detailed discussions were held on the completion of Yatra Bhawan at Gulabgarh, floating of tenders for heli services, repairing of various Yatra facilities such as sanitary complexes, development of the area around the Bhawan, provision of proper power and water supply during the Yatra, boarding and lodging arrangements for Yatris, illumination from Darshini Dwar to Machail Bhawan, deployment of fire-fighting system at Machail, security arrangements, development of roads and bridges ahead of Gulabgarh to Machail, and telecom connectivity along the Yatra route. Array of directions were issued to the concerned officers.

The DC said that this year, we should expect 10 lakh pilgrims, as last year the Yatra crossed 3 lakh. He also stated that this would be possible



only with proper publicity and by ensuring all necessary arrangements for the Yatris.

The PMGSY Paddar was asked to work in double shifts to complete road connectivity work. In this regard, SDM Paddar was instructed to conduct weekly monitoring and submit reports.

The JPDCL authorities were directed to arrange additional generator sets for power supply at Yatra Bhawan, Gulabgarh.

The DC also urged the concerned authorities to explore the possibility of installing a mega tent city to enhance the tourism experience during the Yatra.

The ACD was asked to furnish detailed estimates for the repair of existing and construction of new bathrooms wherever required, ensuring completion before the Yatra.

SDM Paddar was assigned the responsibility

of overall monitoring of ongoing projects to ensure their completion before the commencement of the Yatra.

Earlier, the Sarv Shakti Sewak Sanstha members sought intervention of DC in rate fixation for rooms during the Yatra, making provision of additional washrooms and designating Sarkoot Mandir as the Yatra's base camp. The DC carefully listened to all grievances and assured all possible assistance from the administration.

The meeting was attended by ADC Pawan Kotwal; ASP Pawan Sharma; CEO KDA Rishi Kumar Sharma; SDM Paddar Dr. Amit Kumar; ACD Phulail Singh; DFO Marwah, AD FCS&CA, Tehsildar Paddar, ExEn PMGSY Paddar, ExEn Jal Shakti Kishtwar, AEE JPDCL, representatives from Sarv Shakti Sewak Sanstha, contractors and other concerned.

DC Srinagar stresses on collaborative efforts to achieve target of TB-free district



JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 14

In order to strengthen TB control measures by identifying and supporting those most susceptible to the disease, a TB screening camp under 100-days intensified TB campaign was organized today at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Srinagar, witnessing active participation from a large number of employees.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, stressed the importance of collaborative efforts from all Departments and

the community, especially vulnerable individuals, to achieve the target of TB-free Srinagar. He urged greater participation in the campaign to raise awareness and promote early detection of tuberculosis.

DC added that this intensified campaign is a crucial step in the fight against tuberculosis, ensuring early detection, timely treatment, and increased awareness across Srinagar. During the campaign, Officials from the District TB Centre Srinagar provided on-spot TB awareness, X-ray screening, and testing for individuals at a higher risk of infection.

DC reviews functioning of Municipal Council Ganderbal

Inspects various developmental projects in town

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 14

Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore, who is also Administrator of Municipal Council Ganderbal, convened a meeting to review the functioning of the Municipal Council Ganderbal here today.

The meeting was conducted to evaluate the operational efficiency and performance of the Municipal Council.

Executive Officer, Municipal Council gave a detailed overview of ongoing projects, administrative processes, town profile, and other key initiatives undertaken by the Municipal Council.

The DC gave necessary instructions on enhancing civic amenities, optimizing resource allocation, and ensuring streamlined governance for the benefit of locals.

The DC emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts and transparent communication to further enhance the impact of municipal services.

The meeting was attended by Chief Plan-



ning Officer, EO Municipal Council Ganderbal, Executive Engineers of PMGSY, R&B and KPDCL besides, staff of various sections of the council.

Later, the DC took an extensive tour of Ganderbal Town and inspected various ongoing developmental works including marriage hall at Duderhama, Clock Tower and Amphitheater in Ganderbal town, Bus Yard as well as Children Park

and Open Gym behind bus yard. During inspection, the DC gave necessary instructions to the Executive Engineer R&B to expedite the progress of work so that all works get completed in stipulated time frame. During the visit, the DC was accompanied by EO Municipal Council, Executive Engineer R&B, AEE R&B and other officials of Municipal Council Ganderbal.

2 day District-Level Seminar cum Awareness Programme on Beekeeping concludes at Kishtwar

JI NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 14

The two-day District-Level Seminar cum Awareness Programme on Beekeeping concluded today here in the Conference Hall, DC Office Complex.

More than 200 farmers, along with field officers and officials, participated in the seminar, gaining valuable insights into the latest advancements in beekeeping. To further support the farming community, essential Organic Inputs were distributed among the participants.

A series of lectures were delivered by the



officers and officials from Agriculture and Allied Departments, besides Krishi Udyamis from different panchayats and progressive beekeepers of the district. The sessions focused on modern apiculture techniques, sustainable beekeeping practices, and commercial-scale honey production. Additionally, field functionaries from Agriculture and Allied Departments played a crucial role in

ensuring the event's success. Officials encouraged farmers to adopt modern techniques in apiculture to enhance production levels and contribute to the sector's commercial success.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks, emphasizing the need for greater participation from the farming community to harness the full potential of beekeeping in the district.

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Day celebrated at GDC & Hospital, Sgr

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 14

Government Dental College & Hospital Srinagar on Thursday celebrated International Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) Day under the theme "Early detection of Oral Cancer & Self-examination" by the patient themselves.

On the occasion, Principal/Dean Prof (Dr) Ajaz Ahmad Shah, delivered a lecture on oral cancer screening methods and incorporation of AI technology into the early screening.

The faculty of OMFS department Dr Irshad &

Dr Altaf H Malik rolled out the campaign for OMFS day with pledge to teach common masses about self examination of their oral cavity for any potential changes & early self referral for oral cavity examination to the concerned doctors for further follow-up.

The department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery praised Prof. (Dr) Ajaz Ahmad Shah, for his role in upbringing the department to tertiary care level for treatment of Oral & Maxillofacial defects, disorders, disease and his role in starting the state of art care in this field.

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, FEBRUARY 14

A Child Labour Rescue Drive was conducted today here by District Child Protection Unit along with members of the Child Welfare Committee and staff from the Child Helpline Unit.

The drive focused on various market areas in Poonch Township. Three children forced in child labour were rescued. Strict action was initiated against the involved shop owners as they were served notices by the department.

In addition to the rescue efforts, multiple shops and establishments were inspected. Shopkeepers were firmly advised against employing minors and were instructed to maintain proper documentation to ensure

compliance with labour laws. The Drive was conducted under the supervision of District Child

Protection Officer, Wakeel Ahmed Bhat, in collaboration with the Department of Labour.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE			
Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-47-24-25 Closing Date/Time 12.03.2025 at 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.			
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Contract Type	Works		
Name of Work	Telecom work in c/w crossing of various GAS pipeline under Railway Track over Firozpur Division.		
Bidding Type	Normal Tender		
Tender type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date Time	12.03.2025 15:00	Date Time Of Uploading Time	14.02.2025 11:37
Pre-Bid Required	No	Pre-Bid Query Date Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value	Rs. 5334440.66	Tendering Section	Telecom
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Tender	Bidding Unit	Above/Below/Par
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 106700/-	Validity of Offer (Days)	60 days
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 0.00	Period of Completion	3 Months
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE			

DC B'pora visits Hajin Hospital to assess Healthcare Services

J1 NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 14

In an effort to ensure the delivery of quality healthcare services to the public, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Friday visited Hajin Hospital to assess the facilities, patient care, and overall management.

During the visit, M.A.Qadri various sections of hospital besides interacted with patients to gather feedback on the quality of patient care services, availability of medicines, and other facilities.

The DC directed the staff to ensure quality patient care services and punctuality besides performing their duties with added zeal to serve the public effectively.

Speaking to the media, DC M.A. Qadri also assured the public that a thorough and impartial investigation would be conducted into the recent



Markundal incident, where a pregnant woman died after childbirth. He assured that if any negligence or lapse is found in the case, strict action

would be taken. During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by SDM Sumbal and other concerned.

Jashn-e-Jammu & Kashmir enthalls audience on Day 2

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

The second day of the Jashn-e-Jammu & Kashmir festival, organized by Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL) in collaboration with the J&K Artists Association, continued to be a grand celebration of the region's rich cultural heritage here at Abhinav Theatre.

Inaugurated yesterday by Lt. Governor of J&K Manoj Sinha, the festival captivated audiences with a spectacular lineup of traditional music, dance, and folk theatre performances.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Member Legislative Assembly Yudhvir Sethi, who lauded the efforts of JKAACL and the J&K Artists Association for organizing such a vibrant cultural festival that beautifully showcases the artistic traditions of the region. He emphasized the need



for continued support to local artists and performers, highlighting how such platforms provide them with the recognition they deserve while also fostering cultural exchange and unity.

Senior Journalist, Sohail Kazmi also addressed the gathering, appreciating the rich diversity of folk music, dance, and theatre presented at the festival. He underscored the importance of preserving and promoting Jammu and Kashmir's traditional art forms, which have been an integral part of its history and identity. Their presence and words of encouragement reinforced the festival's role in keep-

ing the region's cultural heritage alive for future generations.

The day's performances featured Neeta Adarsh & Group from Ramnagar, presenting the soulful Geetru, followed by Saqib Ahad & Party from Srinagar, mesmerizing the crowd with Chakri. Traditional Kashmiri storytelling came alive through Baba Reshi Folk Theatre and BhandPather artists from Heemal Cultural Society. The Rouf Dance by Lotus Cultural Group and the graceful Dambali Dance by Shkoori Sha Dambali Dance Centre showcased Kashmir's deep-rooted artistic traditions.

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Chief Minister addresses...

was addressing JK MediCon-2025, the first ever National Conference-cum-Workshop, at Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu.

The event was organized by the J&K Medical Council in collaboration with the Student Research Development Council (SRDC).

The conference was attended by Minister for Health & Medical Education Sakina Itoo, former Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Secretary H&ME Dr. Syed Abid Rashid, Jammu West MLA Arvind Gupta, Principal & Dean of GMC Jammu Dr. Ashutosh Gupta, Chairman JK Medical Council Dr. Muhammad Saleem Khan, senior professors, doctors, faculty and students.

Omar Abdullah highlighted his government's commitment to improving healthcare accessibility across Jammu and Kashmir.

"Our challenge is to make healthcare more easily accessible. Professor Gupta pointed out the excessive pressure on GMC Jammu's emergency services, which stems from the fact that healthcare in peripheral areas is not of the required standard. This forces people to flood into cities," he noted. He emphasized that the solution lies in improving healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.

"The way to reduce this pressure is not just by expanding our infrastructure in Jammu but by strengthening facilities in peripheral areas. There was a time when we only had GMC Jammu and GMC Srinagar. Now, we have GMCs at the district level," he said.

Speaking about MediCon-2025, the Chief Minister acknowledged its importance in fostering debates and discussions on key medical issues.

"There are all sorts of debates surrounding the topics that MediCon can address. The good thing is that students are involved through SRDC," he said.

He also highlighted that participants will earn 11 credits through MediCon, which will encourage greater engagement and enthusiasm.

"I hope the futuristic advancements in medical science will be part of our discussions—how much technology is beneficial, how much human contact should be replaced by machines. While some tasks may be better performed by AI, there are things that only human beings can do," he added.

Touching on the ethical dimensions of modern medical trends, Omar Abdullah raised concerns about the intersection of medicine and profit-driven healthcare.

"Where do we draw the ethical line in medicine? Is there such a thing as too much ethics? Does the pursuit of profit in medical care conflict with ethical responsibilities? Should hospitals treat patients as a means of revenue generation?" he asked.

He also noted the pressure on doctors working in corporate hospitals, where their performance is measured not by the number of patients they treat but by the revenue they generate.

Delving into the future of robotic surgery and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in medicine, the Chief Minister highlighted both the potential and concerns surrounding these advancements.

"One trend that seems to be catching on is the use of robotic surgery. Principal GMC Jammu mentioned that AI could one day take over medical procedures. Honestly, I can't imagine a scarier prospect than entrusting my life entirely to a machine. At the end of the day, there is immense value in human contact, and that's where doctors—who literally do God's work—play an irreplaceable role," he said.

He praised doctors for their dedication and lifelong learning. "You pull people back from the jaws of death. You give hope where all hope seems lost. You stand by patients and their families at their most vulnerable moments—whether in recovery or in times of loss," he said.

"As doctors, you never stop learning. You are always adapting to new techniques, medicines, and treatment methods. But no machine can replace the human touch when a doctor delivers a diagnosis or a prognosis. Patients and their families hold on to every word a doctor says," he added.

Chief Minister also acknowledged the growth plans for GMC Jammu and expressed his intent to contribute.

"Principal GMC Jammu presented several ideas for

GMC Jammu's future growth. My colleagues and I will ensure at least one of those proposals is implemented so that I, too, can have a foundation stone here and not feel left out in future presentations," he said in a lighter vein.

He also underscored the significance of MediCon-2025, noting that it is the first of its kind in J&K and possibly in the country, where a state or regional medical council has organized such an event.

"This event brings together the best minds to share ideas, best practices, and research advances while discussing emerging trends in medicine," he said.

Earlier, Principal GMC Jammu gave a detailed presentation on the college's growth and future plans.

CM distributes...

Technology (SKUAST) Jammu.

The event was organized to distribute appointment orders to newly appointed Panchayat Secretaries in the Rural Development Department (RDD), J&K.

Congratulating the appointees, the Chief Minister reminded them of their crucial role in bridging the gap between the government and the people.

"The appointment process was transparent, though not without its challenges. Despite difficulties, we ensured the process was completed fairly," he said.

"Today, you receive your appointment orders not as a favor from anyone, but as a result of your hard work and merit."

Recalling the historical evolution of the Panchayati Raj system in Jammu and Kashmir, Omar Abdullah acknowledged the contributions of past governments, particularly former Chief Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah, in strengthening grassroots governance.

"The Panchayati Raj system was first introduced under the Jammu and Kashmir Village Panchayat Act. Over time, Panchayat system has evolved, with every government playing its part in strengthening it," he noted.

Speaking about the significance of Panchayat elections, the Chief Minister pointed out the high level of public participation in local governance. "We have observed that while voter turnout in parliamentary elections is relatively low, it increases in assembly elections. However, Panchayat elections see the highest level of engagement because these institutions are closest to the people," he said.

Omar Abdullah urged the newly appointed Panchayat Secretaries to ensure that government funds allocated for rural development are utilized effectively and without corruption.

"The schemes—whether centrally sponsored or J&K-sponsored—must be implemented with honesty, ensuring maximum public benefit," he emphasized.

"You will face pressures and attempts to influence decisions, but your duty is to uphold justice and serve the poor," he said.

He reminded them that while governments change, the responsibility of public servants remains constant. "Don't worry about political shifts; your focus should be on serving the people with dedication," he added.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that he would continue to interact with the appointees in the years ahead, pledging his government's support as they carry out their duties.

"This will not be our last meeting. Today, we are here, but tomorrow, we will meet in the field, working together to improve governance. I look forward to visiting your areas and seeing the impact of your work firsthand," the CM said.

20 newly appointed panchayat secretaries—10 each from Kashmir and Jammu divisions—received their appointment orders from the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Speaking at the ceremony, Minister for Agricultural Production and RDD, Javed Ahmad Dar, congratulated the appointees and urged them to work with sincerity and dedication. He acknowledged the Chief Minister's commitment to ensuring a smooth and transparent appointment process and reminded the recruits of their vital role in governance.

"You are not just joining a department—you are becoming the backbone of governance. Your role carries immense responsibility, impacting countless lives," he said.

He assured them of government support in overcom-

ing challenges while urging them to serve with integrity.

Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, SKUAST-Jammu Vice Chancellor BN Tripathi, Secretary RDD Ajaz Asad, Directors of RDD Kashmir and Jammu, newly appointed Panchayat Secretaries, their parents and other concerned were also present on the occasion.

