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NEWS IN BRIEF

Police recover nearly 12kg IED in Pulwama

Srinagar, Aug 22: A major tragedy was averted on Sunday as the police recovered an improvised explosive device (IED) in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. According to the details, the recovered IED weighed nearly 10-12 kilo-

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Four houses partially damaged in Bemina blaze

Srinagar, Aug 22: Four residential houses were partially damaged in a fire incident in Nundresh Colony A in Bemina area of Srinagar this afternoon.

Reports reaching here said four residential houses belonging to Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, Mohammad Maqbool Bala and Tariq Ahmad Bala, Nasir Ahmad

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Rusted grenade defused in Samba

Jammu, Aug 22: A rusted grenade was defused by a bomb disposal squad in Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said.

The grenade was found lying in a dried up stream by some farmers working in their fields nearby at Swankha village in Vijaypur, they said.

They informed police and the explosive CONT. ON » PAGE 06

Kupwara man charge-sheeted in admission fraud case

Srinagar, Aug 22: The Crime Branch of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday produced a challan in the Court of Judge Small Causes here accusing a man of cheating a student of Rs 10 lakh on the pretext of providing admission in a post-graduation course.

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Minor among 2 die at Jammu station

Jammu, Aug 22: Two persons including a minor were killed and five injured after being hit by a rashly driven SUV at the entrance to the Jammu Tawi railway station.

Police said the Government Railway Police and CONT. ON >> PAGE 06

Police solves burglary case in Baramulla, 4 held

Srinagar, Aug 22: Police on Monday claimed to have solved several burglary cases by arresting four accused and recovering stolen property worth lakhs from their possession in Baramulla district. Police said a burglary

Woman dies in road accident in Kathua

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Jammu, Aug 22: A woman was killed and three others were injured when a car in which they were traveling skidded and plunged into a gorge on Monday in Kathua district in Jammu and Kash-

Police said the car was on its way from Bani towards Dhar Road when it met with the accident near Asopur. The dead was identified as Sreshta Devi, 37.

Ensured best healthcare for all; quality medical education for youth: Lt Governor

Strengthening system for strategic focus to address challenges of drug abuse

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 22: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said the government is investing in healthcare and medical education so that all citizens and youth have the best service and career options they deserve for a better tomorrow.

"We have radically reformed the healthcare services delivery model. In the last two years, we have acted swiftly to bridge the gaps at the district and sub-district levels and harmonized all services for speedy and effective care of the needy. People now have easy access to healthcare they need, when they need and where they need it. Systemic improvements have led to high quality health care clearly visible in key health status indicators and national rankings," the Lt Governor said.

Lt Governor also noted that the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna (AB-



role in protecting, preserving, and promoting the health of the people and even the most vulnerable sections of society are witnessing improved well-being of their families. It is pertinent to mention that till date, approximately 80% out of the total eligible 25.72 lakhs families have been registered as per NFSA database with at least one family member verified under PM-JAY and AB-PMJAY-SEHAT Scheme to avail the benefits of the scheme. A total of 72.57 lakh beneficiaries have received the Golden Cards.

"We constantly need to evolve PMJAY) SEHAT is playing a key innovative strategies to meet

the challenges of our times, especially post-Covid pandemic. SEHAT is contributing in building a healthy society and helping us realize the vision of universal and comprehensive health care. It has made healthcare accessible to each and every citizen of the UT of Jammu Kashmir. Decentralized quality health care system has also taken the pressure off city hospitals. We are also strengthening healthcare and associated expertise for a strategic focus to address the challenges of drug abuse," the Lt Governor said.

World class Infrastructures have been completed and many more are coming up in both Jammu and Kashmir Division. Jammu AIIMS has become functional. Seven New Government Medical Colleges are being established with a total outlay of Rs. 1595 Cr. 15 Nursing Colleges shall be made operational with an approximate additional cost of Rs. 60 crore during 2022-23.

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SIA Kashmir charges 4 Jaish associates in NIA court

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 22: J&K anti terrorism body State Investigation Agency (SIA) Kashmir on Monday presented charge sheet against four associates of banned Jaish-e-Mohammad in the designated court of NIA Srinagar.

As per SIA, a case under relevant sections of law was lodged at Police Station CIK/JIC Srinagar earlier this year following some credible inputs regarding presence of an active module of Jaish in South Kashmir for strengthening striking strength of the organization by way of motivating youth to join ranks of Jaish actively.

"Investigation was set into motion for the logical conclusion of the case for judicial determination, which has been completed within six months period by the SIA, Kashmir," a statement issued by the agency said.

It said that handlers across border (based in Pakistan) have used cyber space for instigating, enticing and motivating Kashmiri vouth to join militant ranks and raise funds & logistics locally, for running terrorist modules.

"Amongst the handlers in

LeT hybrid militant, two associates arrested in Budgam

Srinagar, Aug 22: Security forces have arrested one more 'hybrid' militant allegedly involved in a grenade attack on minorities in Budgam district on Independence Day.

Two "hybrid" militants of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were already arrested in the case on Saturday.

"During further course of investigation of Budgam Police today arrested one more hybrid terrorist Suhail Ahmad Malik of Panzan Chadoora of prescribed outfit Lashkar who is involved in grenade attack on minorities," a police spokesman said ' Incriminating material of Lashkar and one hand grenade has been recovered from the possession of the arrested hybrid terrorist." Police said further investigation into the said case is going on more arrests and recoveries are expected. On Independence day, a minority community member was wounded in a grenade attack at Gopalpora Chadoora Budgam.

Meanwhile, two militant associates of LeT were also arrested in the Budgam district. The two were identified by police as Shahnawaz Ahmad Bhat of Kralpora and Sameer Ahmad Najar of Gund chekpora Kanipora.

"Both arrested terror associates have been found involved in providing logistics and support to the active terrorists of LeT as well as transportation of arms and ammunition in Chadoora area of Budgam," police said. A case vide under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Chadoora investigation has been initiated.

fied who is currently in Jhelum would follow," the statement city Punjab, Pakistan. Action to expose him, and submit evidence Pakistan one has been identi- to international legal forums

said. "Handlers have motivated the four accused youth to act CONT. ON » PAGE 06

AC approves adoption of J&K Rehabilitation **Assistance Scheme-2022**



HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 22: The Administrative Council (AC) which met here under the chairmanship of the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, today approved the adoption of Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance

Scheme, 2022

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor attended the meeting.

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'Will move to court': Farooq Abdullah on electoral roll row

Says LG did not consider his plea to call APM to discuss the developments

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: National Conference president Farooq Abdullah on Monday said all opposition parties are against the new law (inclusion of non-locals as voters in Jammu and Kashmir) and they are thinking of moving the court on the matter.

Addressing media after chairing an all party meeting at his residence, Abdullah said, "We will invite the leaders of all national parties to Jammu and Kashmir in September and keep our issues before them." He also said that he had

requested L-G Manoj Sinha to call an all-party meeting to dis-



cuss the developments. However, it was not considered.

"We do not accept this. We have differences but all parties present here have come together realizing that tomorrow we could be left out of our assembly," Abdullah added.

The meeting was convened following remarks by the Union Territory's chief Electoral **CONT. ON » PAGE 06**

Prof. Tariq A. Gojwari

Organizing Chairman

BJP to chalk out strategy against **APM over inclusion** of non-locals in voter list

Jammu, Aug 22: The BJP has convened a meeting of its leaders in Jammu on Monday to chalk out a "counter-strategy" against the meeting called by the National Conference over the issue of "inclusion of nonlocal voters" in the revised electoral rolls in Jammu and

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J&K logs 131 COVID-19 positive cases, least in three weeks ht news network

Srinagar, Aug 22: Jammu and Kashmir reported 131 positive cases of COVID-19 including 14 from Jammu and 117 from Kashmir divisions, taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 476175.

Moreover, 435 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 51fromJammu division and 384from Kashmir division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 476175 positive cases, 2293are Active Positive (411 in Jammu Division

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Er. Farooq Ahmad Wani

Organizing Secretary

Advisory Board constituted for revising Minimum Wage Rates

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 22: The Jammu and Kashmir government has constituted Advisory Board under the Minimum Wages Act,

According to a government order, the Advisory Board has been constituted in terms of Section 09 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for revision of minimum wages of scheduled employments in J&K.

Headed by advisor (B) to the Lieutenant Governor, J&K Chairman, the members of the Board include Administrative Secretaries of Finance Depart

ment, PW(R&B) Department, Labour & Employment Department, Labour Commissioner, J&K besides employer representatives including representative of J&K Industries Limited, representative of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Kashmir, representative of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Jammu, representative of Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Bari Brahmana, Jammu, representative of Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Sanat Nagar, Srinagar as well as employee representatives including that of Bharatiya

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Member DDC Poonch, Chairperson Arising Kashmir call on LG



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Srinagar, Aug 22: Riyaaz Bashir Naaz, Member, District Development Council (DDC), Poonch called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhavan here today.

The DDC member apprised the Lt Governor of various issues of District Poonch, pertaining to augmentation of medical facilities, strengthening

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TSI Mid - Term Conference "Telemedicine In Special Conditions & Special Geographies³⁰ Under the Aegis of Telemedicine Society of India (TSI) **Chief Guest**

Shril Rafeev Rail Bhainagar (Advisor to Honfble Meutenant Governor 1213)

Venue: SKIMS



Er. Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat

Co-Organizing Chairman

Apple growers stare at losses following hike in packaging costs

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Aug 22: Apple packaging costs have increased sharply in the latest challenge to fruit growers in the Kashmir valley.

While input costs have increased, apple prices have remained either stagnant or increased at a sluggish pace, growers complain.

"We are incurring losses and we feel apple growing is no longer profitable. For example, in the pre-harvest period we spend a lot of money on spraying (pesticide), fertiliser and labour for orchard management," said grower Adnan Ali Khan.

"During the post-harvest period we also spend a huge amount of money on picking the crop from trees, purchasing packaging boxes and ultimately transporting the crop to fruit mandis (markets). After hectic efforts and investment eventually the rate of the crop dwindles,"



Khan, a research scholar from the Pinjoora area of south Kashmir's Shopian district, an area known for Kashmir's quality apples, sells the fruit online through a startup he launched

Apple growers in Kashmir have already been struggling

in the face of competition from inexpensive Iranian apples channelled to India through Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates, the perceived impact of climate change and extreme weather events on the crop and the sale of spurious pesticides. The arrival of Iranian

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DEO Ganderbal presides over orientation cum training programme of BLOs

GANDERBAL: As part of comprehensive SVEEP activities being undertaken in district Ganderbal, special orientation cum training programme of booth level officers of assembly constituency Ganderbal was held in the meeting hall of Mini secretariat Ganderbal.

The training programme was presided over by the District Election Officer. Shyambir.

The objective of the programme was to sensitize the booth level officers regarding their role in the upcoming special summary revision being undertaken from trict. 15th of September 2022 in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The BLOs were sensitized to analyze the gap between gender ratio of Electoral Roll and Census and develop a proper mechanism to bridge



of Electoral Roll in the dis-

Speaking on the occasion, and rationalization process BLOs shall make the SSR a success by maximizing per the Representation of the

this gap in the upcoming the enrollment of voters Special Summary Revision to achieve the objective "NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND

He Stressed upon the the DEO appreciated the role BLOs to educate people of BLOs in the delimitation about the law regarding eligibility criteria and conand expressed his hope that ditions for registration of Electors in Electoral Roll as

People Act, 1950

To ensure maximize enrollment of eligible voters, the DEO enjoined to undertake specific measures targeting youth population, women, weaker sections of society and persons with disabilities to maximize their enrolment in electoral rolls in the upcoming special summary revision.