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wheel chairs, limb prosthetics and motorised Scooty, which improve functional capacity and help the differently abled to live independently has been made available to them in far flung areas of Union Territory," the Lieutenant Governor further added.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the individual and social service organisations to help Divyangjan in procuring suitable devices as per their needs.

He also urged the innovators of J&K UT to invent more user-friendly aids and devices for Divyangjan with the help of modern technology.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the Social Welfare Department to work on mission mode for skilling of Divyangjans.

He further shared the dedicated measures taken by the administration to encourage the private sector to provide employment opportunities to Divyangjan and the necessary changes made in the reservation policy in government jobs based on various benchmarks.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the Union Minister for organizing mega fair for Divyangjan in Jammu division and Kashmir division.

He also thanked the Union Minister for his assurance to provide a platform for the Divyang Artisans and Entrepreneurs of J&K in fairs in other parts of the country.

The Lieutenant Governor and the Union Minister visited the stalls set up by Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs, various government institutions and civil society groups. They also handed over mobility devices and sanction letters to the beneficiaries.

The Lieutenant Governor assured all the support and necessary handholding by the administration to the participating artisans and entrepreneurs in scaling-up their business and marketing of their products.

Ms Sakina Itoo, Minister for Social Welfare J&K; Sh Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member of Parliament; Sh Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner Secretary, Social Welfare Department, J&K; Sh Rajeev Sharma, Joint Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, GoI; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; senior officials, representatives of various social organizations, artists, artisans and entrepreneurs, and people from all walks of life were present.

PM Modi leads...

forever be remembered. The courage & selfless commitment of our gallant heroes will continue to inspire generations."

Army's Srinagar based Chinara Corps honoured the unwavering spirit of the CRPF on the Pulwama attack anniversary.

"Chinara Warriors pay obeisance to the CRPF Bravehearts, who laid down their lives in the line of duty during the Pulwama attack. Their sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts. Saluting the unyielding spirit of CRPF, who continue to brave the toughest challenges to safeguard our Nation and ensure peace and development in Kashmir," Army said in a post on X.

CRPF ORGANIZES SOLEMN CEREMONY

Meanwhile, the CRPF organized a solemn ceremony at Lethpora (site of the incident) to remember the fallen jawans. Officers from all forces and civil administration were present on the occasion. "A solemn ceremony was organised at Lethpora-Pulwama to pay homage and respect to the martyrs of CRPF who attained martyrdom in line of duty on 14/2/2019 in Pulwama," a CRPF spokesman said in a statement.

Several local BJP leaders also paid floral tributes to the CRPF jawans at Lethpora.

Pertinently, Forty CRPF jawans laid down their lives when a JeM suicide bomber rammed an explosive laden car into a CRPF convoy at Lethpora-Pulwama on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on February 14 in 2019.

It may be recalled that the sheer scale of the explo-

ADM Ramban imposes restrictions around examination centres

J1 NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 14

Additional District Magistrate, Ramban, in exercise of powers vested under section 163 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, (BNSS), 2023, imposed restrictions on any sort of public movement, interference/public gathering within 100 metres of all examination centres established for Board Exams in the District.

Use of loudspeaker/any other form of public address system in and around the examination centres is also prohibited. Smoking is also strictly prohibited in the premises where the examinations shall be conducted.

This order shall take effect from 15.02.2025 and remain in force till the examination is concluded.

Railways to run Vandebharat Special Train from New Delhi to Varanasi and back via Prayagraj on 15,16 &17 Feb. 2025

J1 NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEB 14

For the convenience of devotees intending to visit the Maha Kumbh Mela, Railways will run Vandebharat Special train No. 02252/02251 on 15, 16 and 17th of February, 2025, between New Delhi and Varanasi (via Prayagraj) The Vande Bharat Special Train no 02252 will depart from New Delhi at 5.30 hrs (via Prayagraj at 12.00 hrs) to reach Varanasi at 14.20 hrs. In return direction Vandebharat Special train no 02251 will depart from Varanasi at 15.15 hrs (Prayagraj at 17.20 hrs) to reach New Delhi at 23.50 hrs. the same day.

sion and the loss of lives sent shockwaves across the country, sparking nationwide mourning and demands for strict action against the perpetrators.

In response, Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured the nation that the sacrifice of the soldiers would not go in vain.

Just 12 days after the Pulwama terror attack, on the night of February 25, 2019, India launched an airstrike on terrorist camps in Balakot, Pakistan. The Pulwama terror attack had brought India and Pakistan at the brink of war. KNO

CM holds pre-budget...

"Nobody understands the people and their issues better than you. We want to take Jammu and Kashmir to new heights of development and progress," he added.

During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioners of Rajouri and Poonch presented district-wise updates on capex works that would be prioritized in the upcoming budget session of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, who represents the Nowshera assembly segment, highlighted several key issues in his constituency, including issue of shortage of doctors and paramedical staff, drinking water supply challenges, mobile network issues, bridges, road upgrades, and the four-laning of the Rajouri-Poonch Road beyond Akhnour.

He also emphasized the need for tourism development in the region.

Similarly, Minister Javed Ahmad Rana, representing the Mendhar assembly segment, raised concerns related to drinking water supply, identification of new water sources, electricity, tourism development, employment and education.

Other MLAs from the respective constituencies also presented their demands and issues, covering a broad range of sectors, including tourism, agriculture, horticulture and urban development.

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real-time updates and public feedback, ensuring transparency and accountability. He called upon the officers to adopt timely strategies for debunking fake news.

While reviewing manpower position and other issues of the department, he called upon the officers to speed up the process for filling of vacant posts. He also called upon the officers to organise regular training courses for staff of the department to abreast them with latest trends of public relations.

The Director, on the occasion, called upon the officers to commit themselves towards strengthening the government-public interface and enhancing public trust through efficient and responsible information dissemination.

'Airstrikes were fitting...

said, adding that it sent a message to terrorists worldwide not to target our security forces or borders.

Shah added, "On this day in 2019, we lost 40 of our jawans in Pulwama. Their sacrifice strengthened the security of our borders. I pay my heartfelt tribute to them. The airstrikes that followed were a strong response from Prime Minister Narendra Modi against terrorism."

Home Minister said terrorism is the biggest enemy of humanity, and the entire world has united against it. Whether it is a surgical strike or an airstrike, the Modi government follows a policy of 'zero tolerance' against terrorists and is committed to their complete elimination, he said.

On February 14, 2019, a suicide bomber attacked a CRPF convoy in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, resulting in the deaths of 40 personnel.

The Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed responsibility for the attack. In response, on February 26, 2019, the Indian Air Force said it conducted airstrikes targeting a JeM training camp in Balakot, Pakistan. This incident significantly heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. KNO

Dy CM reviews progress on development projects at Shopian

JI NEWS SERVICE
SHOPIAN, FEBRUARY 14

Highlighting the historical importance of Shopian district, Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, today directed for fast pacing the work on development projects with special focus on connectivity and Horticulture sectors.

The Deputy Chief Minister was speaking during a review meeting held, to assess progress on various developmental projects and schemes being implemented in the district, here at Mini-Secretariat Shopian.

The meeting was attended by MLA Wachi, Showkat Hussain Ganie and MLA Shopian, Shabir Kullay besides HoDs of different departments and sectoral officers.

Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Shishir Gupta, presented detailed overview of developmental scenario and undergoing

works in the district.

While reviewing status of projects of Public Works Department (PWD), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Roads and Buildings (R&B) department, JJM and others, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasised the importance of maintaining high quality standards and adhering to project deadlines, expressing concern over delays in certain works. He directed the officials to prioritise the pending projects and ensure their early completion.

The Deputy Chief Minister underscored the significance of timely and quality execution of infrastructure projects. He instructed the officers to strictly adhere to technical specifications and safety standards. He also emphasized the need for sustainable construction practices to benefit the people of the district in the long term.



He asked the officers to expedite developmental initiatives and enhance public service delivery mechanisms. He stressed the importance of being accessible to the public to ensure effective implementation of government initiatives.

"We are committed for accelerating development process and improving infrastructure across the district. The suggestions and feedback of the elected representatives should

also be taken into consideration while formulating schemes so that these could contain the local needs and demands", maintained the Deputy Chief Minister.

Assuring the officers of government's full support in addressing challenges, if any, the Deputy Chief Minister called for regular monitoring and evaluation of all ongoing works to ensure transparency and accountability.

While expressing con-

cern over delays in certain works, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the importance of meticulous planning and execution. He stressed the need to work with added dedication ensuring speedy and quality completion of all ongoing works.

The Deputy Chief Minister had a detailed account of the works in progress, emphasising the need for maintaining high quality standards in all phases of project execution. He directed the officials to ensure strict adherence to deadlines besides addressing any bottlenecks hindering the timely completion of projects.

During the meeting, the officials provided updates regarding the progress on various projects and highlighted challenges, including funding constraints, land acquisition issues and technical difficulties.

Legislators highlighted

the issues of public importance concerning their respective areas. The issues inter alia included augmentation of roads under PMGSY and other developmental activities in Zainapora and Shopian, beautification of Shopian Town, land compensation under Bye-Pass road constructions and other matters.

Later, the Deputy Chief Minister inspected the pace of works on the Trenz Bridge being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 39.41 crore.

While interacting with the officers present on site, he directed for early completion of this vital bridge connecting two districts.

The Deputy Chief Minister also inspected the ongoing work of the Degree College at Zainpore which is being constructed with an estimated cost of Rs 18.84 crore.

Udhampur: DLTFC approves 30 JKREGP cases



JI NEWS SERVICE
UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY 14

A meeting of District Level Task Force Committee was held today under the chairmanship of Additional District Development Commissioner

Udhampur Rajinder Singh to review applications seeking benefits under J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme being implemented by

Khadi & Village Industries Board. The committee, after scrutinizing 34 loan applications, approved 30 cases while the remaining 04 were deferred for next meeting. District Officer KVIB, Ashwani Kumar, Representative of DIC, LDM SBI, Cluster Head J&K Bank, Regional Manager of J&K Grameen Bank, Director SBI RSETI and Superintendent ITI attended the meeting.

Week-long A-MDP on digital marketing GeM concludes at NIT Srinagar

JI NEWS SERVICE
SRINAGAR, FEB 14

A weeklong Advanced Management Development Program (A-MDP) on Digital Marketing & DPR Drafting (Hands-on Training) and Govt. e-Marketplace & e-Office concluded on Friday at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar.

The hands-on training workshop was organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering in collaboration with the Department of HSS&M along with the Administrative Division of NIT Srinagar.

It was sponsored by the Ministry of MSME, Government of India and was attended by 60 participants including 30 Government Officials, entrepreneurs, business owners and aspiring startups. Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rahman, was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session, while Saheel Allaqband, Assistant Director of MSME, was Guest of Honour during the valedictory session.

In his key address, Saheel Allaqband spoke about the achievements the Ministry of MSME has made over the past two decades in fostering an entrepreneurial culture in the valley.



He also acknowledged Mr. Velladurai, Joint Director of MSME, who oversees the divisions of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Ladakh.

Prof. GA Harmain also highlighted the remarkable growth that Kashmir has experienced across various sectors, from tourism to technology. He said there is a need to organize more such programs in a structured manner to ensure success.

Prof. Harmain reiterated that NIT Srinagar remained committed to support and empower stakeholders by providing necessary guidance and resources to help them navigate the evolving business landscape effectively.

Mubashir Ahmad Wani, AR (Accounts) and Resource Person of GeM Workshop, appreciated the active participation of government officials and entrepreneurs.

He also highlighted

the importance of such sessions in helping participants understand marketing and the GeM platform. NIT Srinagar is always ready to provide support and guidance to those who need it, Wani said.

Earlier this week, the inaugural session was presided over by the Registrar of NIT Srinagar, Prof. Atikur Rahman, who was the Chief Guest. Prof. Yaswanth Mehta, the Dean of Planning & Development, was the Guest of Honour.

In his key speech, Institute's Registrar, Prof. Atikur Rahman, underscored the importance of the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative. Such initiatives are crucial for economic growth, achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), improving living standards, supporting businesses, and strengthening infrastructure, he said.

Prof. Rahman also affirmed that NIT will take necessary measures

to reach every nook and corner of the Kashmir Valley and the Ladakh region. He emphasized the institute's responsibility to foster an entrepreneurial culture across the valley, thereby contributing to India's GDP.

He encouraged aspiring scholars and students to explore local technologies and actively engage in research in these fields.

Prof. M.M. Wani, Head of Mechanical Engineering Department, expressed his gratitude to the Ministry of MSME for funding the weeklong workshop. He said there is a need for digital marketing to promote products in the market.

Prof. Wani said that farmers, business owners and can could potentially increase their profits fivefold by utilizing digital marketing to sell value-added products.

Dean of Planning & Development, Dr. Yaswanth Mehta, said that NIT Srinagar currently possesses 67 acres of land but faces construction constraints within 200 meters of Dal Lake.

He further mentioned the allocation of 500 acres of land by the UT administration, stating that this expansion would provide additional space to accommodate

more people and train youth for the future.

Dr. Shahid Saleem, convener of the program, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the need for such programs in the valley. He stressed the importance of enhancing accessibility to the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and the role of digital marketing in boosting exports.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Rajendran, the Nodal Officer for the MSME ESDP Scheme, highlighted the significance of Management Development Programs in the valley and how NIT Srinagar is contributing to society through such initiatives. He described it as a comprehensive and immersive learning experience.

Dr. Dinesh expressed his gratitude to Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. Kanuji, Dean R&C, Prof. Roohie Naaz, as well as other Deans, Heads of Departments, and faculty members for their support during the weeklong event. "The program is designed to empower educators with essential knowledge and skills to effectively teach and inspire participants in the fields of Digital Marketing and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM)," he added.

DC Ganderbal conducts surprise inspection of District Hospital

JI NEWS SERVICE
GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 14

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ganderbal, Jatin Kishore today took a surprise inspection of District Hospital (DH) Ganderbal to inspect its functioning and facilities being provided to the patients there.

The DC took round of various sections like emergency ward, IPD, XRAY unit, General medicine, Gyne ward and laboratory.

He interacted with the patients admitted in different wards besides enquiring about health care facilities and availability of medical staff there.

The DC directed the hospital authorities to ensure availability of medical staff for attending patients efficiently and



ensuring proper medical attention is given to each patient. He also stressed for proper segregation

of bio medical waste and maintaining cleanliness in and around the hospital premises.

ADC reviews Mahashivratri preparedness in Jammu

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

In preparation for the upcoming Mahashivratri Festival, the Additional Deputy Commissioner Anusya Jamwal convened a comprehensive meeting to assess and enhance the district's readiness for the celebrations.

The festival's highlights include a procession of 'Jhankis' (tableaux) scheduled for February 25, commencing from the historic Ranbireswar Temple. Additionally, the Peer Kho Temple will host the Mahashivratri Mela from February 25 to 28, offering devotees a series of spiritual and cultural events.

The ADC emphasised the



importance of inter-departmental coordination to ensure the festival's smooth execution. "The festival is an opportunity to showcase our commitment to public service and cultural heritage," she stated.

Discussions encompassed various aspects of the festival preparations, such as traffic management, security arrangements, sanitation and the provision of essential services to accommodate the influx of devotees. The ADC directed

the departments to implement best practices and to remain vigilant to address any challenges promptly. The meeting saw participation from officers, including Assistant Commissioner General Vikas Dhar Bagati, Executive Engineers Jal Shakti Rajesh Kumar and Rashpal Singh, SP North Vivek Shekhar, Dy.SP Traffic Anubhuti, along with other district officers and representatives from religious organisations and temple authorities.