It is pertinent to mention that SVEEP activities are being conducted in the length and breadth of the district Ganderbal in collaboration with various government departments, NGOs and Civil Society organiza-

Among others the meetinterventions. ing was attended by Dy Dis-Qayoom said that grievance redressal mechanisms are already in place and it derbal, ACR Ganderbal and is important that grievances are redressed in a time bound manner. Emphasizing on coordination among **Doifode Sagar Dattatray holds** various stakeholders, he said that interdepartmental coordination and among the

> Speaking about creation of opportunities for youth, the DC said that the Lieuten-

PRIs and various depart-

ment is necessary for effec-

will lay special focus on this

ANANTNAG: Dr Basharat Qayoom assumed charge as Deputy Commissioner

Anantnag here today. Prior

to this, the Dr Basharat was

warmly received by senior

fraternity, Dr Basharat said

that good work has been

done in priority areas in

the district and he aims to

carry-on the development of

He said the primary focus

the district to new heights.

will be on ease of public ser-

vice delivery to ensure that

benefits of welfare measures

reach the last mile. Talking

about responsive adminis-

tration, he said that efforts

will be made to reach out to

people to identify problem

areas and ensure targeted

Interacting with the media

officials of the District.



Dr Basharat Qayoom assumes charge as DC Anantnag

ant Governor has time and again underlined the importance of interventions in this area. He said he will personally monitor new development in the district regarding this and appealed to the youth to come forward and benefit from various entrepreneurship schemes being run by the government.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner chaired an introductory meeting with all District Officers. District Officers from all departments briefed the Deputy Commissioner regarding the projects and schemes under implementation and their tive administration and he priority areas.

They elaborated on the ground level issues and solutions put in place for effective disposal of services, public outreach and griev-

Dr Basharat took stock of the developmental works under implementation in the district. He was informed regarding the estimation and tendering of works under District CAPEX, various CSS, works being implemented by the Municipalities and Rural Development Department.

Interacting with the officers, the Deputy Commissioner said that project timelines have to be strictly adhered to. He said that inter departmental coordination is necessary for smooth functioning and officials must constantly communicate to ensure issues are resolved effectively.

He further said that accessibility of officials, at hallmark of good governance mechanisms. He said that public welfare and grievance redressal should be the focus for all officers. He emphasized that all officers should regularly visit their jurisdictions and ensure quality execution and take feedback from locals.

Dr Basharat said that officers must maintain close coordination with PRIs and work hand in hand to address public demands. He said that transparency is an important parameter in delivery of public services and officers must ensure that all matters of public interest are dealt with in a fair and transparent manner. He said that biometric attendance must be installed at all health and educational facilities and employees should be present at stipulated times.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioners Anantnag, Joint Director Planning, SDMs of all subdivisions, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Assistant Commissioner Development, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer and other district/ sectoral

Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid assumes charge as Deputy **Commissioner Budgam**

BUDGAM: Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid today assumed charge as new Deputy Commissioner Budgam, while as outgoing DC Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza was accorded warm farewell by officers and officials during a welcome cum introductory meeting held at Conference Hall Budgam.

The meeting, among others, was attended by ADDC Budgam, Dr Akramullah Tak, ADC Budgam Dr Nasir Ahmad, Director NIFT, Javid Ahmad Wani and other senior officers of the district.

At the outset, officers accorded a warm welcome to incumbent DC.

Chairing the meeting, incumbent DC instructed all officers to ensure prompt delivery of public services and adopt a zero tolerance approach against corruption at all offices.

He assured his full support to the officers and instructed them to ensure speedy completion of developmental works across the

On the occasion, officers gave a brief introduction

about themselves Speaking on the occasion, outgoing DC praised the officers as a great and hardworking team. He said that his tenure at Budgam has been remarkable and a great experience to him.

introductory cum review meeting KUPWARA: District Development Commissioner

(DDC) Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today stressed upon the officers to play a proactive role in resolving their issues of the public, and lay special focus on far flung areas.

The DDC was addressing his maiden introductory cum review meeting of District and Sectoral officers. here today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Kupwara & Handwara; Superintendent Engineers, JD Planning, ACR, SDM Lolab & Karnah, ACD, ACP, District Officers Executive Engineers attended the meeting.

The DDC said that the development of far flung areas including Karnah, Keran and Machil would be Administration along with all other areas of the district and he will be personopments being carried out ground. in these far flung and hilly

Dattatray said that integwould be focused areas which he directed officers to dedicate themselves for generating greater results

Referring to the involveshould give due space to in their areas. He said Kupthe PRIs and honour their wara has a good history of



development of the district. The DDC asked officers to remain punctual at their duties and should not leave stations without his prior

The DDC asked officers to work with in tandem and the priority of the District systematic manner and ensure greater coordination with each other as well as with the administration ally monitoring the devel- to yield better results on

He asked officers to remain in close coordination with each other rity, honesty and efficiency to further simplify the mechanism of delivery so of his administration for that people could get more facilitated.

The DDC said that all Additional Deputy Comwith efficiency and honesty. missioners and SDMs should keep close vigil in ment of PRIs in the develop- their respective areas and ment process of the district, abreast themselves with the DDC said that officers the developments going on

visions towards the basic development in every sector and we need to intensify it by making special efforts. Earlier, DDC took a

detailed sector wise review of all Engineering, Social Sectors, Agricultural and allied sectors and received feedback from the officers one by one. The DDC reviewed R&B,

PMGSY, PHE, I&FC, PDD, Horticulture, Agriculture, Health, ICDS, Social Welfare, Skill Development and other sectors one by one and said that every sector is equally important for promoting socio-economic development of the district.

The DDC also took a detailed reviewed of major infrastructural projects including PMGSY, BADP and RDD. He also reviewed the indicators of the Aspirational District Programme.

The DDC also asked officers to prioritize their work with special focus on weaker indicators

DE&CC Kulgam holds counselling & Guidance Session at GDC

KULGAM: A Career Counselling cum guidance session was today organized by District employment and Counselling centre Kulgam in Collaboration with Department of Computer Science at Govt Degree College Kulgam in which more than one hundred students from the Department of Computer Science participated.

Incharge Principal, Govt Degree College, Kulgam, Dr Shabir Ahmad Padder, HOD Computer Science Department Dr Sajad Ahmad Shah, Prof Shabir Ahmad Hakim, Prof Irshad Ahmad Lone and other faculty members from Computer Science Department, Abid Nisar YP and Rivaz Ahmad Dar, Resource Person from Employment Department were present on the occasion.

The main focus of the session was awareness about the Digi Saksham programme to help build skills of rural youth in the fields of Computer Science and IT.

On spot registrations on NCS, DigiSakhsham portals were made.



about various career opportunities that can be availed through these skills and pro-

A brief overview of the employment scenario and employment portal (jakemp. iob market trends was also nic.in) was also done in the given to the students. Stu-session. About 50 registradents were also made aware tions on the employment about various self employ- portal were made on spot.

ment, and emphasis was laid on entrepreneurship and self employment.

A live demonstration of the registration on the

No demographic change made in J&K: Ashok Koul

SRINAGAR: J&K unit of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday said that no demographic change would be made by special summary revision of

"Anyone living in Jammu and Kashmir from two, three or four years has the right to vote here. If leaders from Jammu and Kashmir can contest elections from outside J&K, why can't those living here vote here," BJP General Secretary (Organization), Ashok Koul while talking to reporters as per the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

He said that the Chief Election Officer has not made any wrong statement and what he said is the law. "Anyone who will be granted permission to vote here in J&K has to remove his name from the previous place," he said.

He further said that there were no motives of demographic change behind the revision of voter

Samoon reviews progress of action taken Atal Dulloo reviews LSD control measures across J&K on directions of CS on development of **Skill Institutions across J&K**

SRINAGAR: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon today reviewed the progress of action taken on various decisions/directions made in recent meeting with the Chief Secretary on development of Skill institutions across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Director, SDD; Chief Engineers; General Manager, JKPCC; Principals of Polytechnic Colleges and Superintendents of ITIs. Out station officers attended the meeting through video conferencing

The Principal Secretary during the meeting impressed upon all to deliver on all the agenda items on the set timelines. He advised them to work in coordination with each other so that the instant decision is smoothly implemented on ground. He asked them to continuously assess the progress and take proactive measures in resolving the hindrances faced, if any.

Dr Samoon was informed that there were more than a dozen of decisions taken in the meeting with Chief Secretary. It was further given out that many of them are nearing completion and some are at different stages of implementation.

meeting that regarding the formulation of skill plans at Panchavat level the concerned Deputy Commissioners have been provided the requisite format for comple-2500 women SHG members was briefed in the meeting.



in first phase and around 700 in 2nd phase.

The meeting was informed that the subject experts from industrial houses like Ashoka Levland, Tovata and those from Industrial estate of Lassipora were invited to interact with the youth for guidance and handholding. It was said that work on 22 polytechnics and 52 ITIs is swiftly under process to turn them into centres of excel-

The Principal Secretary was also informed that a committee has been constituted to revisit the course content in line with the New Education Policy-2020. Regarding It was revealed in the the placement of students some 448 and 910 placements were made in ITIs and Polytechnics respectively in the year 2021. The online student feedback and analysis portal is under process and would tion. Similarly more than be launched very soon, as

As far as the exposure visits of students are con cerned it was said that students are taken in batches to CIIIT at Jammu and Baramulla besides to CoE at ITI Budgam/Kathua for their best understanding of the subject. The students are also made aware about different start-up schemes by the personnel of J&K Bank DIC and EDI so that they can have good knowledge of avenues to fulfill their entrepreneurial aspirations, as was deliberated in the meeting.

The meeting also held threadbare discussion over the provision of guest lectures by the industrial experts, setting up of CIPET centre, biometric attendance of staff, monthly ranking and key performance indicators of skill imparting institutions besides it discussed the annual deliverables set for the department to be achieved during the financial vear 2022-23

SRINAGAR: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review the measures taken

for combating the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) across Jammu and Kash-The meeting was attended by Secretary in APD, Special Secretary, APD, Director Finance APD. Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/ Kashmir, representatives of SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir,

Chief Animal Husbandry officers of all districts and other concerned officials both in person and through video conferencing. Chairing the meeting, the ACS directed the offi-

cers that Ring Vaccination among affected ani-



immediately besides more be tested for disease. He fur-

tors to ensure availability of required medicines in all the affected areas so that the spread can be timely tackled.

While reviewing the infrastructure put in place for spread of disease, Dulloo impressed upon the officers that the BSL-II lab for testing of LSD samples. He also asked the Director AH Jammu to establish the with SKUAST-J in the premises of SKUAST-J within weeks time.

The ACS while discussing about other control measures impressed upon the officers to constitute provincial level Task Force with subject matter specialists from SKUAST for studying the progression of LSD in ously affected districts.

all districts of Jammu and Kashmir. He asked them that the task force will suggest the control measures/ vaccination strategy to be adopted for effective control and combat of disease.

During the meeting, it was informed that till date 12831 animals have been at Zakura should be made affected with LSD, out of functional within two days which nore than 80% have recovered till date. It was also informed that the APD is issuing the advisories on BSL-II lab in collaboration routine basis for the maximum awareness of farmers besides awareness camps are being held in affected villages for the timely control of disease.