Power shutdown

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCJ Jammu has informed that the power supply to Ashok Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 15 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Dogra Hall, Rehari, Resham Ghar Colony, Bus Stand, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazaar, Kaleeth Mohalla, Kanak Mandi, Manda, New Plot, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 16 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Sheetli, Part of Sidhra, Bamyal, MES Nagrota, PHE Sheetli and adjoining areas will remain affected on Febru-

ary 16 from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramgarh and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 16 from 8 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Hiranagar, Dyalachak, Jhandi, Chadwal, Chal Parnjal and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 16 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Mahanpur, Billa-war, Bani, Basohli, Machedi and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 16 from 8 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Kuniyan, Jhullas, Gulpur, Mangnar, K.G, L.K.G, Ajote, Dara Dullian, Deginar and adjoining areas will remain affected on February 16 and 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI (PHE) MECH RURAL DIVISION JAMMU NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e-NIT No 91 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of J&K UT, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms/individuals for the below mentioned work:-

e-NIT No. & Date.	Name of work	Est. cost (in Lakh)	Cost of document/ tender fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid validity
e-NIT No. 91 of 2024-25	Repair of pumping machinery installed at Khanpur Sitlee Youth Hostel Nagrota.	2.60	200/-	2% of the est. cost	180 days

Position of AAA: Accorded vide No. 31-DYSS of 2024-25 Dt 31-12-2024 under District Capex Budget (Directorate of Youth Services and Sports)

Position of TS: Sanctioned vide No. 387 of 02-2025

Date of Publishing 13.02.2025

- Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 13.02.2025(2:30 pm).
- Clarifications can be had from 13/02/2025 (03:00 PM) to 14/02/2025 (3:00 PM).
- The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from 14.02.2025 (03:00 pm) to 19.02.2025 (03:00 pm).
- The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE (M) Rural Division Jammu on 20-02-2025 (2:00 PM). Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 4 & 5 of the table and shall be payable at Jammu.
- The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury challan in favour of Executive Engineer PHE (Mech.) Rural Division Jammu. No exemption on account of Tender fee will be allowed.
- The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

Sd/-

Executive Engineer

Jal Shakti (PHE) Mech. Rural Division Jammu

DIP/J-10161/24

Date: 14-2-25

EDITORIAL

A Landmark Moment for Jammu & Kashmir's Legislative Autonomy

After a long gap of seven years, Jammu & Kashmir's annual budget is set to be presented in its Legislative Assembly on March 7, marking a significant step towards restoring democratic governance in the region. Since the revocation of J&K's special status in 2019 and its subsequent reorganization as a Union Territory, budgets had been presented in the Indian Parliament. This return to the Assembly represents not only a procedural shift but also a move towards greater legislative autonomy for the region.

The budget session, commencing on March 3 and culminating on April 11, is an essential platform for lawmakers to scrutinize financial allocations, discuss policy priorities, and ensure accountability. The session, comprising 22 sittings, will begin with the Lieutenant Governor's (LG) address, followed by a discussion and reply from the Chief Minister. The presentation of the budget on March 7 will set the tone for economic policies and developmental strategies for the financial year 2025-26.

The presentation of the annual financial statement, along with the supplementary expenditure statement for 2024-25, will be crucial in assessing J&K's fiscal health. It will also provide insights into the government's spending priorities and the financial roadmap for the region.

This budget session will serve as a litmus test for J&K's Legislative Assembly, which has been reinstated after years of central governance. The discussions on the LG's address, scheduled for March 4-6, will offer legislators an opportunity to highlight key governance issues and policy concerns. The debates on budgetary allocations on March 8, 10, and 11 will reflect the government's vision for economic growth and infrastructure development.

Additionally, the demands for grants, which will be discussed extensively from March 12-24, will allow legislators to scrutinize sectoral allocations. The final approval of the budget on March 25, followed by the passage of Appropriation Bills, will mark the culmination of a crucial legislative exercise.

Apart from budget discussions, the session will also focus on legislative business, including private member resolutions and bills, scheduled for March 7-9. This provides an avenue for legislators to introduce policy proposals beyond the government's agenda, thereby enriching democratic participation.

The return of the budget presentation to the J&K Assembly signals a return to normalcy in governance. However, the real test lies in how effectively the Assembly functions as a platform for debate, policy formulation, and public accountability. A robust and participatory budget session can set the precedent for a more empowered and responsive governance framework in Jammu & Kashmir.

Will 'Jan Vishwas 2.0' deliver real reform

ASMITTAL

Despite concerted efforts to combat corruption, red-tapism and bribery remain formidable barriers to business growth in India. The recent "India Business Corruption Survey 2024" presents a troubling picture: 66 per cent of business entities admit to paying bribes, with 54 per cent stating they were coerced to expedite government processes, obtain permits, ensure compliance, or acquire duplicate licenses. The problem is most acute in sectors governed by overreaching officials in labour, GST, income tax, pollution, provident funds, property registration, drug and health departments. The economic impact is undeniable.

A survey by EY-FICCI reveals that four out of five respondents believe corruption is a significant deterrent to foreign direct investment (FDI). This underscores the urgent need to overhaul India's compliance framework to foster a transparent, fair, and predictable regulatory environment. While the government initiated compliance reforms two years ago, progress has been sluggish.

The Jan Vishwas Act of 2023 was a step forward, decriminalising 180 provisions related to impris-

onment clauses that burden businesses and entrepreneurs. However, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's 2025 budget announcement about 'Jan Vishwas 2.0' aims to further decriminalise around 100 provisions.

While this is a welcome step, it barely scratches the surface—over 20,000 provisions with imprisonment clauses remain untouched.

The Constant Flux of Compliance Rules

For Indian businesses, compliance is already a complex challenge, but its intersection with corruption makes it nearly insurmountable. Regulatory officials often wield compliance provisions as tools to extract bribes. Many businesses report that unofficial payments are still required to secure regulatory approvals, even when all necessary compliances are met. A significant flaw in the system is the enormous subjectivity granted to inspectors, who can threaten imprisonment or factory shutdowns without accountability.

Another pressing issue is the overwhelming frequency of compliance updates, which fosters inefficiency and corruption.

Over the past year alone, there have been 9,420 compliance updates—an average of 36

daily changes. This staggering rate of change indicates either regulatory incompetence or a deliberate design to create systemic corruption pipelines. A bureaucracy that needs to update rules at such an erratic pace is either incapable of foresight or complicit in fostering an environment where bribes become inevitable.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI) recent directive is a promising initiative to curb this chaos. Effective this January, changes to food label regulations will be announced only once a year, offering a model for predictable regulatory changes. Similar measures should be extended across all regulatory bodies.

Labour Laws: The Elephant in the Room

A significant portion of compliance-related imprisonment clauses stem from labour laws, which fall under the Concurrent List of the Constitution. While India has replaced 29 colonial-era labour laws with four modern labour codes, they remain in limbo, awaiting implementation. Without this critical step, the long-touted "biggest labour reforms in independent India" remain mere rhetoric. State governments must act swiftly

to operationalise these reforms.

Simplifying Business Permits: A Digital-First Approach

Establishing a factory in India requires submitting hundreds of self-attested and notarised documents across more than 40 government departments.

This archaic system breeds corruption and inefficiency. A digital-first approach could transform the process. Imagine a scenario where entrepreneurs can apply for factory permissions using a single business identifier, granting regulators access to verified documents via an entity called Digi Locker. Such a tamper-proof, authenticated repository could cut approval times from months to days, mirroring the success of India's Digi Yatra in streamlining airport security.

One Nation, One Business Identity

India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) has revolutionised governance, but business compliance remains fragmented. Entrepreneurs must navigate at least 23 identity numbers issued by various Union and state authorities—from PAN, GSTIN, and CIN to professional tax numbers and factory licenses. Each identifier has its lifecycle,

requiring periodic renewals and payments, leading to inefficiencies and corruption. A unified One Nation, One Business Identity system could dramatically simplify compliance, reducing bureaucratic friction and the opportunities for corrupt practices.

A small budgetary allocation toward this initiative could streamline regulatory interactions, enhancing India's appeal as a business destination.

A Global Perspective: The US Efficiency Threat

The global competition for investment and talent is intensifying. The United States is advancing governance reforms, including the proposed Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), to make business operations seamless. If the world's largest economy (GDP: \$27 trillion) becomes even more business-friendly, why would investors choose India's \$4 trillion economy, where red tape and corruption persist? The answer is simple: they won't. As American efficiency attracts global capital, India risks losing out on both investment and entrepreneurial talent, a fundamental driver of its knowledge economy.

The Way Forward

The time for compla-

ncy is over. What was an opportunity yesterday is now an urgent necessity. To sustain its economic momentum, India must dismantle bureaucratic hurdles, create a predictable compliance environment, and eradicate corruption.

A clear, well-structured compliance framework—ushered in through Jan Vishwas 2.0—is not just about ease of doing business; it's about safeguarding India's economic future.

The government must act decisively to attract global companies and empower Indian entrepreneurs to innovate, expand, and create jobs without fear or unnecessary regulatory friction. India stands at a crossroads. Whether the High-Level Committee for Regulatory Reforms embraces a bold compliance overhaul or hesitates, the stakes are high. The choice is clear: modernise or risk being left behind in the global economic race.

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India's ai diplomacy

KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits to Paris and Washington, where he engaged with two of the most influential leaders from the developed world, come at a crucial juncture of shifting geopolitical dynamics. The central theme of these high-level bilateral discussions revolved around advanced technology cooperation in an increasingly fragmented world. India played a significant role as the co-chair of the AI Action Summit in Paris, alongside host nation France. This marked the third global event dedicated to artificial intelligence, drawing comparisons to the Kumbh Mela of technology—bringing together policymakers, corporate leaders, experts, and world leaders.

The summit's primary focus was on leveraging the transformative potential of AI, a technology that has been likened to groundbreaking human advancements such as the invention of the wheel and the mastery of fire. Meanwhile, China introduced DeepSeek, a nimble generative AI tool, posing a serious challenge to the near-monopolistic dominance of US tech giants that have invested billions in AI research and development. Compounding the complexities of global AI governance, former US President Joe Biden, during his final week in office, passed an executive order known as the Interim Final Rule (IFR) on the Framework for Artificial Intelligence Diffusion.

This order imposed export restrictions on critical software and hardware essential for AI develop-



ment, targeting nations deemed adversarial to US interests—chiefly China—but also impacting close allies such as India. Global technology stakeholders have since urged the new US administration to maintain consistency with the previously established Regulatory Freeze Order. They have called for the suspension of the AI Diffusion Rule until further

review and stakeholder consultations ensure that the regulations align with both national security and international trade interests.

Despite industry appeals, President Donald Trump has yet to overturn the executive order signed by his predecessor. However, his administration issued a fresh executive order on January 23, sig-

nalling a possible shift in approach. Within days of assuming office, President Trump reaffirmed the United States' commitment to AI leadership, stating that the country has historically been at the forefront of AI innovation due to its robust free-market economy, world-class research institutions, and entrepreneurial drive. His directive emphasized eliminating barriers that could hinder American AI progress, revoking certain existing AI policies, and reinforcing the US's global leadership in AI. He further asserted that sustaining AI dominance was vital for human advancement, economic competitiveness, and national security. India, aiming for a prominent role in global AI governance, innovation and development, has set forth an ambitious AI mission of its own.

This vision, however, is heavily reliant on high-end semiconductor chips and Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) currently controlled by US technology firms. Any restrictions on access to these critical processors could pose significant challenges to India's AI aspirations. Modi's engagements in Paris, India's announcement to host the fourth global AI summit in Delhi, and his discussions with President Trump and other world leaders signal a strategic move toward securing India's place at the forefront of global AI advancements. These diplomatic efforts mark an essential step in navigating the rapidly evolving AI landscape and ensuring India's stake in shaping the future of this transformative technology.

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

Making road safety a national priority: A targeted mission to save lives

ASHIM SANYAL

Every year, India observes Road Safety Month, during which various events and programmes are organised by the government and civil society organisations at national and regional levels. These initiatives focus on raising awareness and educating the public on ways to reduce road casualties.

While this acknowledgment is a step forward, the critical question remains—has road safety truly become a national priority? Unfortunately, our approach is often reactive, addressing the issue only after tragic accidents occur, rather than proactively implementing global best practices to prevent them.

A Grim Reality: What the Data Reveals

Road accident statistics paint a stark picture, suggesting that road safety is yet to be treated as a priority by Indian citizens. Road accidents are an everyday occurrence in India, and there is rarely a day when one does not hear about a fatal crash.

According to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) report for 2022, India witnessed 461,312 road crashes, resulting in 168,491 deaths and 443,366 injuries. Alarming, nearly 70 per cent of these fatalities involved young individuals—many of whom were the primary earners of their families.

While the 2023 report is yet to be released, officials have already indicated a steep rise in casualties, making Indian roads even more hazardous. The United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety

aims to reduce road deaths by 50 per cent by 2030, and India is a signatory to this ambitious goal. However, despite past commitments, the recent MoRTH report shows an 11.9 per cent increase in accidents, with deaths rising by 9.4 per cent and injuries by 15.3 per cent compared to 2021. This translates to an average of 1,264 accidents and 462 deaths per day, or 53 accidents and 19 deaths every hour. Achieving the 50 per cent reduction target by 2030 seems increasingly difficult unless immediate and sustained action is taken at both central and state levels.

Strengthening Laws and Enforcement

The introduction of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, was a significant step toward improving road safety,



imposing stricter penalties and regulations. Initially, the law was taken seriously, but its impact faded over time due to inconsistent enforcement. Socio-cultural factors often override the fear of legal consequences, making road safety a neglected concern.

The reality is that road crashes are preventable, and the term "accident"

itself is misleading.

The Urgent Need for Action

Adopting a structured and data-driven approach to road safety is imperative. Studies indicate that focusing on key risk factors—such as speeding, non-compliance with seatbelt and helmet laws, and unsafe road designs—can significantly reduce casualties.

Speeding alone contributes to approximately 73 per cent of all road accidents in India. Scientific speed limits should be enforced on expressways, highways, urban roads and even rural areas where mobility is increasing rapidly. Non-compliance with safety measures is another major concern. In 2022, over 16,715 people lost their lives due to not wearing seatbelts, and more than 50,000 two-wheeler riders died because they were not wearing helmets. These numbers highlight the urgent need to enforce safety regulations strictly and create widespread awareness about their importance.

Road Safety as a National Mission

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has successfully led multiple national missions, including Swachh

Bharat Abhiyan, Skill Development, Yoga for Fitness, Immunisation Programmes, and Child Health Initiatives. These programmes achieved remarkable success through targeted policies, funding and regular progress reviews.

Given the scale of road safety concerns, India must adopt a similar mission-driven approach. Declaring road safety a National Mission would ensure the allocation of dedicated budgets, the establishment of clear targets, and continuous monitoring at both central and state levels. Regular progress reviews, monthly reports, and rigorous enforcement mechanisms would motivate authorities to take proactive steps toward improving road safety.

A Collective Commitment to

Saving Lives

Road safety is not just about reducing casualties; it is about safeguarding the wellbeing of every citizen, strengthening the economy, and securing the future of India's youth. The financial burden of post-crash medical care, loss of productivity and emotional distress on families is immense.

As a global signatory committed to saving lives, India must take decisive steps to ensure road safety is not merely a campaign but an integral part of governance. The time to act is now—by adopting a mission-mode approach, enforcing existing laws and making road safety a top national priority, we can create safer roads for all.

(The author is COO consumer VOICE; views are personal)

Govt prioritizes Social, Economic Upliftment of Divyangjan: Narendra Kumar

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Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Sh. Virendra Kumar Friday inaugurated Divya Kala Mela 2025 at Gulshan Ground in Jammu. The mela will be hosted from February 14 to February 24.

Organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) (DEPwD) under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in collaboration with the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC) the event aims to showcase products, skills and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs and artisans from across the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that the Government of India is committed to the empowerment of Divyangjans. He said that under the visionary leadership of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the Divya Kala Melas, initiated in 2022, have emerged as a transformative platform for Divyangjans to showcase their talents, gain economic independence and contribute to the nation's growth.

The Minister said that the Divya Kala Melas have been instrumental in addressing the challenges faced by Divyangjans, particularly those living in remote areas who often lack access to platforms to showcase their skills and these initiatives not only



empower individuals but also uplift entire families, aligning with the government's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

Pointing towards the stellar performances of Indian athletes at the Tokyo and Paris Paralympics, the minister highlighted that they have been making the nation proud at both national and international level. He said that the government is actively working to provide more opportunities for Divyangjans to participate in national and international programs, ensuring their talents are channelled effectively. Skill development and training programs across various sectors are being implemented to further enhance their economic prospects. "The government remains steadfast in its mission to support the social and economic upliftment of Divyangjans. By organizing camps and melas across the country, it aims to create an inclusive ecosystem where every individual has the opportunity to grow," he said.

The mela will be a platform for economic empowerment, offering visitors diverse products from various states, including handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works, packaged food,

eco-friendly products and jewelry. This initiative promotes the 'Vocal for Local' vision by showcasing handmade products. The Jammu edition will witness participation from around 100 divyang artisans and entrepreneurs representing approximately 20 states and Union Territories. The categories of products on display include; home decor & lifestyle, clothing and textiles, stationery and eco-friendly products, packaged and organic food, toys and gifts, personal accessories and jewelry.

The 11-day fair will not only be a shopping destination but also a cultural hub, featuring performances by divyang artists and renowned professionals. A highlight of the event will be a special cultural program, 'Divya Kala Shakti', presented by divyang artists on February 24, 2025.

In addition to the exhibition and performances, the Divya Kala Mela 2025 will feature interactive experience zones for different disabilities, Divyangjan sports activities and exhibitions of new assistive aids and appliances. The fair will be open daily from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Gulshan Ground, Jammu.

Pulwama incident strengthened our resolve for zero tolerance towards terrorism: Arun Gupta



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Arun Gupta, Spokesperson, J&K BJP, stated that the tragic Pulwama incident in 2019, strengthened our resolve for zero tolerance towards terror related activities. He said that February 14, 2019, was black day in Indian history when 40 brave CRPF personnel were martyred at Pulwama on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway.

Arun Gupta, Spokesperson, J&K BJP, accompanied by Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, and Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge was addressing a Press Conference at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

"India has strongly carried out the zero-tolerance policy by undertaking surgical strikes, air strike

along with other counter measures to send a stern message to the neighbouring country that India is capable of giving befitting reply to any attempt posing threat to the security forces and the civilians," said Arun Gupta.

He said that after the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, much progress has been achieved in the security and peace measures in J&K. He said that Pakistan has been consistently trying desperately to destabilize peace in Jammu and Kashmir through terrorism.

Arun Gupta said that India has achieved peace through stringent measures and will do whatever is required to be done to keep it stable, as and when such need arises.

He laid stress on the streamlined strengthening of the multi-faceted secu-

riety grid by India covering coastal security, narcotics, cybercrime, or economic security.

"India has to achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047, and a multi-faceted security strengthening will play a very significant role in stabilizing the economy and ensuring constant growth in the country. To achieve this, the security forces are performing their role very effectively, under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the effective measures taken by the Union Home Minister and Defence Minister of India," said Arun Gupta.

Arun Gupta also stressed that India is prepared for any eventuality and sacrifice of our brave martyrs will not go in vain, adding that the nation is indebted to them.

GDC Ramnagar organizes Guest Lecture on 'Exploring Emerging Technologies: A Glimpse into the Future'

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RAMNAGAR, FEB 14

The Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Government Degree College (GDC) Ramnagar, organized a Guest Lecture on 'Exploring Emerging Technologies: A Glimpse into the Future' for faculty and students. The event was held under the esteemed patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Bhavnaish Chand Anthal, Principal, GDC Ramnagar.

The session featured Dr. Sandeep Arya, Associate Professor of Physics, University of Jammu, as the Guest Speaker. The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pandit, Head of the Department of Physics and IQAC Coordinator, who briefed the audience about the guest speaker and the objectives of the program.

In his insightful lecture, Dr. Sandeep Arya empha-



sized the transformative role of emerging technologies such as mobile batteries, electric vehicles, renewable energies, genetic engineering, green technologies etc. in shaping the future. He discussed in detail about three future technologies 3D printing, the technology of future batteries and sensors for healthcare management. Furthermore, he also discussed advancements in artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, and renewable energy solutions, highlighting their impact on various fields of research and daily life. The resource person, through a short video, also demonstrated the design and prototype of a coin-cell battery developed by

his Ph.D. students in his research laboratory in the University of Jammu. He encouraged students to actively engage in scientific exploration and innovation, stressing the need for continuous learning and adaptability in the fast-evolving technological landscape.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of faculty members and a large number of students, making it a highly interactive and informative session. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Ujval Gupta, appreciating the guest speaker's valuable insights and the organizing committee's efforts in making the event a success.

Movement Kalki's protest continues for 117th Day, DSNS & VHM extend support

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Movement Kalki's historic protest demanding the declaration of Gau Mata (Mother Cow) as 'Rashtra Mata' (National Mother) and the enactment of strict cow protection laws continued for the 117th consecutive day. Today, Swami Divyanand Ji Maharaj, All India President of Divya Samaj Nirman Samiti, Vishwa Hindu Mahasabha State President Narendra Singh, and Sikh community leader Advocate Harmeet Singh extended their full support to this movement along with their associates.

Swami Divyanand Ji Maharaj, in his address, stated that this movement for cow protection has been ongoing since 1966, initiated by Karpatri Ji Maharaj. He reminded everyone that many saints sacrificed their lives for cow protection, but successive governments ignored their demands. He alleged that cow slaughter and smuggling continue unchecked, and the problem has escalated under



the current BJP government. He further claimed that cow smugglers are now openly transporting cows with government subsidies and official permissions, endangering the sacred existence of Gau Mata.

Advocate Harmeet Singh, speaking on behalf of the Sikh community, emphasized that Gau Mata holds a special status in Sikhism. He stated that Guru Granth Sahib mentions the significance of the cow, and the Sikh community has always supported cow protection.

Vishwa Hindu Mahasabha State President Narendra Singh highlighted the environmental and agricultural importance of cows. He explained that

cow dung once enriched soil fertility, but today, the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and urea has led to soil infertility and weakened future generations. He urged people to see cow protection not just as a religious cause, but as a national and environmental issue.

Members of Movement Kalki's Advisory Board expressed gratitude to Swami Divyanand Ji Maharaj, Narendra Singh, and Advocate Harmeet Singh for their support. They reaffirmed that the movement will continue until Gau Mata is officially declared 'Rashtra Mata' and strict cow protection laws are implemented.

Indian Army conducts Medical Patrol for Local Youth at Khanetar, Poonch



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POONCH, 14 FEB 2025

In a remarkable display of quick thinking and professionalism, a medical patrol unit of the Indian Army, under the aegis of Romeo Force, successfully evacuated Smt. Sharifa Bi, a 70-year-old woman who suffered a sudden paralysis-like attack. She is a resident of the village Upper Kuniyan.

The incident occurred while the team was providing healthcare services in the region. The woman, who was experiencing sudden paralysis, was immediately attended to by the nursing assistant of the medical patrol team. The nursing assistant displayed his medical acumen and professional skill, administering critical first aid, stabilizing the woman's condition, and preventing further complications.

The team then worked together to lift the woman onto a makeshift stretcher and carefully transported her to the nearest road head, ensuring her safety and comfort during the journey. Once at the road head, the woman was evacuated by ambulance to FIDA Multi-specialty Hospital, where she is cur-

rently stable and receiving further medical attention. The Indian Army extends its gratitude to its dedicated team members, especially the unit nursing assistant, for their swift and effective actions in this life-threatening situation. The family of the woman expressed their deep gratitude, with her husband, Mr. Mohd Sadiq, stating, "We are truly thankful for the swift and professional response of the Indian Army. They gave my wife the care she needed in a critical moment. Our family will forever be grateful." The Sarpanch of the local area also commended the Rashtriya Rifle unit for their efforts, stating, "The Rashtriya Rifle in the area has done an excellent job in providing immediate medical assistance."

Their commitment to the well-being of our community is evident, and their efforts are playing a vital role in the upliftment of our locals." This medical patrol mission further strengthened the relationship between the Indian Army and the local residents, fostering trust and goodwill as the community continues to benefit from their unwavering support.

Samvedna committed to work for common people: Keshav Chopra



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JAMMU, FEB 14

Chairman Samvedna Society and Prominent Social Activist Keshav Chopra today organized a programme to provide Ration Cards, PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Golden Cards) and ABHA cards to the locals.

During the Programme Keshav Chopra expressed gratitude towards the Director Food Civil supplies and consumer Affairs and her team for approving Ration cards on urgent basis, Keshav emphasized the importance of Ration card to avail the benefits of Several Schemes including Ayushman Bharat Golden Card and also to avail the benefits of Pension and other Schemes one must have updated Ration card hence it's a very important document. PMJAY is the largest health insurance scheme in the world

providing free treatment to millions of people. Similarly ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) Card helps individuals to access healthcare benefits and store their medical information digitally in one account. Therefore, a ABHA ID card is one-stop identification for all healthcare-related activities. Samvedna Society is committed to provide doorstep services of these important schemes to the common man so that maximum people can take advantage of it keshav further added.

Speaking on the Occasion Locals appreciated the work of Chairman Samvedna Society Keshav Chopra for providing them these cards at their doorstep. Anju Chopra, Manoj Tandon, Sourav Gupta, Vikas Kumar, Dr Krishan Kumar, Parshotam Gupta, Sushil and others were also present

Khatana discusses Law & Order, FRA implementation with Amit Shah

JNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEB 14:

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP, Er. Gulam Ali Khatana, met Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and discussed key issues related to Jammu and Kashmir, including the law and order situation and the implementation of central government schemes in the Union Territory.

During the meeting, MP Khatana lauded the efforts of the Union government in restoring peace in J&K,

particularly in Kashmir, where incidents of stone pelting and strike calls have become a thing of the past. He highlighted the significant improvement in security and the growing influx of tourists as indicators of stability and development in the region.

The MP also emphasized the need for the speedy implementation of centrally sponsored schemes to accelerate development in J&K. He urged the Home Minister



to ensure the effective execution of these schemes to benefit the people at the grassroots level.

A key issue discussed was the implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA) in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khatana stressed the importance of granting rights to forest dwellers and ensuring their welfare in accordance with the provisions of the act.

Expressing gratitude to Amit Shah and the Modi government, Khatana appreciated the continuous efforts to bring normalcy and economic prosperity to J&K. He reaffirmed his commitment to working for the welfare of the people and ensuring the successful implementation

of government initiatives in the region.

He urged the Home Minister to enhance communication between the people of J&K and the administration. "There is a gap between the administration and the public, and efforts must be made to bridge it. The administration should take steps to reach out to the masses," he said. He also requested the Home Minister to prioritize local youth in various ongoing projects in J&K to create more job opportunities for them.

5 children forced into Labour rescued at Katra



JNEWS SERVICE
REASI, FEBRUARY 14

The District Administration Reasi today launched a comprehensive drive to rescue and rehabilitate children and adolescents forced into child labour in Katra town.

The drive was conducted jointly by the Departments of Social Welfare and Labour on the directions issued by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The Rescue team carried out inspections across various business establishments in Katra, including shops, restaurants, dhabas, street stalls, and workshops.

Five minors were rescued during these inspections, highlighting the

urgency and necessity of such drives.

The drive was conducted under the supervision of District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Sachin Sharma and Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Annie Vaid in collaboration with members of different agencies.

The Rescue team comprised members from multiple agencies, including the Department of Social Welfare, Labour, Health, Police, DLSA, and members of Child Helpline and Child Welfare Committee. Key contributors to the operation included Labour Officer Shivika Sharma, Child Helpline Coordinator Mohd Saleem, Supervisor CHL Ankush Sharma, and

the team from the Child Helpdesk, Katra.

The team has mandated strict action against those found violating Child Protection laws and urged the public to report any instances of child abuse, trafficking, or exploitation to the District Child Protection Office, Reasi, by calling the Child Helpline at 1098.

The rescued children were produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Reasi for rehabilitation after their medical examination. The DCPO confirmed that similar operations would be carried out frequently to ensure a sustained effort in protecting and rehabilitating children and adolescents in street situations.

AG Mir Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Library for Civil Services Aspirants at ICP Rajbagh

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 14

Additional Director General, ITBP, Abdul Gani Mir, today inaugurated a state-of-the-art library at the Initiative for Competition Promotion (ICP) Rajbagh here. The library is dedicated to Civil Services aspirants.

The Centre is intended to assist candidates preparing for competitive examinations such as the IAS and KAS by providing them with extensive academic resources.

ICP is a trust patronized by A.G. Mir and has been instrumental in guiding Civil Services aspirants through its residential coaching academy.

The institution has successfully produced nearly 300 officers in IAS, IPS, KAS, and KPS, in last 15 years playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of public administration.

The library has been established with financial support under CSR from Jamna Auto Industries Ltd., highlighting the company's strong commitment to assist students in their competitive exam preparation.



The inauguration ceremony was attended by Founder Trustees Aziz Ahmad, KAS, and Syed Shahnawaz Bukhari, KAS besides other senior officers associated with the Trust, Ahsan ul Haq Chesti and Burhaan Hussain, KAS. Scores of students were also present in the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, A.G. Mir expressed concern over the declining number of candidates opting for competitive exams, particularly the IAS and KAS. He emphasized the need to motivate students in schools and colleges to consider careers in public service and underscored the importance of

conducting seminars to create awareness. He urged college and university teachers to actively play their role in inspiring and guiding students toward Civil Services, highlighting their crucial contribution in shaping future administrators.

The newly inaugurated library is expected to serve as a hub of knowledge, equipping students with the necessary resources and academic support to succeed in Civil Services.

The event concluded with a special acknowledgment of Jamna Auto Industries Ltd. and other stakeholders for their generous support in making this project a reality.

DC inspects civic amenities, cleanliness in Kishtwar Township



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KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 14

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rajesh Kumar Shavan conducted a comprehensive inspection of various developmental projects along the stretch from Kuleed Chowk to Sangrambhatta in the Kishtwar Township. The inspection focused on infrastructure development, sanitation and maintenance of public utilities to ensure efficient service delivery and improved civic amenities for the residents.

During the visit, the DC inspected lane drainage systems and directed the GM NHIDCL to ensure the complete removal of silt from the drains. The concerned authorities were instructed to expedite the cleaning process to prevent waterlogging and ensure the smooth functioning of the drainage system.

Furthermore, the Tehsildar was directed to carry out the demarcation of the road to prevent any encroachment and also identify the encroachments and start the eviction.

In a bid to enhance cleanliness and hygiene in public spaces, the BDO was instructed to under-

take cleanliness drives in and around the Subash Park and the area opposite the helipad.

The DC emphasized the importance of maintaining these public spaces in a clean and well-kept condition for the benefit of the general public.

He directed the GM NHIDCL to protect the road areas from encroachments and improve the road's aesthetics.

Additionally, the ExEn Jal Shakti Department was directed to promptly address water leakages and undertake necessary repairs of water pipes along the route.

The DC also reviewed overall sanitation and cleanliness from Kuleed Chowk to Sangrambhatta and issued necessary directives to ensure improved hygiene standards in the area. Authorities were urged to take immediate measures for sustained cleanliness and proper waste disposal mechanisms.

ACD Kishtwar Phulail Singh, Tehsildar Kishtwar Nirbhay Sharma, ExEn Jal Shakti Sunil Sharma, BDO Kishtwar GM NHIDCL, representatives from municipality and other departments were present during the visit.