The meeting was also informed that 70,000 doses of Goat Pox vaccine have been procured which are being distributed among the seri-

Cocoon Auction market inaugurated at Sarnal

ANANTNAG: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag, Ghulam Hassan Sheikh today inaugurated Cocoon Auction Market at Sarnal Anantnag. The market has been organized to facilitate open sale of cocoon produced by farmers of Anantnag and Kulgam district by the Department of

The Department has developed a modern cocoon auction market with storage facilities and residential accommodation for outside buyers so that farmers can fetch the best possible prices.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC Sheikh said that the market will help farmers fetch competitive prices. He said that sericulture is an important activity in the

district and to attract more people towards rearing, it is essential that the farmers receive remunerative prices for the hard labour. He appreciated the department for their concerted efforts.

The representatives from Sericulture said that with sustained efforts, rearing of silkworms is emerging towards this activity and as a viable economic activenable them to earn sustainity. They said that technical able livelihood

support is being provided to rearers through various Centrally Sponsored

They said payments are being made to farmers in DBT mode. They said various incentive based schemes have also been launched by the UT Govt to attract youth

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for registration of my residential house located at Village Kalantra Payeen under Home Stay/Paying Guest House Scheme to facilitate tourist trade, vide order no 89-JK(TSM) of 2022 of Department of Tourism JK . if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in department of tourism or Assistant Director Tourism Office Gulmarg within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Nazir Ahmad Mir S/O Habibullah Mir R/O Kalantra Payeen Tehsil Kreeri Distt. **Baramulla**

Pace of execution of developmental works increases manifold in last three years under LG's Administration

three years, the pace of been increased four-fold to the "financial reforms and execution of developmental schemes across Jammu tion of various developmenand Kashmir has increased by five times on account of a resurgent institutional framework development by the present administration under Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha

In the last two years, the government has endeavoured to develop areas which remained neglected till now. Dalits, tribals and socio-economically backward classes have benefited from an equitable governance system of the Union territory of Jammu and

achieved new horizons of from 2019 to January 2022. success in the field of business, economy, education, culture as well as sports. Jammu and Kashmir has positioned itself as leader from laggard in the world of progress and prosperity with completion of over achievements while 22975 60,000 development projects in the past three years.

SRINAGAR: Over the last district CAPEX budget has Rs. 22,126 crore for completal projects.

'Grass root democratic institutions like Panchayats and Urban Local Bodies have been empowered to actively participate in the decision-making process to cater to the needs of common citizens. There are around 20,000 such works/projects under execution presently which have been solely identified by the people", official data

According to official documents, 66,724 development projects have been complet-The Union Territory has ed in the Union Territory

The break up details stated that 9229 projects have been completed during 2018-19, 12637 in 2019-20, 21943 during 2020-21, exhibiting a steep increase as compared to previous years works have been completed during the financial year As per the official details, 2021-22, till January 2022.

interventions" initiated by the Centre have facilitated completion of such a long list of development projects within the set timelines in the Union Territory.

"Authorization of projects and resources allocation is made through Budget Estimation, Allocation and Monitoring System (BEAMS), which is a real time and paperless system. Through these interventions, the Union Territory has witnessed an unprecedented rise in completion of development works and projects in three years," the document reads further.

Similarly, implementation of transformative reforms such as BEAMS which enable online budgetary process and timely release of funds against approved works, online submission of bills through J&K PaySys, Mandatory Administrative Approvals, Technical Sanctions and e-Tendering, digital payments, GFR, GeM and relat-

ed measures have paced up the development works and brought J&K at par with any other progressive state across the country.

Apart from prioritizing newly sanctioned works, the administration has also focused on languishing proj-

Meanwhile, JKIDFC, a unique model across the country, has achieved tremendous transparency with incorporation of online payment tracking mechanism, tender details/allotment information and geotagging of all the projects approved for funding under the languishing scheme of The J&K administra-

tion linked every project approved under JKIDFC with Google Earth for real time monitoring which facilitated public viewing on the official website of JKIDFC. These measures had been taken to ensure the quality and timely completion of all these infrastructural projects languishing in the UT for a long time.

Delivery of smooth and hassle free Health Care to the citizens of the UT of J&K should be our highest priority: Bhupinder Kumar

ing charge as Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar chaired a meeting of all HoDs of Health and Medical Education Department and reviewed the functioning of the various departments including the status of establishment of new medical colleges in the UT of J&K.

At the outset of the meeting Bhupinder Kumar appreciated the role of all the Health Care workers across the UT in mitigating the COVID crisis. He highlighted the efficient team work in building up the various systems and required Infrastructure for tackling COVID-19 pandemic and building up a robust response by the Government

In his opening remarks, he laid emphasis towards developing strategies for focusing on Preventive and Promotive Health Care for people of the UT. The incidence of Non-communicable Diseases (NCD's) including Hypertension, Diabetics, Cancer's and life consuming diseases are the cause of highest financial burdens to households. The Government of India has been liberal in launching the Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojna and SEHAT schemes by providing an annual

health promotion and early defection of NCDs by population based screening. Other issues which were discussed in the meeting include compulsory bio-

metric attendance in all

the Institutions, ensuring

health cover of Rs.5.00 lacs

to all families to prevent

catastrophic health expendi-

tures. In addition, he empha-

sized on disease prevention.

high level of sanitation in the hospitals, monitoring of the Bio-Medical Equipment maintenance program and the ban on private practice

The Administrative Secretary while taking serious note of the reports of some doctors doing private practice during working hours said that this practice shall not be tolerated and strict administrative action shall follow against such Doctors. He said that no DDO shall be allowed to draw the salary of any Health official who is attached and such culture of adhocism shall be done away

with. He said that focus shall

Kulgam's Drangbal,

Pulwama's Dougam

of potable water

residents decry shortage

affordable medicines availthe Jan Aushadhi chain of Stores in the Health Institutions of J&K. Appreciating the launch of the Digital Health Mission, he said that this is a huge milestone in the delivery of Health Care of the Country and directions have been issued for its smooth launch.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by the Director Coordination, New Medical Colleges, J&K about the status of operationalizing the new Medical Colleges Handwara and Udhampur. A detailed overview was also presented about the already established New Medical Colleges.

He thanked all the Heads of Departments including the Principals of the Medical Colleges for their role in improving the health care delivery in J&K and emphasized on making continuous efforts to improve the quality of healthcare which ultimately leads to a higher satisfaction level among the

Will go on hunger strike if electoral demography of J&K is changed: Sajad Lone

SRINAGAR: Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone on Monday said they will sit on hunger strike before the Parliament and other constitutional bodies if there is an attempt by the Government to change the electoral demography of Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing a news conference here, Lone, as per news agency, said that they will sit on a hunger-strike in front of the Parliament if the Government makes an attempt to change the demography

"The law (Representation of The Peoples Act-1951) is not a threat to us but the intentions of the Government are a threat to us," he

Kashmir nor they reject it. "We will wait and watch

and if there is an attempt to change the demography of J&K, we will go on hunger strike," he said.

He said that he will not called by Farooq Abdullah to discuss the issue of inclusion of non-locals into electoral rolls of J&K, saying they will support if anything concrete comes out of it.

scorer. If something consupport it. They should also support our programme," he said.

Senior PC leader and former Law Secretary Muhammad Ashraf Mir said Lone said they neither that chief electoral officer's accept the clarification assertions about inclusion of APM. кно

issued by the Jammu & non-locals in electoral rolls of Jammu & Kashmir are not supported by law.

'The law is clear that the person must be a habitual resident of that place for a considerable time. The service voters (members of attend the all-party meeting armed forces) can vote only for their native constituen cies irrespective of their places of posting," he said.

It is pertinent to mention that different political parties are meeting in Srinagar "I don't want to be a point to discuss the issue of inclusion of non-locals in electoral crete comes out of it, we will rolls of J&K. The meeting is being attended by NC, PDP, Congress and other parties Former deputy CM Muzaffar Hussain Baig had said that he will also attend APM if he is invited. But he has not been invited to attend the

Expenditure under civil works in SED below 50 percent, reveals MoE

SRINAGAR: In Jammu and asked the Jammu and Kash- and volunteers to directly under civil works during the previous fiscal in School **Education Department has** been very slow with below 50 percent.

According to the official documents available with the news agency, the Ministry of Education (MoE) has said that "A large number of civil works are either pending, under progress or not

"The expenditure under civil works during 2021-22 was very slow below 50 per-

cent," it reads. Meanwhile, the MoE has

SRINAGAR: Amid rising

unemployment, a 55-year-old

woman from South Kashmir's

Kulgam district has been pro-

viding employment to over

Her name is Zamruda Bano,

who has set up over 200 cen-

tres where around 1000 women

work and make their earnings.

In these centres, these women

do crewel embroidery, chain

stitching with a special hooked

fabric, making cushion covers.

Zamrudu is an illiterate

woman from Kulgam and is

mother of two children. How-

ever, that has not deterred her

from setting up these centres

and providing employment to

over 1000 women.

curtains, and bed sheets.

needle locally called Ari on the girls.

Kashmir, the expenditure mir government to complete connect with the governall the pending civil works at the earliest.

> 'The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall update the progress on Prabandh Portal," MoE said.

Apart from pending civil works, it also said that the department has issued guidelines to the states and Union Territories (UT) and requested them to participate in the Vidyanjali program by boarding their schools on the portal.

Vidyanjali—a school volunteer programme aims to of school education," MoE facilitate the community

employment to 1000 girls in S-Kashmir

to girls to learn these skills.

Once they get trained, they

start doing works of crewel

embroidery, chain stitching,

making cushion covers, bed

sheets and curtains. We then

sell these things in and out-

side Kashmir," she told news

vides remuneration to these

She has been associated

with this art since childhood.

Everyday many women come

to her to learn about the crafts.

Even doing Covid restrictions,

her works were going smooth-

vide employment to girls.

"My main aim is to pro-

She has been earning over

"I also provide training There are thousands of girls

Rs 10 lakh monthly and pro- in one of Zamruda's centres

An illiterate woman, who provides

ment and government-aided schools to contribute their services or assets, materials and equipment through a dedicated portal.

"In addition, the States and UTs are required to also identify the local volunteers, civil society organizations working in the field and encourage them to contribute to the schools through the portal so that the demand raised by schools could be met, leading to overall improvement in the quality

sitting idle at homes. I started

setting up centres since 1990

and thousands of girls have

been trained in them over the

In each centre 10-15 girls

work jointly. "Each girl earns

Rs 4000-7000 monthly based on

said she was sitting idle after

passing 10th class. "My family

could not afford to send me for

higher studies due to finan-

cial constraints. Then I got to

know about the centre in 2017.

I learned how to make crewel

cushions for a few months.

Now I earn over Rs 5000 per

month," she said, who is from

Kulgam district.

One of the girls working

the work they do," she said.

years," Zamruda said.

against the government for failing in providing potable drinking water facilities in The residents of the Drangbal area of Kulgam told the news agency, that they have

been facing water shortage for years and authorities are acting as mute spectators. They said that initially the village was connected with Check-e-Samad water supply for time, however, with construction of road in the area the pipeline was removed and it was never installed again and later we were connected with another scheme

Locals said that they have brought this issue in notice of concerned authorities in this regard but nothing was done as of now on ground.

but that too is defunct.

They said that a new water supply scheme has this year but as of now no work has been done.

They requested concerned plants will be completed. authorities to look into the matter and start work on the acknowledging that the new scheme immediately Drangbal area is facing and complete it in a given water shortage, said that time so that locals can get a tender is open for the potable water.

of Dougam village in South any response. However, they Kashmir's Pulwama district assured area will get potable said that the water supply water soon. кио

PULWAMA: The resi- scheme in the area which dents of Drangbal village in was made functional very Kulgam and Dougam area before is functioning with of Pulwama are up in arms out a filtration plant due to which they are forced to drink contaminated water.