A public delegation led by Daleep Singh Parihar, Member of Legislative Assembly from Baderwah called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Popular actor Pankaj Tripathi becomes the face of JIO-BP's new International Fuel for India Campaign

- Pankaj Tripathi becomes the brand ambassador for high-performance fuels at Jio-BP retailed at no extra cost
- Split Fuel Car unveiled showcasing how high-performance fuels at Jio-bp power smoothness in driving experience

JNEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 13

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri today launched the International Fuel for India (IFFI) campaign of Jio-bp (the operating brand of Reliance BP Mobility Limited, a joint venture of Reliance Industries and bp), a leading mobility solution provider, at India Energy Week 2025 in New Delhi. Featuring popular Indian cinema actor, Pankaj Tripathi, IFFI campaign showcases how Jio-bp is taking high performance fuels to every Indian at no extra cost.

Leveraging over 100

years of bp's fuel research experience, Jio-bp's high-performance fuels with ACTIVE Technology have been developed by testing Indian Original Equipment Manufacturer's engines with Indian Fuel over thousands of Kms under the intense scrutiny of expert technologists at globally acclaimed R&D centers in United Kingdom and Germany. Diesel at Jio-bp with ACTIVE technology offers an incremental mileage benefit of up to 4.3%, and petrol at Jio-bp with ACTIVE technology helps keep critical engine parts up to 10 times cleaner.

High-performance fuels at Jio-bp work across all



types of commercial and private vehicles alongside non-transport segment, helping to reduce engine wear & tear, to improve fuel economy & to lower need for unscheduled maintenance due to dirt congestion in engine parts. Powered by ACTIVE Tech-

nology, high-performance fuels at Jio-bp prevent harmful dirt accumulation, ensuring superior engine performance and better fuel efficiency while also extending lifespan of critical engine parts.

To help the country see this ACTIVE Technol-

ogy "live" in action, Jio-bp unveiled the innovative Split Fuel Car at India Energy Week 2025 in New Delhi. Split Fuel Car has clearly demarcated two fuel tanks powering the different halves of the vehicle's 6-cylinder engine. It is a transparent showcasing of how high-performance petrol at Jio-bp with ACTIVE Technology and ordinary petrol operate differently. With borescope imaging (used in medical field for looking inside human body), the exhibit showed higher deposits building up on critical engine components for ordinary petrol which would inevitably

lead to lower fuel efficiency. Given the engine is running in the same car under same conditions, this is testimony to the benefit of operating with ACTIVE Technology powered fuels.

True to Jio-bp's commitment of delivering "More" for India, Jio-bp is leveraging Reliance Industries Limited's fuel supply chain, to democratize high-performance fuels. These fuels are available as the base offering at over 1875 country-wide Jio-bp mobility stations at no extra cost to customers.

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LG meets Mahamandleshwar Sadhvi Sanjananand Giri Ji on Chatuspath Yatra



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JAMMU, FEB 15

Mahamandleshwar Sadhvi Sanjananand Giri Ji today called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha, and discussed the upcoming Chatuspath Yatra, a nationwide spiritual journey aimed at the upliftment of society, promotion of spirituality, environmen-

tal awareness, and public welfare.

During the meeting, Mahamandleshwar Sanjananand Giri Ji highlighted the significance of the yatra, which will pass through various states and UTs, including Jammu & Kashmir, spreading the message of peace, harmony, and sustainable living.

The Lieutenant Govern-

nor assured all possible support from the administration to facilitate the yatra in the Union Territory.

The Chatuspath Yatra is envisioned as a movement to inspire collective consciousness, encourage social harmony, and promote a cleaner, greener environment while fostering spiritual growth among the people.

Fruit growers meet CM, demand implementation of crop insurance, MIS schemes

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SRINAGAR, FEB 14 (KNO)

The fruit growers association of Kashmir on Friday met Chief Minister of J&K, Omar Abdullah in Jammu and demanded various steps for the upliftment of the horticulture sector.

Fruits growers association as per the news agency demanded implementation of crop insurance scheme and market intervention scheme.

They said that the crop insurance scheme, though announced, has not been implemented so far. "It is accordingly requested that the Budget Provision may kindly be considered in the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 for implementation of Crop Insurance Scheme for Horticulture Industry and necessary orders in this behalf issued as well so that the poor Fruit Growers of the Valley may have a sigh of relief particular-

ly at the time of Natural Disaster."

The fruit growers further added that more than 40% of Apple Crop during every fruit season is always found in the shape of "Grade C" and "Ghiran" (Fallen Apple) pushing the Fruit Growers of the Valley towards the loser side. "The Government of the time had once introduced a Market Intervention Scheme and the entire "Grade C" apple under this scheme was lifted by the Horticulture Department against the rates as fixed by the government. The Valley based Fruit Growers benefited to some extent from the losses under this scheme."

"It is unfortunate that the scheme has been shelved for the last several years. It is accordingly requested that the Budget Provision may kindly be considered in the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 for re-introduc-

tion of Market Intervention Scheme in the interest of Fruit Growers of the Valley and Horticulture Industry in particular."

They demanded that the provision of allotment of funds in the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 may kindly be considered for Establishment of Separate "Horticulture Estate" on the pattern of Industrial Estate of J&K (UT) and provision for allotment of funds provided in the Budget Estimates for the year 2025-26 so that CA-Stores/Canning Factories, Juice Plants and other allied Factories could be Established with single window system facility for convenience of Valley based Fruit Growers Cum Dealers.

"In order to facilitate the marginal Fruit Growers of the Valley necessary measures may kindly be taken up for setting up of CA-Stores in the valley

on a society basis with the facility of a single window system and grant of subsidy," they said.

They said that the wooden patties were always used for transportation of fresh fruits from the Valley to various destinations of the Country. "Since the paplur (Safaida) trees are now used by Veneers for manufacturing ply boards and rates of wooden patties have, therefore, risen."

"The Fruit Growers are not in a position to use the wooden patties as Bardana for transportation of fruits in view of higher price rates leaving second option of use of Cardboard Boxes in place of wooden patties. 12% GST is charged on Cardboard Boxes and insecticides, pesticides with the result production cost of fresh fruits raised to higher limit. In fact the number of small Growers are on a higher side who in view imposi-

tion of 12% GST on Cardboard Boxes are reluctant to use Cardboard Boxes for transportation of their Apple Crop from Valley to various destinations of the Country. The KVFG Union therefore, request your goodself kindly consider exemption of GST on Cardboard Boxes and insecticides, pesticides and fertilizers or reduce the limit to minimum possible rates in the interest of Horticulture Industry," they said.

They said that the cost prices of pesticides and fertilizers are touching the sky from day by day. "The Fruit Growers of the Valley incurring their entire savings exclusively on purchase of pesticides, fertilizers and insecticides. It is accordingly requested to kindly look into this issue and consider slashing down the cost prices of pesticides, fertilizers and insecticides in the Budget Estimate for the year 2025-2026," they said.

Samsung launches Unique Community-Led Programme “Galaxy Empowered” To Upskill 20,000 Teachers by 2025

JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 14

Samsung, India’s largest consumer electronics brand, has announced the launch of “Galaxy Empowered”, a one-of-a-kind community-led programme designed to transform education in India by empowering teachers, principals, and administrators in the education sector. The initiative, launched in the presence of Abhinav Bindra, legendary shooter and 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist, aims to build a culture of innovation and inspire creativity in education by integrating technology into teaching practices. It will prepare teachers for the classrooms of tomorrow through recurring on-ground and online learning events. As a global leader in technology, Samsung is committed

to shaping the future of education by creating future-ready classrooms that will help teachers embrace the latest technology and modern pedagogies. “Galaxy Empowered” not only benefits educators but also supports schools in becoming leaders in education innovation. By enhancing teaching practices and creating technology-driven learning environments, schools can position themselves as the institution of choice for parents, improving their reputation and gaining recognition in the community. In addition, the “Galaxy Empowered” programme is free for both teachers and schools, ensuring valuable resources for education advancement without any financial barriers. “With “Galaxy Empowered”, we provide teachers the tools to enhance student engage-

ment and create lasting educational impact. By investing in teacher development, Samsung empowers educators to maximize their classroom impact, supporting the backbone of the education system. This initiative aligns with our vision of innovating for a better tomorrow, ensuring education remains at the forefront of innovation and every educator has the resources to succeed,” said Raju Pullan, Senior Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India. Over 2,700 teachers have been awarded certificates across India via live training sessions since December 2024 under the umbrella of “Galaxy Empowered”. The programme aims to empower 20,000 teachers across India by 2025. For the Delhi phase, Samsung has successfully conducted the “Galaxy Empowered”

programme in 250 schools. Apart from partnering with Mahattattva Educational Advisory and STTR for the first phase, specialized trainers and academicians have been appointed to help the teachers through the programme. “Education lies at the heart of societal progress, and Samsung has recognized the importance of enabling teachers with the right tools and support to harness technology in the classroom. By empowering teachers and education administrators, Samsung is fostering an ecosystem where technology enhances learning, bridges gaps, and shapes the future of education. I believe this initiative will serve as a vital steppingstone in upskilling our educators to deliver better learning experiences on a larger scale,” said Abhinav Bindra, Chief Guest and

2008 Olympic Gold Medalist. “Samsung’s Galaxy Empowered initiative bridges the gaps by providing educators with access to advanced technology, blended learning tools, and a supportive community. Through online and in-person professional development, teachers can effectively integrate technology into their classrooms. By offering hands-on experience with Samsung’s products and tailored resources, we are aiding educators enhance student engagement, streamline tasks, and improve teaching effectiveness,” said Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India. The “Galaxy Empowered” initiative is built on three core pillars – Technology Upskilling, Experiential Learning, and Peer-to-Peer Network-

ing. Whether foundational, preparatory, middle, secondary, or for administrators, “Galaxy Empowered” provides targeted support to educators, ensuring that they have the tools they need to succeed in their specific teaching environments. Samsung is offering special discounts on a wide range of products, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, and consumer electronics, exclusively for educators and school leaders who participate in the “Galaxy Empowered” programme. Additional perks include extended warranties, free insurance, and access to exclusive time-limited deals. “Galaxy Empowered” is a free programme for both educators and schools, providing valuable resources for professional development and educational advance.

Shiv Sena demands complete ban on liquor sale in J&K



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Shiv Sena (UBT) Jammu and Kashmir unit staged a strong demonstration demanding the implementation of complete prohibition in Jammu and Kashmir in the assembly session starting on March 3. Led by the party state chief Manish Sahni demonstrated vigorously holding placards that read “Liquor sale should be banned on the Holy land of J&K”, “First step towards addiction is liquor shops”, “City of temples turned into a city of alcohol”

temples, has been turned into a city of alcohol with liquor shops everywhere. Liquor is being sold near religious places, schools and colleges and illegal collection of more than MRP is being done openly. Sahni further said that liquor shops are the first step of drug addiction. In the last 5 years, the number of people coming to the de-addiction centre has increased by 100 times and the rampant drug peddling is a tell-tale sign of the growing drug addiction among the youth.

Sahni said that Jammu and Kashmir is the land of sages and prophets. There are world famous Holy religious places like Shri Mata Vaishno Devi’s Darbar, Shri Amarnath Dham, Hazratbal Dargah, Gurdwara Kalgidhar Sahib, Tapo Asthan. Our Religious faith is being hurt by the sale of liquor. On the other hand, Jammu, the city of

Sahni has demanded from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to bring and pass the bill on liquor ban in the upcoming assembly session and to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha should give his consent. On this occasion Gen Secretary Vikas Bakshi, Meenakshi Chhibber, Raj Singh, Ashu, Ashok Kumar, Saloni Sharma, Kajal, Yashpal, Vishal and many others were present.

Central University of Jammu organizes Thursday Mind Meet

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The Department of Educational Studies, Central University of Jammu, organised a panel discussion on the theme “School Education in the Jammu and Kashmir in the light of NEP 2020” under “Thursday Mind Meet”: a platform initiated by the CU Jammu for academic discourses on various themes. The event was organised at Pt. Malviya Shiksha Bhavan under the patronage of Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Jammu.

late their own opinions. It challenges them to consider different viewpoints and defend their own with reasoned arguments. The event was graced by the auspicious presence of the key panellists and resource persons Mr. Kundan Lal Dogra, Principal M.V. International School, Vijaypur, Miss Shifali Gupta Member, State Implementation Committee for NEP 2020. Prof. Vandana Sharma, Convener of “Thursday Mind Meet”, CUJ, faculty members, research scholars and students.



Prof. Vandana Sharma shared various perspectives laid down by the NEP-2020 and highlighted the present system of education which is moving from a multi-disciplinary approach to a trans-disciplinary approach and how these discussions at the university level will benefit the school education system at the grass root

level. Prof. Asit Mantry, Head of the Department, extended his warm wishes for this enlightening session and emphasized that effective discussions require active listening, where participants pay attention to what others are saying, ask clarifying questions, and respond thoughtfully. This fosters better listening skills and promotes understanding. He congratulated the organizing team well in their endeavors. Earlier, Prof. J.N. Baliya, who initiated the discussion on the key theme presented a thought provoking session and elaborated on the topic that School education in Jammu and Kashmir is

undergoing a transformation in light of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He also emphasised on holistic development, flexibility, and inclusivity is reshaping the educational landscape in the region.

The discussion was taken forward by the key panellist, Mr. Kundan Lal Dogra who emphasized on the role of Teacher education in this sphere and the role of integrating artificial intelligence in this sphere. He also emphasized on the holistic development of students developing adaptability and survival skills in light of NEP 2020. Further he appreciated the initiative taken by the university for discussing such

enlightening topics. Further, an in depth discussion was taken by Miss. Shifali Gupta who elaborated that NEP 2020 aims to transform India’s education system. It is incredibly important because it addresses critical issues and sets the stage for a more relevant, holistic, and inclusive education. She further elaborated on the transitional phase of NEP 2020 in Jammu and Kashmir. Development of intellectual infrastructure by pooling resources and building Teaching- Learning Material through local craft. Significant emphasis was given on critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and a well-rounded education that includes arts, sports, and vocational training.

The student panellist Miss Monika (Senior Research Scholar), Miss. Jyoti (M.Ed Student) and Ketika (Int. B.A-B.Ed Student), and Ms. Advesha (Int. B.A-B.Ed Student) also contributed by giving significant insights over the topic including a wide range of topics, the importance of early childhood care and education (ECCE) and how NEP 2020 aims to provide quality preschool education to all children aged 3-6 years. The words of encouragement were presented by Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students’ Welfare, CU Jammu, where she expressed her gratitude towards the convener for organizing such sessions in the university, the resource persons for enlightening the students with their valuable insights, faculty members Dr. Aman, Dr. Kiran, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Mohan, Dr. Yadram, Dr. Arushi, Dr. Arvind, scholars and students for their auspicious presence and support. The session was mediated by Shagun and Mili Rani.

Indian Army organizes Lecture on Women Empowerment at Parore Gujran Rajouri



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The Indian Army organized a lecture on women empowerment at Senior Secondary School Parore Gujran with the aim to educate and spread awareness about the women empowerment schemes in rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir. The lecture was conducted to convey the idea that the empowerment of women is imperative for a better tomorrow, and when we empower women, we empower the future of society.

Women, Balika Samridhi Yojana, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level, Swayam Sidha Women Empowerment Programme, Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, etc., were explained to the women in attendance. During the lecture, emphasis was also placed on women’s entry into the Armed Forces and CAPF through various schemes. The female students appreciated the army’s efforts to educate them about these relevant schemes and conveyed their gratitude. They added that these lectures are a source of learning for things they are mostly ignorant about. They believe this knowledge will help them in the long term to improve their vision and standard of living.

The Government of India has taken many initiatives to achieve that goal. Various initiatives of the Government in this direction, such as the National Policy of Education, Mahila Samakhya, National Commission for

BJP organising week long programmes to commemorate Guru Ravidass Jayanti: Balbir Ram



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Guru Ravidass, a great saint, poet, and social reformer of the 15th century, spread the message of social equality and humanity through his thoughts and teachings.

and in the eyes of God, no one is superior or inferior. He quoted Guru Ravidass: “A kingdom I desire, where all have food to eat, Where all, big or small, live in harmony, and Ravidass remains content.” This message was not merely a religious teaching but a foundation for social revolution. Emphasizing the importance of devotion and action, Guru Ravidass taught that true devotion fosters love, compassion, and brotherhood among people. Guru Ravidass also stressed that a person should be judged based on their actions, not by their caste or birth. He inspired people to develop self-respect and self-reliance. His teachings had an impact not only in India but across the world. His message remains relevant today, guiding society toward equality and justice, Balbir remarked.