They said that despite that scheme was started very before and a filtration plant was also sanctioned but it has been left incomplete due to unknown reasons and locals are getting water directly from a nallah.

"Ninety percent of the work on the filtration plant has been already done but due to unknown reasons it has been left out," they said, adding, "We have taken up this issue in notice of higher ups several times but to no

Locals requested authorities to complete the filtration plant at an earliest so that they can get potable water.

Officials from the PHE Pulwama said that there were some issues with contractors regarding the been sanctioned for the area Dougam filtration plant which have been sought out and within 10-15 filtration

They officials, while scheme of Drangbal but as Meanwhile, the residents of now we haven't received

Er Aijaz Hussain meets Secretary Sports Council, demands Indoor Stadium for Balhama, Upgradation of play field at Lasjan

Hussain today led a delegation from Lasjan areas of manner, water logging is Srinagar to Secretary J&K routine at the Play field sports Council Nuzhat Gul of play field at Lasjan and area. Indoor Stadium at Balhama.

In a statement issued here to news agency, Er Aijaz Hussain said that he lot of difficulties due to the met Secretary Sports Coun- shabby and dilapidated concil Nuzhat Gul and sought her intervention in develop- efforts should made forthment of play field at Lasian and setting up of an Indoor the Lasian play field so that Stadium at Balhama area of Srinagar

He said the play field at ties. Lasjan often witnesses water logging and directions were he presented a detailed at Balhama while as Lasjan passed to concerned AE and JEs to prepare a DPR for the Sports Council wherein he on modern lines. KNO

gation Agency (SIA) Kash- said.

mir on Monday presented

designated court of NIA

under FIR number 05/2022,

under relevant sections of

law was lodged at Police

Station CIK/JIC Srinagar

earlier this year follow-

active in South Kashmir

tion by way of motivat-

"As per details, a case

Srinagar.

Er Aijaz told Secretary Sports Council that at dition of Play field and that with to develop and repair youth can play and take part in various physical activi-

The BJP leader said that

SIA-K presents charge sheet against

4 JeM in NIA court, Srinagar

"Investigation was set

which has been completed

within six months period

here that militant handlers

across border have used

cyber space for instigat-

ing, enticing and motivat-

Amongst the handlers in

Jhelum city Punjab, Paki-

ing youth to join militant stan. Action to expose him, court of Additional Ses-

It is pertinent to mention

by the SIA (K)," it said.

SRINAGAR: State Investi- issued to the news agency

a charge sheet against into motion for the logi-

four associates of Jaish-I- cal conclusion of the case

Mohammad (JeM) in the for judicial determination,

ing some credible inputs ing Kashmiri youth to join

regarding presence of militant ranks and raise

an active module of mili-funds & logistics locally,

for strengthening striking Pakistan one has been iden-

strength of the organisa- tified who is currently in

ranks of Jaish-I- Moham- and submit evidence to

mad actively," a statement international legal forums

tant Jaish-I-Mohammad, for running the modules.

SRINAGAR: Young BJP immediate upgradation of highlighted the reasons for leader and DDC member Lasjan play field. Er Aijaz establishing an Indoor Stafrom Khonmoh Er Aijaz said that since the level of dium at Balhama. Er Aijaz playfield is in a haphazard said the Indoor Stadium at Balhama will provide a platform to the youth of area and which causes a huge incon- also the youth of Srinagar and demanded development venience to youth of the and other districts who have a great talent in various games. He said once the Indoor Sports Stadium will Lasjan, youth were facing be set up in Balhama, the youth will have an opportunity to showcase their talent in various indoor games including football, rugby, hockey, and other games.

Secretary Sports Council Nuzhat Gul assured all the possible help to Er Aijaz and also promised him that Indoor Stadium will be set up memorandum to Secretary playfield will be developed

would follow, the statement

ed the four accused youth

to act as sub-agents to

arrange logistics for trans-

portation of arms, ammu-

nition and other support

material from one place

to another for furtherance

of militant designs for the

purpose of sabotage and

carrying out attacks on

security forces to meet the

objective of secession of UT

of J&K from the Union of

2022, charge sheet of the

case has been produced for

iudicial determination in

the designated competent

sions Special Judge NIA

Court Srinagar." KNO

'Today on 22nd August

"Handlers have motivat-

said.

India."

Sufi Cultural event held at **Tagore Hall in Srinagar**

the teachings of Sufis and Rishis, a Sufi Cultural event organised by the Kaavish Foundation in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar was held at Tagore Hall here today.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole was the chief Guest on the occasion, while Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad attended the function as Guest of Honour

Besides, Director Kaavish foundation, Sufi Arvind Guru, senior scholars and humankind. students from various universities and colleges from all across were also present on the occasion.

dents presented various Sufi and love for all irrespective cultural items highlighting of caste, region and religion.

SRINAGAR: To highlight the rich Sufi cultural treasure of the J&K valuing our heritage.

Speaking as Chief Guest, the Div Com said that Sufism is a way of realisation of inner self and our Sufis and Rishis have shown us the path towards that goal. He said that Sufism propagates the doctrine of love, compassion, peace, development for mankind, irrespective of any biases and prejudices. He further said we must understand the essentials of Sufism as this gives us an idea of what is beneficial for

The Deputy Commissioner in his address said Sufism is an ideology which believes in co-existence, During the Sufi event stu-spirituality, brotherhood

Public Notice

I have applied for registration of my residential house located at Village Satarseeran Nagbal under Home Stay/ Paying Guest House Scheme to facilitate tourist trade, vide order no 89-JK(TSM) of 2022 of Department of Tourism JK. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/ she may file his/her objection in department of tourism or Assistant Director Tourism Office Gulmarg within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained. Manzoor Ahmad Lone

S/o Habibullah Lone R/o Satar Seeran Nagbal Tehsil Kreeri Distt. baramulla

04 residential houses damaged in Bemina blaze

tial houses were partially damaged in a fire incident in Nundresh Colony A in Remina area of Srinagar this afternoon.

residential houses belong- Colony A.

SRINAGAR: Four residening to Ghulam Qadir Sheikh, Mohd Magbool Bala and Tariq Ahmad Bala, Nasir Ahmad Farooqi, Abdul Ahad Lone and Parveena Akhtar were partially damaged after Reports reaching the fire broke out from a resi-

They said that F&ES with the help of police and locals doused off the flames to prevent any further damages.

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident and investigation was news agency said that four dential house in Nundresh underway to ascertain the cause of fire, kno

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Subject: Cancellation of tenders.

OFFICE ORDER

Consequent upon the directions from Administrative department vide No. ASHF-PLG/18/2021-03-O/o ASH&F Dated:- 18.08.2022 , the following e-NIT's invited for procurement/importation of livestock (Sheep & Goats) from Uttrakhnad , Himachal Pradesh, Punjab , Haryana & other states shall be deemed to have been cancelled ab intio due to technical issues.

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EDITORIAL

COVID-19 and mental health

ovid-19 virus remains a threat and as put by Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, all individuals ought to defend themselves and take precautions including appropriate behavior and vaccination. Those who have taken a second dose and exceeded six months should take the precautionary dose quickly. Those with co-morbidity ought to avail of the power instantly, Dr. Paul underlined and perfectly so. As has been observed by experts, a pandemic is not just a medical phenomenon. It affects individuals and society and causes disruption, anxiety, stress, stigma, and xenophobia. A current paper printed within the Lancet Psychiatry journal, which checked out 1.25 million affected person data, has now confirmed that covid-19 virus can increase the risk for some neurological and psychiatric conditions within the first six months after an infection. The current examination means that a few of these dangers can last for not less than two years. It additionally stated that danger profiles and trajectories range in kids in contrast with adults and older adults, and differ between variants of the virus. The comparable dangers seen after the emergence of Omicron point out that the neurological and psychiatric burden of the pandemic would possibly proceed even with variants that result in any other case much less extreme illness. One of the main consequences of the pathogen is the prevalence of the depression and anxiety symptoms. A relevant issue is the risk of self-harm by some people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is relevant to consider how the pandemic led to worsening of the psychological state of people with pre-existing psychiatric conditions and other medical diseases. Also how it impacted those who were otherwise normal. Considering the prevalence of the presented clinical conditions, several risk factors need to be thoroughly looked into. There has increased anxiety among people as the prevalence of symptoms of unease and sleep problems has been found in people by the researchers. Lately, the covid has not been as threatening as it was in the beginning. Nevertheless it can raise its ugly head, and it is hard to predict if it may prove dangerous. In such a scenario, precautions hold the key and must be ordinarily adhered to in letter and spirit. The situation also demands pro-activeness and applying of mind on how to deal with the crisis. Equally, medical professionals must offer care and therapy in a sophisticated manner. At the same time, organizations, and families must come together to offer solidarity and support those who require immediate attention.

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KNOW WHEN TO LET GO

SHAFIYA SHOWKAT

hatever begins will end, eventually. Things stop working after a certain period. Even after living for a long time, people die at some point. It's just how things work. While you start doing a thing, you have to keep in mind how it's going to end. Nothing is going to last forever and nothing should work forever. After a certain time, journeys should end, things should stop working, and people should die. Living forever is not a good idea; it'll only hurt you and those who love you.

You know what, maybe it might have worked out if ageing wasn't a thing. Ageing spoils everything. Time can, no doubt, make you experienced but it also takes away your zeal for life. You no longer see things in the same light as before, you no longer wish for the same things as before, and you no longer feel the same way about people as before. Once you've passed a particular phase of life, your needs change and so do your desires. But some people grow up faster. In a few years, they live a life of decades. While some grow tired of it in some days

We keep saying, work hard, make money, learn to communicate so that good things would happen later on. But how long should one work to be finally able



enjoy them, while you still have the energy to enjoy them? Is there fun in suffocating for decades just to enjoy a moment of freedom?

For me, it's a little complicated. I always tend to overthink a little. It hurts me to see people who were once proud of their strength and courage, weak and dependent. People who once took care of others are in desperate need

all the good things when they don't should stop working at once and happen while you are still able to not in intervals. But even at that time, I am only caring about myself and how it would affect me. Life drives me crazy and not just my life but of others as well. If I can't fix something, I should at least have the courage to accept its flaws. But no. I can't, because I don't want to.

How do we really know that this person has reached the end and is dying now? Well, I think it is when they stop hoping. Hope keeps us of someone's care. It hurts me to alive. In childhood it's the hope to see them dying every single day. grow up, after growing up it's the now excite me, but I hope I never

to enjoy life? What's the point of I often think that things or people hope to be successful, after being successful it's the hope to rest after retirement, and after that it's just the hope to die easily and win

> That's why I never stop hoping, it reminds me that I still am alive and breathing and that I haven't vet reached the end. I hope things would get better and I keep telling myself that things are already better, it's just that I am not able to comprehend them properly. After a certain age maybe I, too, will grow old and tired of things that

stop hoping and I hope I would become a sign of hope for those who are hopeless.

When you wish an end to something, it's not necessarily because you hate them but because you love them a little too much. Wishing someone or something a peaceful end does not always make you a bad person. It's better to vanish than to be in pain. And I am glad I realised this reality at an early age.