Balbir Ram Rattan further mentioned that Guru Ravidass’ birth anniversary is celebrated by BJP with great enthusiasm across the country. On this occasion, week long programmes like seminars, debates, devotional song gatherings, and other cultural events are being organized to spread his teachings to the younger generations. The life of sant Ravidass teaches us that an ideal society can only be built on the principles of love, compassion, and equality. By embracing his thoughts, we must move toward a society free from casteism and discrimination.

Centre must understand without Statehood, J&K’s devp, peace, prosperity remain elusive: Rattan Lal

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Adv. Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC), has strongly reiterated the urgent need for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing that only the popular government can ensure peace, prosperity, and overall development of the region.



In a press release issued here today, the senior NC leader asserted that the aspirations of the people of J&K can only be fulfilled when a fully empowered state government, with complete administrative and legislative control, is in place. He stressed that under the existing dual power system, the present J&K government headed by the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah remains handicapped, unable to function freely and effectively in addressing public grievances.

Even the central leadership has repeatedly assured the restoration of statehood, but those promises remain unfulfilled, leaving the people disillusioned,” he remarked. Highlighting the grave challenges faced by the region, he asserted that the lack of an independent state government has led to administrative inefficiency and a deepening crisis. “Our security forces continue to make the ultimate sacrifice on the borders, yet there is no concrete roadmap for stability and peace. The recent martyrdom of two Army personnel, including a Captain, in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast triggered by suspected terrorists near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnoor sector is a grim reminder of the volatile situation. Such tragedies underscore the

urgent need for a stable and accountable governance structure that prioritizes security, strategic policymaking, and public welfare,” he said.

“Besides, the growing unemployment crisis is further aggravating public distress, and only a popular government with full autonomy can effectively address these burning issues,” he added.

The Provincial President asked the central leadership to act upon its commitment and immediately restore statehood to J&K before the next Assembly elections. “The people of J&K have waited long enough. Statehood is not just a political necessity but a constitutional and moral obligation that must be fulfilled at the earliest. The time for delays and empty promises is over; the people demand action,” he asserted.

He maintained that the Central Government must understand that without restoration of statehood, Development, peace and prosperity not possible in Jammu and Kashmir.

Reaffirming JKNC’s commitment to the welfare of J&K, he vowed to continue raising this demand at every possible platform until justice is served.

AYUSH Medical Camp organized at SCRC Trikuta Nagar, Jammu

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On the request of Sr. Citizen Rejuvenation Centre Trikuta Nagar, a Medical Camp was organised by AYUSH, headed by Dr. Harbaksh Singh along with his team at Sr. Citizen Rejuvenation Centre at

Trikuta Nagar on 13th of February-2025. Naresh Singh, President of District Jammu South & RS Pura (BJP) was the Chief Guest. The Camp was graced by Krishan Lal Gupta Patron of Centre. S C Verma President of Trikuta Nagar Development Council & Dr Ashok Sharma.

Congress's illogical talks exposing it to core: Suri

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The Congress party in Jammu and Kashmir, having exhausted its political relevance and constructive agenda, is now resorting to divisive politics by attempting to create rifts along regional, caste, and religious lines. Its chief, Tariq Hamid Karra, has falsely accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of disrespecting Dogra rulers and undermining the legacy of the 175-year-old Dogra dynasty by downgrading Jammu and Kashmir from a state to a Union Territory.

Countering these misleading claims, BJP executive member Raman Suri emphasized that such allegations hold no ground, especially when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly assured that Jammu and Kashmir will regain statehood at an appropriate time. He dis-

missed Congress's rhetoric as nothing more than an attempt to mislead people and create unnecessary fear.

"Congress has lost its credibility in Jammu and Kashmir. Now, in sheer desperation, it is trying to manipulate people's sentiments by distorting facts," Raman Suri stated. "Their narrative that the BJP government is against restoring statehood is not only misleading but also divisive and baseless. No one has downgraded the region; rather, the abrogation of Article 370 has ensured equal rights for historically marginalized communities such as West Pakistani ref-

ugees, Valmiki Samaj, and women."

He further pointed out that the Congress, having realized that PM Modi's decisions are widely accepted and in the larger interest of the nation and Jammu and Kashmir in particular, is now resorting to fear-mongering. However, the people of the region fully understand that statehood will be restored only through the Union Government's decision at an appropriate time and not through Congress's hollow slogans.

Raman Suri ridiculed the Congress's theatrics, stating that its attempts to politicize statehood have failed miserably, with no takers for its deceptive narratives. He attributed the party's continuous electoral failures, including its complete wipe-out in Delhi, to its outdated and illogical political strategies.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have seen

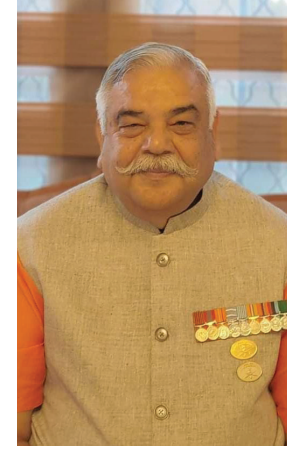
through Congress's designs. They are no longer falling into its trap, be it on the issue of statehood or any other misleading agenda. The party stands exposed as a propagator of falsehoods, desperate to remain politically relevant," he said.

Highlighting BJP's respect for Dogra history, Raman Suri underscored that the BJP government has duly honored the Dogra legacy by declaring official holidays on Maharaja Hari Singh's birth anniversary and Accession Day. He challenged Tariq Hamid Karra and the Congress leadership to wholeheartedly celebrate these days if they truly respect the Dogras.

"The Congress party is delusional, running out of genuine issues, and banking on empty slogans to stay afloat. However, these tactics are only further exposing its political bankruptcy in Jammu and Kashmir," Raman Suri said.

Congress has insulted and humiliated Dogras the most: Brig. Anil Gupta

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"Congress has always been insulting and humiliating the Dogras right from the time of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji. Pandit Nehru never liked the Maharaja and made it obvious with his unstinted support of Sheikh Abdullah who ultimately launched the Quit Kashmir Movement against the Dogra rule," stated Brig Anil Gupta, Spokesperson of BJP in a Press Release issued here today.

Going back in history, Brig. Gupta said that the Dogras were humiliated the most when Nehru led Congress Government declared unilateral ceasefire in 1948 when the Indian Army was on the prowl and was in hot pursuit of the retreating Pakistan Army. In the

process more than 1/3rd of the territory of the state was handed over to Pakistan on a platter. Further, Congress remained a mute spectator when Pakistan ceded the Saksham Valley to China. It added salt to the injury by returning the Pakistani POWs in 1971 without bargaining for the return of POJK. In fact, it ceded the Chenab region

also to Pakistan.

The biggest insult to Dogras was showered by Pandit Nehru when he dubbed them as "Communal and Anti-National" when the Praja Parishad Movement was launched against the secessionist policies of the Sheikh Government. In fact, he provided full support to the Sheikh to crush the Praja Parishad Movement.

Later, the Maharaja was forced to leave the state and stay almost in exile in Mumbai paving way for the Sheikh to obtain full control of the state without caring for the sentiments of the Dogras.

"For the Congress Dogras don't matter as long as Kashmiri Muslim Leadership is kept happy. Jammu and Dogras are taken for granted by the Congress" rued Brig Gupta.

Colleges in Kashmir to reopen today

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Colleges in Kashmir valley are all set to resume academic activities from Saturday following a fifty days of winter vacations.

The Jammu and Kashmir Higher Education Department on December-20-2024 had announced 50-days winter vacation for degree colleges falling in the winter zones of Kashmir division.

According to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the government had said that the degree colleges in the Kashmir Division and those in the winter zone of Jammu Division shall observe winter vacations from December-27-2024 to February-14-2025.

Tony leads protest against Wildlife Authorities over Nallah construction in Gharana

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SUCHETGARH, FEB 14

The residents of Gharana, Partapkot, and Gulabgarh staged a strong protest today against the Wildlife Department over the construction of a deep drain (Nallah) in the area, which they claim is severely affecting their agricultural land. The protest was organized under the leadership of Taranjit Singh Tony, senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh.

Speaking to media persons, the senior Congress leader stated that the issue had previously been raised with the Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, who had directed the construction of a small ditch to facilitate the free flow of wastewater. However, the Wildlife Department is now constructing a much larger drain, which is obstructing the natural flow of

water. This obstruction is leading to water accumulation in fields, causing severe damage to crops and posing a serious threat to the livelihood of local farmers, he said.

Tony highlighted that the problem is further aggravated due to a Baandh (embankment) created by Pakistan's Border Action Team, which is blocking the smooth discharge of water. Despite multiple representations to the authorities, no concrete action has been taken to address the concerns of the farmers.

"If the construction continues as planned, it will devastate the farmers who rely entirely on agriculture for their survival. We urge the concerned department to either divert the Naala towards the Aik Naala, which is adjacent to the site, or find an alternative solution that does not impact our irrigation



land," Tony asserted.

Following the protest, Tony submitted a memorandum of demands to the SDM RS Pura through Tehsildar Chander Shekhar, as the SDM was not present at the time. He later spoke to the SDM and apprised her of the gravity of the situation. The SDM assured that the matter would be addressed on priority and that she, along with the Tehsildar, has agreed to personally visit the site to assess the issue.

The protest saw participation from a large number of residents, including Sarwan Choud-

hary and people from Basti Surai, Kapoorpur, Gharana, and Gharani.

He also criticized the Wildlife Department for neglecting the hardships faced by the people of Gharana due to migratory birds destroying the fields of local farmers, without providing any compensation.

"The department seems hell-bent on destroying our agricultural land. The villagers will not allow this unjust construction to continue at any cost," Tony warned.

The senior Congress leader asked the Wildlife

Department to respect the decision of the Deputy Commissioner, who had given clear instructions for constructing a small Nallah to channel the village's wastewater. This decision was made in the presence of SDM RS Pura, Sarpanch Gurdal Singh Soni and village panchayat members, with a mutual agreement that the Nallah would be 2 to 3 feet wide. However, the current construction is significantly larger, causing serious problems for the local people to walk up to the fields. He said that perhaps this is now

the only passage that will be of great benefit during cross-border firing, as it is crucial for the safety of the people. Moreover, the water flowing further into the fields will cause additional damage to houses.

He further appealed to the SDM RS Pura to uphold the mutually agreed-upon decision taken in the presence of the DC Jammu.

Tony further warned that if their demands are not met, the agitation will be intensified. The protestors have also resolved to continue their struggle until their demands are met and justice is served to the affected farmers.

Among those who joined the protest include Santokh Singh, Subash Chander, Bishan Lal, Gurjeet Singh, Swarn Kumar, Tilak Raj, Sandeep Kumar Choudhary, Kuldeep Singh, Bodh Raj, Tilak Raj, Mohinder Kumar and Sat Pal.

IIM Jammu hosts Dogra Law College for a Campus Visit



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 14

Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, under the leadership of Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, hosted students and faculty members from Dogra Law College, Samba for an insightful campus visit, offering them a firsthand experience of the institute's world-class infrastructure and academic environment.

The delegation was given a comprehensive tour of IIM Jammu, including key landmarks such as the iconic Clock Tower, Reception Area, and Mandapam Auditorium. They explored the Nalanda Library, known for its vast academic resources, and the Smart Classrooms, designed for interactive learning. The visitors also toured the Courtyard, the Vedanta-MDP Block for Executive Education and Consultancy, and the upcoming amphitheater, Rangmanch, which is set

to become a cultural and academic hub.

The team also visited the Centers of Excellence at IIM Jammu, including the Center for Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Skill Development (CEISD), which focuses on incubation, entrepreneurship, and skill development, and the Entrepreneurship and Incubation Center, which nurtures startups and fosters innovation. This involved a brief session and interaction with regard to incubation, startups, and entrepreneurship, providing students with valuable insights into the business ecosystem that supports new business ventures.

The students and faculty of Dogra Law College expressed appreciation for the enriching experience and lauded IIM Jammu's commitment to academic excellence. The visit served as a platform for academic exchange and strengthened IIM Jammu's efforts to engage with the wider educational community.

APS Miran Sahib Scouts and Guides shine at Rajya Puraskar Ceremony



JI NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 14 FEB 2025

APS MIRAN SAHIB is proud to announce the remarkable achievements of its Scouts and Guides, who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and community spirit. The school recently attended a special ceremony to honor students who have reached new milestones in their Scouting and Guiding journey.

3 Scouts namely Aditya Kumar, Manpreet Singh and Vansh Kumar and 3 Guides namely Mahi Manhas, Saniya Rajput and Janvi were awarded Rajya Puraskar award for their participation in com-

munity service, adventure activities, leadership skills by honorable Lt Governor Manoj Sinha held at convention Hall. These students exemplified the core values of the Scouts and Guides, including teamwork, responsibility, and a commitment to helping others. These children were also awarded with badges of honour and certificates. Mrs Sayar Rajawat played a vital role in navigating the skills of the children.

The event was attended by Mr Satish Sharma, Minister for Youth Services and Sports; Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Mr Ramesh Kumar,

Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Wg. Cdr MM Joshi, National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts & Guides; Mr Rajinder Singh Tara, Director General, Youth Services and Sports; Administrators, Guide Captains, Instructors, Principals, teachers & students from various schools were present and they all expressed their admiration for the hard work and perseverance shown by the students. Mrs Ritu Sharma, the Principal along with teachers Mr Suresh Kumar, Scout master and Ms Upneet Kour, Guide teacher accompanied the students to the event.

BJP pays floral tributes to Pulwama martyrs



JI NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, FEB 14

Remembering the supreme sacrifice of the Pulwama martyrs on February 14, 2019, J&K BJP paid floral tributes to the 40 CRPF personnel across Jammu & Kashmir.

Sat Sharma, President, J&K BJP along with Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma, MLAs Adv. Vijay Sharma, Rajeev Jasrotia, Satish Sharma, Darshan Singh, & Dr. Bharat Bhushan, former MLAs Jeevan Lal, & Kuldeep Raj, District Presidents Updesh Andotra, & Gopal Krishan, former District President Gopal Mahajan, and others paid floral tributes to the martyrs in Hiranagar Mandal of District Kathua.

Sat Sharma termed the Pulwama terrorist attack as a heinous and cowardly act that targeted our soldiers. He said that the brutal attack, carried out by the

Pakistan-based terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), resulted in the loss of 40 brave CRPF personnel, leaving the entire nation in shock and grief.

He said that the attack was avenged by the PM Modi led government giving a stern message to the enemy forces. The nation will never forget their supreme sacrifice, he added.

Sunil Sharma said that the barbaric act of terrorism deserves the strongest possible condemnation. Terrorism in any form is a grave threat to humanity, and the world must unite to eliminate terror networks, their funders, and their safe havens, he said and added that the sacrifice of our soldiers will never be forgotten, and those responsible for orchestrating and supporting such acts of terror will be given a befitting reply.

Adv. Vijay Sharma, Rajeev Jasrotia, Satish

Sharma, Darshan Singh, Dr. Bharat Bhushan, Jeevan Lal, and Kuldeep Raj, while paying floral tributes to the martyrs, exhorted all to take the lesson of patriotism to the society. They said that India stands resolute in its fight against terrorism and will take all necessary measures to ensure that such cowardly attacks do not go unpunished.

Updesh Andotra, conducted proceedings of tribute programme.

Meanwhile, District Jammu South, led by its President Naresh Singh Jasrotia paid tributes at the party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. Veenu Khanna, Balbir Ram Rattan, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, Ankit Gupta, Sanjay Baru, Dr. Kulbhushan Mohtra, Rekha Mahajan, Rajinder Chib, Anu Gupta, Kulbir Charak, and others were present. Dr. Pardeep Mahotra conducted proceedings of tribute programme.

District Jammu led by its President Rajesh Gupta paid tributes at party office, Kachi Chawni, Jammu. Karan Sharma, Adarsh Jathiar, Suneet Raina, Ramesh, and others were present.

BJP holds organizational review meeting at Poonch

JI NEWS SERVICE
POONCH, FEB 14

Pawan Sharma, senior BJP leader and organizational observer for Nowshera, Rajouri and Poonch, convened an organizational review meeting today at Party office Poonch, under the presidency of Gurdeep Singh Khalsa.

The meeting focused on reorganizing BJP committees at the Mandal and district levels to fortify the party's organization and expand its mass base at the grassroots level in district Poonch.

Pawan Sharma, while addressing, laid stress on the strong organizational principles of Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the BJP is an ethics-based party that strictly follows the principles of "Nation First, Party Second and Self Last" policy and said

that dedicated workers form the foundation stone of strong organization.

He emphasized the importance of fortifying the organizational structure within the District. He stressed that a robust organizational structure is essential for winning elections and addressing the concerns of the people at the grassroots level. Furthermore, he highlighted the significance of Morcha and polling booth committees in achieving the target. He said that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ensured that public welfare schemes effectively benefit the masses, adhering to the principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas, and Sabka Vishwas,' and urged activists to work diligently to attain the target.

Virendra Kumar, visits Outreach and Drop-In Centre (ODIC)

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

2025: The Honorable Union Minister for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Virendra Kumar, today visited the Outreach and Drop-In Centre (ODIC), a crucial initiative being implemented by the NGO JKSPYM in Jammu, which is supported by the Ministry. The ODIC aims to address the growing concerns surrounding substance use among youth in the community.

The ODIC is a community-based facility designed to support individuals, particularly the youth, who are battling substance use disorders. Focusing on those with limited access to resources, the Centre offers a safe, non-threatening environment for individuals to seek help and begin their journey toward recovery.

During his visit, Shri Virendra Kumar interacted with individuals affected by substance use disorders, as well as their family members. Many expressed their gratitude for the services provided, noting the positive impact on their lives. He also engaged with the staff of the ODIC, recognizing their commitment to serving the community. The Hon'ble Minister high-



lighted the significance of ODIC as a client-centered space, where individuals can access a wide range of services tailored to their specific needs. He stressed to involve religious organizations such as Brahma Kumaris, Ramakrishna Mission and all religious leaders to transform the lives of substance users through the spiritual route. He emphasized that the ultimate goal of the ODIC is to prevent the initiation of substance use among youth and support current users in achieving sobriety through effective treatment programs.

The ODIC provides essential services including recreational activities, group therapy, individual counselling, and family counselling. Additionally, the Centre offers psychosocial support and spaces for rest and recreation, ensuring that individuals feel safe and cared for during their recovery journey.

Shri Kumar expressed his satisfaction with the Centre's approach and its holistic commitment to the well-being of individuals in need. "The Outreach and Drop-In Centre is playing a vital role in the community by offering a safe space for substance users to seek help and make positive changes in their lives. This initiative exemplifies our Ministry's commitment to fostering a healthier, more inclusive society," he stated.

The Minister also assured that the Ministry will continue to support such initiatives that focus on the rehabilitation and reintegration of individuals suffering from substance use disorders into society.

The Outreach and Drop-In Centre is a beacon of hope for many individuals struggling with substance use, providing them with the opportunity for a healthier, more fulfilling life.

Dramatic Club, CUJ presents "Ik Panna Gumnaam" - A Tribute to Pulwama Martyrs

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, 14 FEB

The Dramatic Club of Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with Viraj Kala Kendra, Jammu, presented the patriotic stage play "Ik Panna Gumnaam" in a heartfelt tribute to the Pulwama Martyrs at Brigadier Rajinder Singh Auditorium today. Viraj Kala Kendra 'Best Stage Play' 'Ek Panna Gumnaam' lesser known revolutionaries which was organized in the memory of Shaheed Ashfaq-Ullah Khan, Ram Parsad Bismil, Thakur Roshan Singh and Rajinder Lahiri at Central University of Jammu Auditorium. The play was in Hindustani language and reminded the great Kakori conspiracy by the great freedom fighters, who sacrificed their lives for Mother India.

The emotionally stirring performance highlighted the sacrifices of the brave hearts who laid down their lives for the nation. The play, filled with deep patriotism and moving storytelling, resonated strongly with the audience, evoking a sense of national pride and reverence.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, appreciated the out-



standing performance by Viraj Kala Kendra and commended their efforts in bringing forth such a meaningful theatrical presentation. He emphasized the importance of remembering and honoring the supreme sacrifices made by our soldiers and encouraged students to imbibe the values of courage, unity, and dedication toward the nation.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from faculty members, students, and staff, who applauded the remarkable portrayal and impactful narration. The Central University of Jammu, through its cultural initiatives, continues to promote art and patriotism, fostering a spirit of responsibility

and respect for the nation among students.

The play was written and directed by Rajneesh Kumar Gupta and he played the role of Ashfaq-Ullah Khan. The play was based on the life, history, ideals and struggle for freedom of freedom fighter Ashfaq-Ullah Khan. Hindu-Muslim unity was shown through the eternal friendship of Ashfaq-Ullah Khan and Ram Parsad Bismil. The team included Madan Rangila, Janak Khajuria, Kusam Tikoo, Rishabh Manhas, Prashant Sharma, Tarun Charak, Sudesh Thakur, Aman verma, Amit Bhalla, John Pter. The play culminated with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anju Thappa followed by National Anthem.

Five-Days Civil Defence Workshop Concludes at Shri Ranbir Campus



J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 14

A five-day Civil Defence Workshop successfully concluded today at Shri Ranbir Campus, organized in collaboration with the NSS Unit of the institution. The workshop focused on equipping students and staff with essential life-saving skills and emergency response techniques.

The training sessions were conducted by SI R.D. Saini and Instructor Rajinder A. Sharma, who provided hands-on demonstrations on CPR, drowning rescue techniques, and other critical emergency response procedures. Participants gained practical knowledge to handle crisis situations effectively.

The valedictory function was graced by Prof.

Shreedhar Mishra, Director of Shri Ranbir Campus, as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the significance of civil defence training and the need for such preparedness initiatives in educational institutions.

The workshop witnessed active participation from 230 students, faculty members, and non-teaching staff, reflecting a keen interest in learning essential safety skills.

The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Gopal Verma, Program Coordinator, who expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all teachers, students, and especially the Civil Defence team for their invaluable contribution in conducting the workshop successfully.

ABDPSS celebrates 14th February as 'Matra Pitra Poojan' Divas

J1 NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEB 14

Devotees of Sanatan Dharma under the banner of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti celebrated "14th February" as "Matra Pitra Poojan" in many parts of Jammu city to spread the message of Lord Ganesha.

On this special day volunteers of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu Kashmir organized one function in city of temples. The occasion was graced by Swami Parmeshwaranand ji Maharaj and Sh. Sudershan dass ji Maharaj was the Chief Guest whereas Sh. vipin

Sharma was also present and witnessed the function.

The function started at with vedic mantras, Saraswati Poojan. Thereafter sermons from Swami Parmatma Nand Ji. Children from all age group i.e from younger to elder ones worshipping their parents and showing their respect and gratitude towards them. Children from various schools also participated in the function.

Speaking on the occasion Sh. Parmeshwaranand ji expressed that such events helps creating



a sense of responsibility amongst children towards their parents. She said that 14th February called valentine day being celebrated by some followers of western culture started 20 to 25 years back in India but

now is being celebrated throughout the week and followed by young generation blindly leading them to nowhere. Such practices shall not be promoted in our country. Sh. Raman Sharma,

Prachar Pramukh of the Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, disclosed that we find increasing lack of accord between parents and children. The consequent event and increasing number of resorting to old age home have become the cause of concern. Western practices like valentine day are widening the chasm in

this pious relationship and consequently the radiance and vitality of nation's future generation is being destroyed. Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti, Jammu Kashmir under the aegis of Puja

Sant Shri Asharam ji has given a call to celebrate "Parents Worship Day" on 14 February.

All the saints hailed the idea of worshipping parents propagated by Puja Sant Shri Asharam Bapuji 10 years ago to save the young generation who are falling prey to the hands of malpractices. They added that this helps in reviving high traits of Indian culture. They added youngsters giving flowers to each other arouses feeling of lust in their mind and makes them lose their vital fluids. Consequently they lose in terms of radiance, vitality, lustriousness, health and intellectual faculty and ultimately deprived of their potential in society.

NOTICE

I, Mohd Yaqub S/o Lal Din R/o Near Gms Berighat Basholi PO: Athyalta Mahanpur, Kathua is my right name. But in my son's name is Mohd Bilal who is studied in Govt. High Sec School Hatli in Class 9th in which my name was wrongly written as Mohd Yaqub instead of Mohd Yaqub as per Aadhar Card attached. Now, I am applying for correction. Objection if any may convey to concern authority office Kathua within 7 seven days from the publication of this notice.

IN THE COURT OF SUB JUDGE, JAMMU

Present: Sunil Kumar
Geeta Devi W/o Late Ram Pal R/o H.No. 766, Press Morh Bahu Fort Jammu.

V/s

.....Plaintiff
1. Anil Sharma S/o Late Ram Pal R/o H.No. 766, Press Morh Bahu Fort Jammu.
2. Sonia Devi D/o Late Ram Pal W/o Amit Sharma R/o Kalyanpur Chak Khana Jammu.

Defendants

IN THE MATTER OF: Suit for declaration declaring the plaintiff as the legal heir of Late Ram Pal S/O Late Malli Ram, expired on 13-12-2024, thus entitle plaintiff to inherit the movable as well as immovable property of the deceased in the shape of Gratuity, GP Fund amount, Leave Salary, Leave encashment, LIC Policies amount, family pension, other service benefits, amount lying in any bank, etc with a further decree for permanent prohibitory injunction restraining the defendants from

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Where as an application stand file in this court for claiming for ex-gatia grant/compensation /relief and through the medium of this publication notice, public at large and any other interested persons is/ are informed that in case anybody has any objection in respect of aforesaid application, then he/ She/they shall file their objections before next date of hearing 10-04-2025 from the date of this publication failing which appropriate order shall follow. Given under my hand & seal of this Court today on 14-02-2025.

Sd/-
Sub Judge, Jammu

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Sd/-
Sub Judge, Jammu

WILL NOTICE

I, Parkash Nath S/o Sh. Dulo Ram R/o Rakh Nagbani, Sangrampur, Tehsil Marh district Jammu hereby execute my, this last Will at Jammu before the Sub Registrar Marh on this 22nd day of January, 2025 in favour of my son namely Deep Kumar S/O Sh. Parkash Nath R/O Rakh Nagbani Sangrampur tehsil Marh district Jammu out of love and affection and without any monetary consideration and after taking all pros and cons into consideration. The executant is the father of Deep Kumar. If any body have any objection regarding above WILL may conveyed to concerned authority within 15 days.

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Geeta Devi W/o Late Ram Pal R/o H.No. 766, Press Morh Bahu Fort Jammu.

V/s

.....Plaintiff
1. Anil Sharma S/o Late Ram Pal R/o H.No. 766, Press Morh Bahu Fort Jammu.
2. Sonia Devi D/o Late Ram Pal W/o Amit Sharma R/o Kalyanpur Chak Khana Jammu.

Defendants

IN THE MATTER OF: Suit for declaration declaring the plaintiff as the legal heir of Late Ram Pal S/O Late Malli Ram, expired on 13-12-2024, thus entitle plaintiff to inherit the movable as well as immovable property of the deceased in the shape of Gratuity, GP Fund amount, Leave Salary, Leave encashment, LIC Policies amount, family pension, other service benefits, amount lying in any bank, etc with a further decree for permanent prohibitory injunction restraining the defendants from

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Defendants

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Sd/-
Sub Judge, Jammu

IN THE COURT OF 2ND ADDITIONAL, MUNSIFF JAMMU

PRESENT:- Maleeka sharma
1. Sarla D/o Radha Krishan Bhat C/o C-5 Upper Shiv Nagar, Jammu.
2. Tej Krishan Bhat S/o Late Radha Krishan Bhat R/o 1550 Sector-3 Ambala City, Haryana a/p Jammu.
3. Kantia W/o Late Maharaj Krishan Bhat (son of Late Radha Krishan Bhat) 1550 Sector-3, Ambala City, Haryana a/p Jammu.
4. Sanjay Bhat S/o Late Maharaj Krishan Bhat R/o House No. 670/141 Sainik Vihar, Ambala City, Haryana a/p Jammu.
(Plaintiffs no. 3 and 4 through plaintiff no.1 Sarla Bhat)

Plaintiff

VERSUS
Kuldeep Kumar Bhat S/o Late Kashi Nath Bhat R/o Durga Nagar near Park, Jammu.

Defendant

In the matter of: - Suit for declaration to the effect, that the plaintiffs are legal heirs of the deceased Radha Krishan Bhat S/o Late Sridhar Bhat who died on 08.11.1998 at Ambala City, Haryana, as such are legal heirs of the deceased and are entitled to the estate left behind by deceased AND decree for Permanent Prohibitory Injunction restraining the defendant from claiming to be the legal heir of the deceased.

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC.

Whereas Public At large through the medium of this notification is hereby informed that if anybody have any objections to the passing of the matter regarding the subject matter above, may appear before this court either in person or through counsel and file his/her/ their objections by or before 15 days, failing which appropriate order will be passed under law. Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 13/02/2025

Sd/-
2ND ADDITIONAL, MUNSIFF
Jammu

IN THE COURT OF EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE 1st CLASS JAMMU TEHSILDAR MANDAL JAMMU

Atar Chand S/O Som Nath R/O Village Makwal Tehsil Mandal District Jammu

V/s

1. Block Development Officer Mandal Jammu
2. SHO Police Station Satwari Jammu

(Applicant)

(Non-Applicant)

In the matter of: - Whereas the applicant here in above has filed the above titled application in this court for the registration and issuance of date of birth of applicant Children namely (1) Pankaj Kumar DOB 26-10-2010 (2) Amar Kumar DOB 02-01-2013.

PROCLAMATION

Therefore through the medium of this proclamation general public is informed that any person having any objection with respect to registration of date of birth may file his/her objections before this court within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and after the lapse of said period no objections shall be entered and appropriate order shall be passed in the matter issued under my hand seal of this office. Issued under my hand seal of this office today on 13-02-2025.

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE MAGISTRATE
1st CLASS Tehsildar Mandal Jammu

IN THE COURT OF (SUB REGISTRAR), MUNSIFF JAMMU

Present: HINA PARVEEN . GONEY
Prabha Bakshi W/o Pawan Bakshi R/o Village Sari Rakwalan Jammu .

(Plaintiff)

VERSUS
(1) Pawan Bakshi S/o Late Show. Om Parkash Bakshi
(2) Ashutosh Bakshi S/O Pawan Bakshi
(3) Palak Bakshi D/O Sh. Pawan Bakshi .
All R/O Village Sari Rakwalan Jammu.