There are people for whom better things are waiting on the other side of this world and some times we should love them enough and be brave enough to let them go and find their solace there. without thinking about how their absence would affect us. And we ought to forgive those who already went there without leaving enough memories here, who left without saying goodbye because maybe they too were sick of hopelessness here and we couldn't just be their hope. So, it's better to let them go without feeling sad about it. Similarly, when things stop working, don't overthink them and hurt yourself. Good things always keep coming and going, people keep coming and going, and we should be smart enough to know when to hold onto them and when to let them go. And that's why I say, our biggest strength is to know when

REDUCTION OF PRICES OF ESSENTIAL DRUGS IS IMPERATIVE FOR COMMON PEOPLE

DR ARUN MITRA

The news that the company producing Paracetamol in the trade name of 'Dolo spent 1000 crore rupees as freebies to the doctors for the promotion of their drug is a matter of concern. It shows the total failure of the government in regulating the pharmaceutical marketing practices. It is well known that Pharma companies spend huge amount of money for promotion of their products. Much of this is spent in organizing medical conferences in the name of continued medical education programmes many a times at lavish

This ultimately adds to the cost of drugs and adds to out-of-pocket expenditure of the patients. The government framed Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP). A letter of the ministry of chemicals and fertilizers, department of pharmaceuticals dated 12 December 2014 had mentioned that this will be voluntary for a period of six months with effect from 1st January 2015 and will be reviewed thereafter. Obviously, the voluntary clause did not yield noticeable results.

Admitting this fact, Shri H.N. Ananth Kumar, the then Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers, said in the Rajya Sabha in June 2016 that the voluntary code introduced in 2015 had not yielded desired results and that the government would make it mandatory because the pharmaceutical companies did not take any tangible steps to implement the code. Clauses 6 and 7 of the code prohibit the Pharma companies from giving freebies to the medical professionals. But despite several representations from the public health activists and civil society groups the practice has not stopped.

The Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette between the government and the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceu- to buy from here".

and Ethics) regulation also warns Pharma companies. When a delegaticals Ltd. (IDPL) in 1961 he said the doctors against such practices to receive financial benefits in any form including for attending education programs. Taking cognizance of the matter even the central board of direct taxes (CBDT) in its Circular No. 5/2012 [F. NO. 225/142/2012-ITA.II], Dated 1-8-2012 had said that any such expenditure by the Pharma company will not be considered for tax deductions. After ten years the order has been reconfirmed by the Apex court.

Expressing concern over pharmaceutical companies giving freebies to doctors, which push medicine prices up, the Supreme Court on 22nd February 2022 held that they are not entitled to claim tax exemption on the expenditure incurred in giving incentives to medical practitioners to promote their medical products and it would be considered as part of their income

As per the guidelines in the UCPMP the companies have to adopt stipulated procedures laid down by the competent authority for involving doctors in their research projects. These companies then use doctor's reference including her/his photograph in their promotional literature. The UCPMP prohibits such work.

Ironically statement by the Minister of Chemicals & fertilizers DV ment in September 2020 that the Union government has no plans to make the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) mandatory is very disappointing. He said this in reply to a question by K. Muraleedharan, Congress MP from Kerala in the Lok Sabha.

The u-turn on making UCPMP mandatory raises suspicion of lack of will on the part of the government to keep its commitment the purpose to produce cheap bulk and smacks of some unfair deal drugs. While inaugurating the

tion of the Alliance of Doctor for Ethical Healthcare had submitted its opinion to the drugs price regulating body, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in February 2020, they were told that the NPPA has no jurisdiction to check the companies. This has to be done through changes in the law at the ministerial level.

The high cost of drugs seriously affects the healthcare of our population. As nearly 67% of out-of-pocket health expenditure in our country is on drugs. High out of pocket expenditure pushes 6.3 crore population below poverty line every year, a fact admitted in the National Health Policy document 2017. But the government has not taken any tangible steps to control the excess trade margin in the sale of drugs and medical devices.

A committee was formed to look into High Trade Margins in the Sale of Drugs on 16 September 2015. This committee took serious note of the excess trade margins. They pointed out that in some cases the trade margin is as high as 5000%. This committee submitted its report on 9 December 2015. But it is now almost 7 years that the government has been sleeping over it.

The pricing of the drugs should cost involved in its production. The Sadananda Gowda in the Parlia- market-based pricing, calculating emergency (leptospirosis) arising ening the pharmaceutical PSUs if the average of the highest selling drugs is totally a flawed approach.

Therefore, it is high time the government makes the UCPMP mandatory and comes out with an effective control on drug prices.

Having sensed that private sector in the pharmaceutical sector would be exploitative, our first Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru took initiative to produce the drugs in the public sector with

"the drug industry must be in the public sector.... I think an industry of the nature of the drug industry should not be in the private sector anyhow. There is far too much exploitation of the public in this industry'

With this vision, IDPL was incorporated in April 1961 It was established with main objectives of creating self-sufficiency in respect of essential lifesaving medicines, to free the country from dependence on imports and to provide medicines to the millions at affordable prices and not to make millions from the medicines. IDPL played a pioneering infra-structural role in the growth of Indian Drug Industry base. It played a major role in the strategic National Health Programmes like Family Welfare Programme & Population Control (Mala-D & Mala-N) anti-malarial (Chloroquine) and prevention of dehydration (ORS) by providing quality medicines During the country's calam-

ity of outbreak of Plague in 1994, IDPL was the only company which played the sheet anchor role in supplying Tetracycline for the entire Nation. Similarly, company had made uninterrupted supply of Chloroquine to combat Malaria country. In 2005 to combat national due to flood in Maharashtra, IDPL had supplied required Doxycycline Capsules within no time. IDPL has always supplied quality medicines and its presence has played a price balancing role in the competitive & business environment. World Health Organisation had made its observations on IDPL as follows: "IDPL had achieved in 10 years what others have in 50. IDPL products have been examined for quality very carefully by the developed countries and many of them want

Similarly, the foundation stone of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd (HAL) was laid by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Central Research Institute (CRI) Kasauli is pioneer in the field of vaccines not only in India but in the world. Founded on 3rd of May 1905 the institute was originally established with a mandate of research work in the field of medical and public health, manufacture of vaccines and antiserum, human resource development and to act as a national referral centre for public health problems.

But when there was shift in the economic policies and there were changes in the patent rights laws under the WTO after it was founded on 1st January 1995, the whole scenario started changing. Indian companies had to bear the brunt and major impact was on the Public Sector Units (PSUs). The IDPL, HAL and Kasauli were financially constrained. Cheap vaccines produced by these companies now became very expensive and out of reach of common man.

The Union Cabinet's recommendation in its cabinet meeting dated 28th December 2016 to close down and sell the pharmaceutical PSUs is a big blow to the concept of the state ensuring affordable, and possibly free-of-cost, medicines for be calculated on the basis of the epidemic in different parts of the millions. It is time to raise voice to build public opinion for strengththe country really wants affordable medicines for the people.

As per the NPPA order dated 25th March 2020 there are 856 drugs whose ceiling price has been fixed by the NPPA. Since the drug (Medicine and medical device) is not a luxury there should be ceiling on price of all the drugs without exception. The public sector units should be rejuvenated and strengthened to ensure affordable drug prices.

WHAT GETS MEASURED, GETS MANAGED

VIJAY GARG

he huge volumes of leakages in plastic wastes demands a clarion call for a recycling revolution in the country. India has launched a nationwide awareness campaign on Single Use Plastics (SUP). Plastic forks and spoons that come along with your food through your online food delivery platforms; earbuds with plastic stems; thermocol sheets that are used widely in decorations - these are some of the many single use plastics (SUPs) that have banned by the Union government. The ban, effective, July 1, hopes to enforce Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to phase out SUPs by the end of 2022. The need to tackle this problem has been identified at both the national and international level. India was one of the 175 countries that pledged to develop a legally binding international treaty to curb plastic pollution across the

is already having a tough time when it comes to enforcing the ban, rate is largely dominated by highly one of the reasons being that there is no specific state machinery in rous & non-ferrous scrap, paper,

place for this, according to experts. Shop owners have also cited the lack of cheap and mass-produced alternatives to SUPs as a concern in implementing the ban. In the year 2020-21 alone, India generated 41.26 lakh tonnes of plastic waste, as per a government press release based on data from State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees.

Plastic per se is not a problem, it is uncollected plastic waste that is. While India prepares to phase out single use plastics, this is an important point that warrants attention of the policy makers. Plastics are going to stay with us as not all plastics are bad. Only certain plastics which cannot be recycled gets dumped un-managed. Same is true for any material that has little recycling potential in the region in which it is generated. India's recycling rates are low viz-a-viz the volumes of waste it generates. As per Material Recycling Association (MRAI) India's recycling However, the Union government rates stands at 30% sup>[1]. The data associated with this recycling recyclable materials such as fer-



rubber, and tyre etc. Recycling of chart in recycling rates. materials such as plastics is not very well documented. The litter that we see around and India's policy focus on plastic waste are country and not very well docuindicators of the fact that this mented. The Central Pollution resource is at the bottom of the

Recycling of plastics in India is still largely informal. The Number of plastic recyclers is small in the Control Board (in its annual report

of 2018-19 estimated that India generated about 13 Lakh tonnes of plastics annually. Same report said that the country has about 5000 registered plastics manufacturing/recycling units and about 1000 unregistered units. Many states did not report the number of recyclers available and none of the states reported what is the installed capacity of these plastic recycling units.

There is a saving that what gets measured, gets managed. India historically has been a resource smart country. The long history of poverty and thrive to develop from limited available financial resources has made the populace doing more with less. Recycling supports this frugal approach. Policy wise India is very well placed. The 2016 rules and subsequent amendments were made in the right direction. All that is needed is the right implementation of these rules. India needs to shift its focus to seeing waste as a resource and develop technology around utilisation of these resources which are leaking in the

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Study reveals consuming high amount of protein during diet can lead to healthier eating habits

ating a larger proportion of protein while dieting helps to avoid the loss of lean body mass and also leads to better food choices, according to a new Rutgers study.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Obesity.

An analysis of pooled data from multiple weight-loss trials conducted at Rutgers shows that increasing the amount of protein even slightly, from 18 percent of a person's food intake to 20 percent, has a substantial impact on the quality of the food choices made by the person. The study was published in the medical journal Obesity."It's somewhat remarkable that a self-selected, slightly higher protein intake during dieting is accompanied by higher intake of green vegetables, and reduced intake of refined grains and added sugar," said Sue Shapses, author of the study and a professor of nutritional sciences at the Rutgers School of Environmental and

that's precisely what we found."



to the dieters: a reduced loss of lean diet quality is poorly understood, body mass often associated with according to researchers. weight loss

found a moderately higher intake with healthier outcomes, but the nection between protein intake and

of protein provided another benefit link between protein intake and

'The impact of self-selected Weight-loss regimens that dietary protein on diet quality has often spur dieters to reduce the knowledge, like this," said Anna intake of healthy foods that con- Ogilvie, co-author of the study and Biological Sciences (SEBS). "But tain micronutrients such as iron a doctoral student in the Depart-

diet quality is often suboptimal in and to expend the balance of their the U.S., and higher-protein weight loss diets are popular."

The data was collected from more than 200 men and women participating in clinical trials at Rutgers funded by the National Institutes of Health over the past two decades. The analysis of food records and diet quality for this study was funded by the Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences in Washington, D.C. Participants were between the ages of 24 and 75 and registered a body mass index that categorized them as either overweight or obese. All participants were encouraged to lose weight by following a 500-calorie-deficit diet and met regularly for nutrition counseling and support over a sixmonth period.