(Defendants)

In the matter of :-
Suit for declaration declaring the plaintiff to be the legitimate owner and in possession of land measuring 5 Kanals 12 marlas underlying Khasra no.410 , khata no. 459 and Khewat no.175 situated at Village Sari Rakwalan Jammu being purchased by the plaintiff out of her own personal savings and is in physical possession of the plaintiff till date and as such is entitled to reflect her name in the revenue record of the aforesaid Pawan Bakshi pertaining to the aforesaid property.
Any other order which this Hon'ble court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case may also be passed in favour of the plaintiff and against the defendants.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas the plaintiff has filed the above titled Suit against the defendant(s) matter narrated in the head note of this notice. Now the public at Large is hereby informed through the medium of this proclamation that if anybody has any objection in declaring the suit as prayed for, can file objection written Statement in persons. Through counsel or through any authorized agent within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice After the expiry of this date. No any objection shall be considered and appropriate orders shall follow. If the date fixed will be holiday then case will be taken up on the next working day. Given under my hand & seal today

Sd/-
Sub Registrar, Munsiff
Jammu

BEFORE THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, JAMMU

1. Madhu Aggarwal age 65 years W/o Sh Rakesh Aggarwal
2. Ranjana Aggarwal age 67 years w/o Sh Sunandan Aggarwal
Both residents of Gandhi Nagar Jammu
....CAVEATORS

VERSUS
Public at Large
.....(NON- CAVEATOR)

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat.
May it please your Honour,
The Caveator respectfully submits as under: -
1. That the caveator are joint owners and in possession of the land measuring 20 Kanals bearing Khasra No 655 Min, Khata No 299 Min, Khewat No 19 Min, situated at Chowadhi Jammu. The Caveators have purchased the above said land by adopting due course of law i.e. by way of sale deed.
2. That the Caveators have every apprehension that non-caveators/any person/s may file a Suit /Petition/Application against the caveators before this Hon'ble Court and try to obtain ex-parte injunctions by mis-representing the facts. In case Non-Caveator succeed in their nefarious design then the Caveators shall suffer irreparable loss which cannot be compensated in any manner.
3. That it would advance cause of justice equity and fair play if this Hon'ble Court affords and opportunity of being heard before passing any interim order in case the Non-Caveator prefer to file Suit /Petition /Application before this Hon'ble Court against the Caveator.
It is, therefore respectfully prayed that the Caveators may kindly be heard before passing any interim directions against the Caveators, in case the Non-Caveator approach this Hon'ble Court by way of Suit/Petition/Application jointly or individually.
Dated:-17/2/25

Sd/
CAVEATORS
THROUGH COUNSEL
AMIT MANHAS
ADVOCATE

IN THE COURT OF 1st ADDITIONAL MUNSIFF FOREST MAGISTRATE JAMMU

Present:- ROHIT SHARMA
Rekha Rani w/o Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o H.No.314 New Plot State Motor Garage Jammu

(Plaintiff)

VERSUS
(1) Sahil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/O H.No.314 New Plot State Motor Garage Jammu.
(2) Rahul Kumar S/O late Sh. Late Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/O H.No.314 New Plot State Motor Garage Jammu.

(Defendants)

In the matter of:- Civil Original suit for declaration seeking to declare the plaintiff as the sole legal heir of the deceased Ramesh Kumar S/O Durga Dass to inherit the one triple storied residential house bearing H.No.F.32 W.No.9 constructed on land measuring total 13 Marla's situated at exchange road Kachi Chawani Mohalla Narayana Jammu.
And With consequential relief of Permanent Prohibitory Injunction thereby restraining the defendants from interfering taking receiving, claiming possession or laying any claim whatsoever over the above said property left by the Ramesh Kumar either themselves or through their agents or assignees.
Or
For issuance of any other order or directions whatsoever the Hon'able court may deem fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case

NOTICE TO PUBLIC AT LARGE

Whereas the plaintiff has filed the above titled Suit against the defendant(s) matter narrated in the head note of this notice. Now the public at Large is hereby informed through the medium of this proclamation that if anybody has any objection in declaring the suit as prayed for, can file objection written Statement in persons. Through counsel or through any authorized agent within 15 days from the date of Publication of this notice After the expiry of this date. No any objection shall be considered and appropriate orders shall follow. If the date fixed will be holiday then case will be taken up on the next working day. Given under my hand & seal of this Court 05/2/25 and next date on 22/2/25

Sd/-
1st Additional Munsiff Forest Magistrate
Jammu

IN THE COURT OF (SUB REGISTRAR), MUNSIFF JAMMU

Present:- HINA PARVEEN . GONEY
Geta Devi W/o late Ram Pal R/o H.No.766 Press Morh Bahu fort Jammu

(Plaintiff)

VERSUS
(1) Anil Sharma S/o Late Ram Pal R/O H.No.766 Press Morh Bahu Fort Jammu
(2) Sonia Devi D/O late Ram Pal W/O Amit Sharma R/O Kalyanpur Chak Khana Jammu

(Defendants)

In the matter of :-
Suit for declaration declaring the plaintiff as the legal heir of Late Ram Pal S/O Late Malli Ram expired on 13/12/2024 , thus entitle plaintiff to inherit the moveable as well as immovable property of the deceased in the shape of Gratuity, GP Fund, amount, Leave salary Leave encashment , LIC Policies amount, family pension , other service benefits , amount lying in the bank etc with a further decree for permanent prohibitory injunction restraining the defendants

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Sub Registrar, Munsiff
Jammu

Kathua admin discusses action plan to reinforce Tobacco Control measures

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KATHUA, FEBRUARY 14

Additional Deputy Commissioner Ranjit Singh today presided over a Training-cum-District Level Coordination Committee (DLCC) meeting to review the implementation of National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) in the district.

At the outset, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vijay Raina highlighted the achievements in enforcing anti-tobacco measures. He also discussed key components of the NTCP, including the prohibition of smoking in public places, the ban on the sale of tobacco products within 100-yard radius of educational institutions, and the restriction on both direct and indirect advertising of



tobacco products.

The meeting deliberated on the need for concerted efforts, incorporating a comprehensive set of activities such as conducting Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns in schools and communities, declaring educational institutions as Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI), designating at least 50 villages as Tobacco-Free Villages by the next quarterly review, and conducting aggressive enforcement drives to ensure compliance

with tobacco control regulations. The ADC called for adopting all laid down procedures and guidelines in implementing the NTCP in the district. He directed the Chief Education Officer to ensure that all educational institutions register on the ToFEI application and update the required 10-point Tobacco-Free attributes. He also called for random inspections by the police, civil administration, and officers designated under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. The ADC further

instructed Block Development Officers to educate all stakeholders and strengthen community-based efforts in combating tobacco use. It was also decided to designate a Nodal Officer in all offices and institutions to ensure the smooth implementation of anti-tobacco measures.

Earlier, Nodal Officer NTCP J&K Shiveta Raina informed that under the NTCP, the Health Department has recorded 129 counseling and pharmacotherapy sessions in the Jammu Division.

The session also included detailed discussions on the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, particularly sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, which focus on restrictions on smok-

ing in public places, the sale and advertisement of tobacco products, and enforcement measures. The police and other designated authorities were directed to conduct enforcement drives at regular intervals to strengthen anti-tobacco measures across the district.

The meeting also emphasized the importance of engaging ambassadors and role models to inspire youth to refrain from tobacco use and raise awareness about its harmful effects.

The meeting concluded with a resolve to enhance coordination among the health, education, police, and civil administration to ensure the effective implementation of the National Tobacco Control Program in Kathua.

Regional Transport Authority Kishtwar issues Route permits



JJ NEWS SERVICE
KISHTWAR, FEBRUARY 14

A meeting of the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) was convened here today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Kumar Shavan.

During the session, Member Secretary RTA (ARTO) Tasleem Wani presented a total of 26 cases of Letter of Authority (LAs) and 144 cases for All J&K Route Permits.

Following the review, 11 cases for the purchase of Stage Carriage Mini Buses

and 15 cases for four-wheeler Tata Magic/Maximo vehicles (including 10 under the MUMKIN Scheme) were approved. Additionally, 144 All J&K Route Permits were sanctioned.

The meeting also deliberated upon applications for change of route, which were deferred pending verification of the demand in under-served areas. The Chairman RTA emphasized the importance of public safety and directed the Member Secretary to assess route conditions before granting Letters of Author-

ity to applicants.

Furthermore, strict directives were issued to the RTA officials to monitor and regulate traffic congestion in Kishtwar town. The Chairman instructed the ARTO to ensure proper parking arrangements for passenger vehicles across the district and implement measures to ease traffic flow.

Chairman RTA, Kishtwar, Additional Superintendent of Police, Pawan Kumar (JKPS), along with other concerned officials, attended the meeting.

Certificate distribution ceremony organized by DE&CC Kupwara

JJ NEWS SERVICE
KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 14

The District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kupwara, in collaboration with Wyath Service Pvt. Limited, successfully organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony at the Counselling Hall, DE&CC Kupwara today following the completion of a three-month skill training program on GST Assistant with Tally, benefitting 30 trainees who received their certificates.

Assistant Director Employment, Arshid Qadir graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, handing over certificates to the successful trainees. The event was attended by Saleem Ahmad, Director Wyath, officials from JKEDI Kup-



wara, officers/officials from DE&CC Kupwara, highlighting the significance of skill development in empowering youth for better employment opportunities.

Speaking at the ceremony, Arshid Qadir lauded the efforts of DE&CC Kupwara and Wyath Service Pvt. Limited for their commitment to skill development. He encouraged the trainees to utilize their newly acquired skills for professional growth and self-sufficiency.

Director Wyath, also emphasized the role of such training programs in

bridging the gap between education and employability.

Arshid Qadir emphasized the department's commitment to empowering youth with market-relevant skills, enabling them to earn a dignified livelihood.

He highlighted the department's consistent efforts in running various skill training programs, benefiting hundreds of youth across Kupwara district.

The event was moderated by Ishfaq Ahmad Wani, Employment Officer, DE&CC Kupwara,

who highlighted the key objectives of the program and the impact of skill-based learning in enhancing employability among youth.

The Certificate Distribution Ceremony served as a testament to the ongoing efforts of DE&CC Kupwara in fostering skill development initiatives and creating avenues for youth employment in the region.

The trainees, who received certificates, expressed gratitude to the department for sponsoring the program and providing them with the opportunity to develop their skills in GST and Tally.

The ceremony was a testament to the department's dedication to enhancing employability and promoting self-sufficiency among the youth of Kupwara.

76 Bn CRPF organises Shradhanjali Programme to observe 6th anniversary of Pulwama Martyrs

JJ NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, FEBRUARY 14

The Sixth death anniversary of the Martyrs of Pulwama was observed today as "Shradhanjali Programme" at HQr 76 Bn Preet Nagar (Gangyal) to pay Tributes to soldiers who attained martyrdom in the Pulwama Bomb Blast.

Vezoto Tinyi, Commandant-76 Bn, CRPF, Rajesh Kumar, Second in Command, Jai Ram Prasad, Second in Command, Girish Chandra Singh Sontiyal, Second in Command, Anil Kumar, Asstt Commandant and other Subordinate Officers / Personnel of 76 Bn attended the tribute paying program.

Paying rich tributes, the officers recounted that "On 14th February 2019, our 40 Brave soldiers laid down



their lives at the altar of Duty when a Vehicle borne suicide bomber hit the CRPF vehicle carrying CRPF personnel in convoy on the Jammu-Srinagar National highway near Lethapora in Pulwama.'

They further recalled that 'During this cowardly incident, the bus that was blasted was of 76 Bn CRPF, Jammu in which our five

brave soldiers attained martyrdom namely Shaheed HC/GD Naseer Ahmed, Shaheed, HC/DVR Jaimal Singh, Shaheed CT/GD Rohitash Lamba, Shaheed CT/GD Sukhjinder, Shaheed CT/ BUG Tilak Raj.'

"Although the Pulwama attack was a major setback for us, it exhibited the cowardice of mili-

tants who did not have the courage to face our brave soldiers. Ever since the Pulwama incident, we have neutralized many militants in gun battles in J&K. Our morale has never diminished and we are ever ready to neutralize the militants who shall try to harm our nation or the countrymen," the Battalion.

Labour & Employment Department organises awareness camp at Gool



JJ NEWS SERVICE
RAMBAN, FEBRUARY 14

In line with the Deputy Chief Minister's directives during his visit to Sana Panchayat, the Labour Department organized an awareness and registration camp at Gool.

The camp attracted workers from Gool A, Gool B, Gool Jaman, Gool C, Dedha and Kalimasta Panchayats, witnessing participation of around 150 workers.

To streamline the registration process on the JKBOCWWB portal, the Labour Department is working closely with Common Service Centres (CSCs) across the district.

During the camp, the Assistant Labour Com-

missioner Amit Kumar, briefed workers on labour laws, including the Payment of Wages Act, Workmen Compensation Act, Child Labour Act, Maternity Benefit Act, Contract Labour Act, and Payment of Gratuity Act. He also highlighted the welfare schemes of the J&K Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (JKBOCWWB).

The workers were encouraged to register on the JK Samadhan App, a dedicated grievance redressal portal and sensitized about PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, being implemented by JPDC. A helpline number (9419192398) was shared for further assistance.

The ALC also informed

the workers about E-Shram, Mission Youth schemes like Mumkin and Tejaswini, the ESI scheme, and the Mission YUVA Survey.

During the camp, 15 on-the-spot registrations were done on the JK Samadhan App, facilitated by CSC VLE deputed by District Manager CSC, Nawaz.

Additionally, 20 labour card renewals and 7 new registrations were approved on the spot, with distribution of new labour cards.

Information brochures on various Labour, Employment, and Industries Department schemes were also distributed among the participating workers.

DDC Pulwama chairs meeting on implementation of PMJVK

JJ NEWS SERVICE
PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 14

A comprehensive meeting was convened today under the chairmanship of the District Development Commissioner (DDC), Pulwama, Dr. Basharat Qayoom, to deliberate on the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in the district.

The meeting focused on a detailed review of sanctioned projects that remain unexecuted due to non-availability of funds as well as discussions on the augmentation and upgradation of existing initiatives with appropriate justifications. Also, new project proposals put forth by various departments, along with feasibility studies concerning land availability, office accommodations and housing requirements, were thoroughly examined.

Dr. Qayoom conducted a meticulous sector-wise review, covering education, healthcare, horticulture, handicrafts, milk processing, sports, IT infrastructure and



women-centric projects, underlining their significance in fostering socioeconomic development.

DDC said the imperative of proposing projects that not only serve the broader community but also mitigate the reliance on rented accommodations for schools.

He urged the concerned departments to prioritize the development of robust, long-term infrastructure that fosters sustainability, enhances the quality of education and ensures a more stable and conducive learning environment for students.

Discussions in the health sector focused on strengthening both hospital infrastructure and AYUSH facilities to improve healthcare services.

The District Development Commissioner underscored the necessity of enhancing medical facilities under PMJVK to ensure better accessibility and quality healthcare for the local population.

Regarding Handicrafts as the Nodal Department for skill development, the DDC suggested establishing integrated infrastructure that includes training centers along with dedicated selling facilities. Such initiatives would provide a platform for local artisans, creating employment opportunities and enhancing market accessibility.

The development of sports infrastructure was also a key area of discussion, with a focus on both indoor and outdoor stadium projects under PMJVK.

The need for modern, well-equipped sports facilities was highlighted to encourage youth participation in physical activities and competitive sports.

Women-centric initiatives, including the construction of women's hostels at Government Degree College and working women hostels under the Social Welfare Department, were reviewed.

The chair was informed that the women's hostel at the Government Degree College is 60% complete.

The District Development Commissioner stressed the need to expedite such projects to provide safe and secure accommodation for women pursuing education and employment.

In the dairy sector, Dr. Qayoom advocated for the implementation of milk processing projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model within the PMJVK framework. He emphasized that such initiatives would not only bolster dairy production but also modernize processing facilities, streamline marketing channels

and create sustainable economic opportunities for local farmers.

The horticulture sector was another focus area, with discussions on the development of fruit and vegetable satellite markets. The District Development Commissioner recommended that projects be proposed for upgradation, mechanization, segregation and additional infrastructure to enhance efficiency and productivity.

IT-related projects were also discussed, with an emphasis on their integration into the education sector. The District Development Commissioner suggested that IT initiatives under PMJVK could be strategically designed to enhance digital learning and technology-driven education.

At the conclusion of the meeting, all departments were directed to submit detailed proposals for new projects or extensions, including a clear rationale, a list of target beneficiaries, the facilities to be provided and the anticipated impact on the local community.