The participants were given employ calorie restrictions can not been examined before, to our nutrition advice based on the guidelines of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the American Diabetes Association. They and zinc. Ingesting higher levels ment of Nutritional Sciences at were encouraged to allot 18 percent In addition, the researchers of proteins is often associated Rutgers SEBS. "Exploring the contein, such as poultry, unprocessed

diet quality is important because red meat, fish, legumes and dairy, calories on fruits, vegetables and whole grains. They were discouraged from ingesting saturated fats, refined grains, sugar and salt.

Participants kept detailed food records, which researchers analyzed for diet quality, specific categories of foods consumed and ratios and specific sources of protein. The participants who self-selected their protein intake were then characterized by researchers into a lowerprotein approach with 18 percent of overall calories coming from protein or a higher-protein approach with 20 percent of the overall food intake coming from protein.

The study concludes: Both lowand high-protein groups lost the same amount of weight - about five per cent of their body weight over six months. Higher-protein groups individuals chose a mix of healthier foods to eat overall. Higher-protein group individuals specifically increased intake of green vegetables and cut back on sugar and refined grains. Higher-protein group individuals were better able to retain their lean muscle mass

Avoid THESE foods if you are suffering from digestive problems

Veryone at some point or the other has had digestive problems and this could be a result of several factors. From



eating the wrong kind of food to not eating well. digestive problems can be caused due to several reasons

However, it is important that you take care of your digestive tract so as to heal from the condition as early as possible. Avoiding certain foods and eating some others can help with the condition. Eating food which can improve the condition of the digestive system is important as it can help heal the condition. Food such as yoghurt, fruits and chia seeds are some of them that you could consider adding to your diet. However, it is also important that you avoid certain food. Here, take a look at the foods that you must avoid if you are suffering from digestive problems.

Oily food: Food that is oily and fried can give you an acid reflux and also heartburn. This happens because oily and fried food can become difficult to digest, resulting in slow stomach emptying which could be the reason for the heartburn.

Caffeine: Avoid caffeine if you are suffering from digestive distress as this can make the condition worse. Consuming too much caffeine can cause diarrhoea because it can enhance your gastrointestinal tract motility.

Dairy products: Products made from cow's milk can cause acid reflux and therefore if you are suffering from digestive problems it is best that you avoid consuming such products.

Spicy food: Spicy food could be one of the major reasons for digestive distress and consuming it even when you are having problems with digestion can only make it worse. It might lead to indigestion and heartburn and it is best that you avoid

Chicory coffee: The health benefits of drinking this lesser-known beverage

coffee has a similar taste to that of coffee and it is often thought to be a caffeine-free alternative to the popular beverage. It is made from a plant by roasting, grind



ing, and brewing the roots of the chicory plant.

Due to its very earthy and nutty flavour and caffeine-free property, this beverage is becoming increasingly popular. Along with that, chicory coffee has several health benefits due to the presence of several essential vitamins and minerals in it. Also, it is low in fats which is again a good thing if you are trying to lose some weight. Take a look at the benefits of drinking this beverage

It is good for your digestive health. The root of the chicory plant is a good source of fibre and it helps to improve digestion. Along with that, it also improves the health of gut microbes which then works to improve the overall gut health.

It may help reduce inflammation. Chronic inflammation is bad for the body as it could give rise to several health issues such as diabetes or heart disease. The root of the chicory plant helps to reduce such inflammations in the body thereby, reducing the risks of diseases.

It is caffeine-free. This beverage doesn't have caffeine in it and drinking this can eventually help to reduce your caffeine intake. Excessive intake of caffeine can make you jittery, nauseous and also have several other health effects.

It can help lower blood sugar. The roots of this plant have inulin in them which helps lower the blood sugar levels. The inulin helps to reduce insulin resistance in the body which eventually works to reduce blood sugar levels.

Covid-19 infection raises brain disorder, epilepsy risks in kids months later, reports Lancet



dren who suffered from Covid-19 are also at an increased risk of cognitive deficit, insomnia, ischaemic stroke, nerve/psychotic disorders and epilepsy or seizures even months after they were infected, a large-scale observational study of over 1.25 million patient health records has revealed.

According to The Lancet Psychiatry journal, the study that looked at data of 185,748 children found that post-Covid risk trajectories differed in children com- increased risks of isch- overall excess of these diagpared with adults.

increased risk of mood or anxiety disorders

However, they had "an increased risk of cognitive deficit, insomnia, intracranial haemorrhage, ischroot, and plexus disorders, psychotic disorders, and epilepsy or seizures".

deficit in children had a finite risk horizon (75 days) and a finite time to equal

ot just adults, chil- incidence (491 days).

benign overall profile of tified data from health care psychiatric risk than do adults and older adults, but 89 million patients collecttheir sustained higher risk of some diagnoses is of concern," said the study.

A sizeable proportion of older adults who received a neurological or psychiatric diagnosis, in either cohort, subsequently died, especially those diagnosed with dementia or epilepsy

SARS-CoV-2 infection, insomnia, and anxiety disresearchers noted. children were not at an orders were observed, compounded by an increased death rate

was a lower death rate than persisted throughout. just before emergence of ric outcomes remained similar," revealed the study, led Unlike adults, cognitive versity of Oxford in the UK.

The observational study 'TriNetX' electronic health the researchers warned.

records network, an inter-"Children have a more national network of de-idenrecords of approximately ed from hospital, primary care, and specialist providers (mostly from the US, but also from Australia, the UK, Spain, Bulgaria, India Malaysia, and Taiwan).

"This analysis of 2-year retrospective cohort studies of individuals diagnosed with Covid-19 showed that the increased incidence of Just after the emer- mood and anxiety disorgence of the delta variant, ders was transient, with no $aemic\ stroke,\ epilepsy\ or\ noses\ compared\ with\ other$ In the six months after seizures, cognitive deficit, respiratory infections," the

In contrast, the increased risk of psychotic disorder, cognitive deficit, dementia, "With Omicron, there and epilepsy or seizures

"The fact that neurothe variant, but the risks of logical and psychiatric outaemic stroke, nerve, nerve neurological and psychiat- comes were similar during the Delta and Omicron waves, indicate that the by researchers at the Uni- burden on the health-care system might continue even with variants that are less extracted data from the severe in other respects,'

Pilates vs Yoga: The Differences and the benefits of the two

ith the ever-changing forms of workouts, you might want to switch from one form to the other. However, not all forms of workout might work for you because of the impacts each of them have on the body. Also, it depends on the form of workout that you enjoy doing, you might like to do cardio or yoga and both of them are going to have different impacts on your body.

Similarly, yoga and pilates are two different forms of exercise. While both of them are low-impact workouts, their benefits vary. Both forms of workouts can help to improve the overall health of an individual. Here take a look at the benefits of yoga and pilates.

Benefits of yoga: Yoga has several branches and there are different forms of yoga. Breathing and mindfulness are the most



diseases and health conditions if they are detected in the early stages. It combines physical activity and mindful focus and can increase awareness of breathing and energy. Yoga can also help if you are suffering from the following health conditions: anxiety, arthritis, respiratory conditions, high blood pressure, chronic pain and several other health issues.

Benefits of pilates:

can also help with posture and reduce pain in the muscles and joints. This form of exercise focuses majorly on small movements of the body. Pilates can be done on a mat or using equipments. These equipments are made using springs, and levers, and it uses your body to give it resistance. Pilates can help you if you are suffering from arthritis, respiratory conditions, joint injuries Pilates can help to and back pain among others.

Tips that can help maintain a healthy gut during monsoon

ences your overall chances of these diseases and infections also increase and therefore, it is important that vou take care of vourself.

The changing seasons affect your gut health. Due to the flooding, waterlogging and humidity; a lot of times bacteria and germs tend to spread and the food and water can get contaminated which eventually gives rise to health issues. Diarrhoea, vomiting, chronic constipation, ulcerative colitis and several other health issues

tends to affect your health. tips on how you can main- of these germs. And with monsoons, the tain your gut health during monsoons.

Avoid unhygienic food: Make sure that the food you are consuming is from a healthy place. Eat food that's homemade and can be easily digested by the body. Avoid eating unhealthy, junk food as it might lead to digestive problems. Also, wash your fruits and vegetables thoroughly before consuming

Wash your hands fremonsoons, it is recom-

ut health is extremely are extremely common mended that you wash your important as it influ-during monsoons. To pre-hands with soap and water vent such conditions, it is frequently. This helps to wellbeing. If you're suffer- important that you main- keep the germs and bacteria ing from a stomach ache or tain a healthy gut during at bay as your hands could stomach flu or diarrhoea, it this season. Here are some be one of the largest carriers

> Drink boiled water: Don't drink water from unhealthy and unhygienic sources as the water could be contaminated which might eventually lead to health conditions. Moreover, drinking boiled water is a healthy option because it gives you additional protection.

Follow hygienic practices: Don't forget to clean yourself everyday as it helps to prevent the germs from settling on your body. Shower, quently: Not just during brush, trim and keep yourself clean

Hypothyroidism: Try THESE natural remedies for the condition

'ypothyroidism is a condition where the thyroid gland can't produce enough of the thyroid hormone. This can often lead to other health issues and also lead to weight gain due to slow metabolism. One of the remedies for hypothyroidism is medications. After you are diagnosed with the condition, it is likely that your doctor will give you medications that can help with the condition

There's no alternative to medications, however, it could also have side effects. And therefore, you could use natural remedies as an alternative. The objective of these natural remedies is not to increase the production of it could help to address the and fix that. Here, take a look at the natural remedies for hypothyroidism.

Follow a sugar-free diet: sugar in your diet. Sugars can increase inflam-

Include probiotics in your help the gut bacteria and mations in the body which diet: Hypothyroidism can work to keep the digestive can eventually slow down lead to the growth of bacte- tracts healthy.

thyroid hormones, however, the conversion of T4 to triio-ria in the small intestine and dothyronine, or T3, another this might also affect the gasroot cause of the problem thyroid hormone. When this trointestinal tract. Problems roidism might also have happens, it can make your in the gastrointestinal tract condition worse, therefore, might lead to conditions like it is best that you avoid that of diarrhoea. Including probiotic supplements can

Adopt a gluten-free diet: Some people with hypothyceliac disease. This is a disorder in which gluten triggers an immune response in the small intestines and therefore, you'll have to avoid the consumption of

Why is it important to consult a dietician?

dietician is a person who is an expert in dietetics and is concerned with diets and the impact of diet on health. Dieticians analyse your body type and other factors that contribute to an individual's overall health. Dieticians can help ensure that you eat the right kind of food so that your body gets the right amount of nutrition. It is important that you

eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly as it is important for your overall wellbeing. Sometimes, you might want to make your own diet plans but these plans might not be helpful because it might lack certain nutrients. Here comes the importance of a dietician as they can help you with eating the right kind of food that can provide you with all essential nutrients. Here, take a look at the importance of consulting a dietician.

They can help you lose weight. A dietician can help you if you are trying to ing to gain some pounds, lose some weight. They will consult a dietitian as they not just recommend you a can help you in the weight that is required for the body diet but they will also guide gain process. They will to function properly and it ic health conditions.



you through a workout plan that can help you shed some weight. Dieticians help you lose weight in a more sustainable and healthy manner than focusing on short-term goals.

They can help you gain weight. Not just weight loss. they can also help you to gain weight. If you are look-

recommend you a diet and along with that a workout regime that can help you achieve your goal. They can recommend you

a healthy and balanced diet. Even if you are not looking to achieve any major fitness goals, you could still consult a dietician as they can recommend you a healthy diet. A healthy and balanced diet is something that you consult a dietician

also improves the body's immune system.

They can help in preventing chronic diseases. Your diet and lifestyle are closely related to chronic diseases. If your diet is not healthy, it might give rise to chronic diseases such as diabetes. heart disease and several other chronic conditions. Therefore, it is important so as to prevent such chron-

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

Ensured best...

Two State Cancer Institute's (one each in Jammu and Kashmir Division) shall be made fully functional with a total cost of Rs. 212 Cr.(104 Cr Jammu & 108 Cr for Kashmir).

Bone & Joint Hospitals are also coming up at both the divisions of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir at a cost of Rs. 129.80 Cr and 200 Bedded Additional Block at LD Hospital Srinagar at a cost of Rs. 132.50 Cr. Out of 140 projects with total outlay of Rs. 881.00 Cr under Prime Minister's Development package (PMDP), 112 projects have already been completed and 28 others are targeted to be completed during this year.

Total 220 Health Projects and related works costing Rs. 1757.00 Cr are targeted to be completed during 2022-23. Against the target of 2742 Health & Wellness centers, 2108 have been made operational in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. 636 more Health & Wellness Centers shall be made opera tional during 2022-23, raising the cumulative progress to 2742 centers

"Rs. 4200 Cr investment in medi-city will also increase number of beds and MBBS seats in the UT of Jammu Kashmir. Proposed hospitals, paramedical college and super specialty hospitals will add 1,000 MBBS seats, bringing huge relief to the youth planning for a career in medical studies," the Lt Governor further added.

SIA Kashmir...

as sub-agents to arrange logistics for transportation of arms, ammunition and other support material from one place to another for furtherance of terrorist designs for the purpose of sabotage and carrying out attacks on security forces to meet the objective of secession of UT of J&K from the Union of India," the SIA said.

On Monday the charge sheet of the case was produced for judicial determination in the designated competent court of Additional Sessions Special Judge NIA Court Srinagar.

AC approves...

The decision is aimed at promoting equity, inclusion and accountability in providing compassionate appointment by introducing a criteria-based assessment for establishing compassion in the bereaved family based on best practices evolved out of experiential learning over the years.

The new scheme will grant appointment or monetary compensation on compassionate grounds to a dependent family member of a Government servant, who may die in harness or as a result of militancy-related action or due to enemy action on the Line of Control/International Border within Jammu and Kashmir and is not involved in militancy-related activities or retires on invalid pension, thereby, leaving his family in penury and without any means of livelihood. The scheme will extend relief to the family of the Government servant and save them from financial destitution

To bring greater transparency and equity, besides ensuring adequate safeguards against the misuse of the rehabilitation assistance framework, the new scheme has incorporated provisions for receiving online applications in a centralized manner in GAD on a designated portal; constituting a screening committee in GAD to make appraisal and recommendations; making the Administrative Secretary in the GAD the only competent authority for approving the case of compassionate appointment/monetary compensations (in cases where relaxations are not required); proposing a 5% cap for cases to be considered in relaxation of rules; making relaxation criteria more transparent/objective; and keeping applicants eligible for consideration upto 5 years from the date of submission of applications.

Further, under the new scheme, the number of vacancies and the merit list of the eligible candidates will be prepared annually and eligible candidates will be considered purely on the basis of merit obtained with regard to a point-based merit system on quarterly basis. Both the list of vacancies merit list of candidates will be put out in the public domain to make the process fully transparent and accountable.

The appointment on compassionate grounds will be made for the Multi Tasking Staff or equivalent or lowest non-Gazetted cadre posts in the Department. However, if an applicant is a Graduate or has higher qualification, there are provisions to allow discretion for considering appointment

Member DDC Poonch... in the non-gazetted cadre.

However, the compassionate appointment cases still pending disposal in GAD under the existing SRO 43 for various trauma hospital, besides connectivity between Poonch and reasons including relaxation of rules and identification of post in other department; will be dealt with in accordance with with SRO 43 of 1994, as amended from time to time.

Furthermore, the new scheme also provides for extending support to the dependants under various self employment/ Government sponsored employment generating schemes for obtaining credit as per the laid down norms for setting up a manufacturing unit or a trading venture. The new scheme will put an end to the uncertainty that plagued the erstwhile Compassionate Appointment Rules due to which cases lingered on for years together. The new scheme is expected to provide immediate succour to NOKs of employees who die

'Will move...

officer Hirdesh Kumar on the addition of voters in the revised electoral rolls after which the Jammu and Kashmir's Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) issued a clarification stating that there is no change in the special provisions for the enrolment of Kashmiri migrants.

Peoples Conference chairman Sajad Gani Lone on Monday said his party will hold protests, including going on hunger strike, outside all constitutional institutions of the country if any non-locals were enrolled as voters in Jammu and Kashmir.

"We will wait till 1st October when the draft electoral rolls are published. If there is any wrongdoing ... if the electoral demography is sought to be changed, we will hit the streets, not only here but in front of all constitutional institutions of the country like Parliament. We will go on hunger strike. This battle cannot be fought here...We have to make people of India aware about what is happening," Lone said.

Referring to the clarification of the union territory administration on the issue of non-local voters, he said, "We neither accept nor reject the clarification in totality." Lone, who was accompanied by party leader and former law secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Mohammad Ashraf, said under the Constitution of India, enrolling outsiders as voters in Jammu and Kashmir was not possible.

For the unversed, the government on Saturday issued a clarification, saying the reports of a likely addition of over 25 lakh voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls is a "misrepresentation of facts by vested interests"

BJP to chalk...

J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina has called the meeting of senior leaders at the party headquarters, a party spokes-

He said the meeting is being held to chalk out a "counterstrategy" against the "all-party" meeting called by National explain) per kg, nearly 80 percent of the material used in Conference president Farooq Abdullah in Srinagar over the issue of inclusion of non-local voters in the revised electoral rolls in the Union Territory.

The NC president had called the meeting after remarks related to the addition of voters in the revised rolls by the UT's Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar raised hackles

of the regional parties

The government on Saturday had issued a clarification saying the reports of a likely addition of over 25 lakh voters after the summary revision of electoral rolls is a "misrepre sentation of facts by vested interests"

The Kashmiri migrants "will continue to be given the option of voting at their place of enrolment or through postal ballot or through specially set up polling stations at Jammu Udhampur, Delhi, etc," it said.

Kumar had recently announced that the Union Territory was likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls being held for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370.

The BJP had defended the Chief Electoral Officer and said his remarks are "legally and constitutionally" correct

BJP's chief spokesperson Sunil Sethi said under the law anyone who is a citizen of India and not barred by any law can choose to be a voter in any area, State or Union Territory where he or she may ordinarily reside.

"The same being made applicable to Jammu and Kash mir only. Post Art 370 there has to be one India one law," he said, accusing the opposition of trying to project the "wrong

"They are trying somehow to create exceptions in Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory which is not permissible People of J&K have welcomed centers August 5, 2019 deci

J&K logs 131...

and 1882in Kashmir Division), 469103have recovered and 4779have died; 2347 in Jammu division and 2432in Kashmi division

The Bulletin also informs that 31,028 doses of COVID Vaccine have been administered in the last 24 hours across Jammu and Kashmir bringing the cumulative number of doses administered to 2,41,07,155 till date.

The Bulletin further said that out of 26374108 test results available, 476175samples have tested positive and 25897933 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides 7,934COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 6699097 persons have been enlisted for observa tion which included 153 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 2293in isolation and 359in home surveillance. Besides, 6691513 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Providing district-wise breakup for positive cases for today, the Bulletin informs that in Kashmir division, Srinagar reported 24 cases, Baramulla reported 37 cases Budgam 12 cases, Pulwama reported 03cases, Kupwara reported 17 cases, Anantnag reported 04 cases, Bandipora reported 04 cases, Ganderbal reported 15 cases, Kulgam reported 01casewhile as Shopian reported no fresh case

Similarly in Jammu division, Jammu reported 07 cases Udhampur 00, Rajouri 00, Doda 01, Kathua 01, Samba 00, Kishtwar 05, Poonch 00, Ramban 00 and Reasi also reported no fresh case for today.

Advisory Board...

Mazdoor Sangh Labor Union, J&K Representative of State Central Labor Union, J&K Representative of All India Trade Union Congress Srinagar, Representative of Center of Indian Trade Unions, J&K, and Representative of Indian National Trade Union Congress, J&K, Jammu.

To be serviced by the Labor and Employment Department, the terms of reference of the Advisory Board includes that it shall consider all the representations received in response to the notified proposal of the Government, up to 27th August, 2022

"The Advisory Board shall advise the Government on revised minimum wage rates to be adopted and any other matter related with minimum wages placed before the Board," the order reads, adding, "The Advisory Board shall submit its advice/recommendations to the Government by

of road and drinking water facilities, establishment of Kashmir valley via Loran-Tangmarg road.

Meanwhile, Syed Rehana, Chairperson of Arising Kashmir, an NGO working for the promotion of various sports activities among the youth met the Lt Governor and apprised him about the various programs run by the NGO for the benefit of the Community.

Similarly, Muneera Tantray, BJP Vice President, Minority, J&K also called on the Lt Governor and submitted a memorandum on behalf of the people of Kokernag, pertaining to promotion of medicinal and mushroom plantation

Interacting with the DDC member, Rehana and Tantray, the Lt Governor assured them of appropriate redressal of their genuine issues by taking them up with the concerned. The Lt Governor further urged them to continue their endeavors towards public welfare.

Apple growers...

apples, on which no import tax had been paid, caused demand for the Kashmiri variety to decline and prices to plunge by up to 50 percent this year, with huge quantities of the fruit remaining unsold and left to rot. Local growers have demanded that the government levy 100 percent import duty on the Iranian apples.

And on top of all their hardships has come the steep increase in apple packaging costs in a state where 70% of households depend on horticulture directly or indirectly for a livelihood. Horticulture contributes Rs.8,000 crore to

In north Kashmir's apple-growing town of Sopore, a cardboard carton in which the fruit is packed, is costing Rs 95-100 this year, compared to Rs 50-65 last year, a grower complained. Elsewhere, a wooden box that last year cost between Rs 50 and Rs 60 is now being sold for about Rs 110; a cardboard box's price has gone up from Rs 35-40 to Rs. 55-60.

"The rise in packaging prices has raised our costs while the selling price has remained either low or the same," apple grower Mohammad Ashraf Mir, 30, said Growers claimed that suppliers hoard packaging material

and sell it at inflated prices because the industry is highly unregulated. "Forget profits, the growers are now incurring heavy

losses. For example, the current production cost on making an empty apple box is Rs. 350-550 which is ultimately sold with apples at Rs. 400-500," said Fayaz Ahmad Malik, presi dent of Asia's second largest fruit market, located in Sopore.

Abid Mir, an entrepreneur who manufactures cardboard boxes for packing apples, said that because of Covid-19, the price of raw material has increased, in turn in increasing the price of cartons.

There is a sudden hike of Rs. 10-20 on kraft (please making cardboard boxes, due to which the prices have increased; 18 percent GST (goods and services tax) on packaging material has also hit the industry. We pay 12 percent GST while purchasing raw material and in return we sell

the boxes with 18 percent GST," added Mir. Mohammad Shafi, who manufactures wooden apple boxes

NC, PDP, Congress doing propaganda, trying to mislead people of J&K: Ravinder Raina

West Pakistani Refugee, Gorkha Samaj, Dalit community were denied their fundamental right to vote and their human rights were violated in Jammu and Kashmir for past 70 years," said Ravinder Raina.

"The Congress party will have to answer to the people of the country, the law which Pandit Nehru brought in 1950, why is the Congress party opposing that law? said Ravinder Raina.

Rayinder Raina accompa nied by MP (Lok Sabha) Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Dy. CM of J&K, former Dy. CM of J&K Kavinder Gupta, former Minister Sat Sharma, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta and Secretary Ajay Pargal was addressing media persons at BJP headquarter, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu.

The BJP in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday slammed the NC, PDP and others for raking up the issue of "inclusion of nonlocal voters" in the revised electoral rolls in the Union Territory and alleged they were spreading propaganda to disturb the peace.

Ravinder Raina said that Representation of Peoples Act 1950 was applicable all over India since 1950 and now it has become applicable to J&K as well after the abrogation of controversial articles 370 and 35 (a). Now with the application of this Act everybody above the age of 18 who is residing in Jammu & Kashmir can participate in the election process, which is a Constitutional process This is a deliberate malicious attempt of propaganda against the judicial process

grass and paper," Shafi said.

Police recover...

Circular road.

task, a worker is demanding Rs 800-1,000

area of Tral in the south Kashmir district.



gress along with certain other parties

Raina said that these parhas worked with the principle of "Sabka Sath, Sabka path of peace and progress are getting unnerved. J&K is today progressing towards the golden era of being again recognized as the paradise on Earth, but these parties are running political propagandas to mislead people.

Raina said, "To vote is

Raina asked that Con-

have themselves contested elections from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh for their

unleashed by NC, PDP, Con- own benefits but when

ties have ruled J&K for over 70 years and always did the politics of divide and rule. Now, when the Modi govt Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" and J&K is progressing on the these power hungry parties

the right of every citizen of India who is above the age of 18 years. Now after the delimitation, youth above the age of 18 years are being added as new voters, but NC, PDP, Congress are misleading people".

gress party has to answer that in 1950 Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and Congress government brought that law, why congress is doing propaganda against it now. Raina said that they

in south Kashmir's Pulwama district, said a shortage of

wood to make apple boxes in Kashmir has contributed to

also led to the cost escalation. The ply unit holders pay Rs.

250 per feet while the apple growers not just pay Rs. 250 per

feet but also incur charges on cutting the wood and hiring

labour to make boxes while using nails and procuring dry

Khan said that last year a labourer who picked apples

Malik said the prices have increased during the off-season

The IED was recovered by security forces in the Beihgund

Commenting on the development, the Kashmir Zone

Police today said, "On a specific input of police, an IED,

approx 10-12 Kgm has been recovered in Beihgund area of

#Tral. Police and Army are on the job to destroy it insitu. A

wama. The IED was recovered near the Tahab Crossing on

when security forces recovered a 15 kg IED in the Pulwama

district of Jammu and Kashmir. Two terrorist associates

In the month of June, a similar incident was reported

Farooqi, Abdul Ahad Lone and Parveena Akhtar were

They said F&ES with the help of police and locals doused

Meanwhile, police have taken cognizance of the incident

and initiated investigation to ascertain the cause of fire.

partially damaged after fire broke out from a residential

Earlier this month, ahead of the Independence Day celebrations across the country, the Jammu and Kashmir Police recovered approximately 25 to 30 kilograms of IED in Pul-

major #terror incident averted. @JmuKmrPolice.'

were arrested in connection with the matter

off the flames to prevent any further damages.

Four houses...

house in Nundresh Colony A.

from trees was paid Rs 500 to Rs 700 a day. Now for the same

and he fears the packaging and labour costs may rise in the

upcoming harvest season, which starts in early September.

'Massive use of the poplar wood by ply industries has

some body who is residing here for many decades are getting rights, these parties are trying to vitiate the atmosphere. We are all residents of 1 nation and there is no discrimination against anyone. Law is same for everyone and Constitution of India has given right to equality to everyone.

Raina added that the people of J&K are residing in Delhi, Maharashtra etc for many years, they have surrendered the vote in J&K and have got voting rights there. There was no propaganda there and no one called them outsiders in those places.

Former CM Mufti 1989 contested elections in Muzaffar Nagar in Uttar Pradesh and later he took oath as Home Minister. Former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad won election from Maharashtra and nobody called him non-local.

Rain said, "WPRs, Valmikis, Gorkhas were residing in J&K for decades but were denied their rights by these parties to vote in assembly, DDC, BDC etc. There were gross human rights violations with these people. Why these parties are opposing rights to these all?'

When they need to contest elections they feel home once again".

when it comes to give rights to everyone they are unsafe,

Raina asked. For 70 years, there was discrimination with Paharis, Gujjars-Bakkarwals, OBCs but these were never given their rights. These parties are the enemies of people enemies of peace and progress in the Nation, Raina

Continuing his tirade against the NC, Congress and PDP, he alleged, "They have come together under a conspiracy to mislead the public and disturb the peace.

"They have always done their politics over the dead bodies. They are anti-people and least bothered about the prosperity and development of J&K which is taking place at a fast pace under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"They have enjoyed power only because of boycott politics with the support of separatists and Pakistan. They want a return to bomb attacks, stone pelting and strikes," he said.

"They were saying that after the abrogation of 370 no body will be there to hoist Tiranga, but they have seen that how enthusiastic people celebrated "Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan" in every corner of Jammu & Kashmir. They have now understood that no body is buying their theories and hence resorting to new propaganda now" Raina said.

He said. "BJP will restore the golden era of Jammu and Kashmir and safeguard the fundamental and human rights of each citizen to make it a heaven on earth

DDC Rajouri reviews implementation of RDD schemes

RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today reviewed the implementation of the RDD sector schemes here at a meeting of the concerned

During the meeting, the DDC sought a detailed report from the concerned officers about the physical and financial achievements under different schemes.

Taking stock of the works approved under District Capex Budget, the DDC asked the concerned officers to speed up the allotment of the tendered projects.

Inquiring about the progress made under other departmental schemes, he asked the concerned officers to make added efforts to meet expectations of the general public.

Impressing upon the officers to work with zeal and dedi cation to achieve the targets set for the current financial year, he stressed on close monitoring of ongoing works to ensure quality and adherence to timelines.

The officers were further asked to work in close coordination with the PRIs to bring tangible results on the ground

Model Higher Secondary School Sawjian hosts Talent hunt show

POONCH: Government Model Higher Secondary School Sawjian on Monday organised a mega talent hunt show for the students in singing, dancing, painting and acting. Block Development Officer, Mandi Zamood Ahmed was

the chief guest on the occasion.

In the mega talent hunt show, the students of the Model Higher Secondary School Sawjian, High School Gagrian, High School Dunugam and some Middle Schools of the Cluster participated and displayed their talent in singing, dancing, painting and acting. The Students sang Patriotic, Folk and light Music songs in Pahari, Gojri, Kashmiri, Urdu and Hindi languages.

The Principal Model Higher Secondary School Sawjian, Anwar Khan, said that this programme was a part of a series of activities being hosted to spot the talent for forthcoming Kala Utsav to be organised by the Ministry of Education Government of India. He also informed that National Education policy 2020 also advocates Art integrated learning, which being experiential learning, helps the students to achieve learning outcomes. Saleem Rishi, Teacher Model Higher Secondary School Sawjian conducted the proceed ings of the program.

All the participants were awarded by the school administration.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest said that he was astonished to see such extremely talented students in this remote border Village. He advised the students to pursue their studies and hobbies side by side and strive to be good citizens of India.

Retd Police officers' delegation call on DC Ramban

RAMBAN: A delegation of the local members of J&K Police Retired Officers Association Non-Gazetted (PROANG) led by its president Abdul Rasheed Baig today called on Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam and presented him the first edition of Association's Magazine (The Voice of PROANG) released recently. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Sharma was also present on the occasion.

The PROANG Vice-President Mohammad Tasleem, General Secretary Gh. Mohammad Kachra, Advisor, Manzoor Ahmed, Secretary, Nazar Mohammad and other members were also part of the delegation.

The Deputy Commissioner hoped that the J&K Police Retired Officers Association Non-Gazetted, as a part of Police Pariwar, would continue to contribute towards betterment of society, especially for the welfare of retired personnel and their families.

The DC impressed upon PROANG to make concerted efforts for the betterment of the retired members of J&K Police by acting as a bridge between them and the Police Department.

The delegation discussed a range of issues of public importance with the DC and gave their valuable suggestions for maintain harmony in the district.

Rusted grenade...

device was subsequently defused by the experts without causing any damage, officials said.

Kupwara man...

The case was filed against Wiqar Manzoor Wani of Kup wara who reportedly ran a consultancy in Srinagar.

The complainant alleged that he approached the consultancy to secure admission for his daughter who had completed MBBS in a course outside Kashmir.

Wani promised do that and took Rs. 10 lakh from the complainant but he neither got her admitted nor did he return the money.

Another complaint said Wani has similarly grabbed Rs.9 lakh from another person.

Minor among 2...

locals rushed the seven injured in the accident to a hospital where two persons were declared dead.

The condition of the injured was said to be stable. The SUV driver has been arrested.

Police solves...

case was registered at Bhat Colony Mirgund Pattan. Three burglars -- Aijaz Ahmad Malla, Syed Ubaid Shah and Zaffar Hussain Wani -- all residents of Yakhmanpora Pattan of Baramulla were arrested.

On their disclosure copper utensils, shoes, gold ring and cash were recovered, police said. Another case at Saderbal Palhallan, Pattan in which

household items were taken away, was solved with the arrest of Umar Ahmad Khanday. Copper utensils and water pumps were also recovered from the possession of the accused.

मध्य क्षेत्रीय परिषद की 23वीं बैठक

23rd MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ZONAL COUNCIL

अगास्त 22, 2022

A spinally strong, fair and independent Justice Union Home and Cooperation Minister System is safest guarantee to flourishing of democratic values: Vice President

President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today highlighted that a spinally strong, fair and independent Justice System is the safest guarantee to blossoming and flourishing of democratic values.

Addressing a gathering during a felicitation ceremony organised by the Supreme Court Bar Association in his honour in New Delhi today, the Vice President quoted the popular Sanskrit verse (the law protects us if we preserve its sanctity), and termed it as the 'nectar' of Observing that there is widespread perception that this wholesome principle is strain, he asked the people in always above you. authority and high positions to keep law above everything Dhankhar emphasised that of constitutional entities in



democracy and rule of law. in larger public interest and the dignity of judges and to further and enhance dem- respect for judiciary is invioocratic echo system. Quoting lable as these are fundamen-Thomas Fuller, he said "Be tals of rule of law and consticontemporaneously under you ever so high, the law is

tutionalism. He also called for a spirit of harmony and On this occasion, Shri togetherness in the working

Expressing his gratitude to the Supreme Court Bar

Association, Shri Dhankhar said that on this occasion, he felt like experiencing trepidation reminiscent of his first appearance in court. He also thanked the judges and senior advocates who moulded him during his formative days

Union Minister for Law and Justice Shri Kiren Rijiju, the Chief Justice of India Justice N V Ramana, Judges of Supreme Court, Solicitor General of India, Shri Tushar Mehta, President of Supreme Court Bar Association & Senior Advocate, Shri Vikash Singh, functionaries of the Supreme Court Bar Association and Members of the Bar attended the felicitation ceremony.

said that India is also set-

ting up a multi-disciplinary

and multi-dimensional Gati

Shakti University with an

aim to create a next-gener-

ation of skilled profession-

als to support the growing

logistics, infrastructure

development and transport

sector.Gati Shakti Univer-

sity and Institute of Applied

Amit Shah chaired the the 23rd meeting of Central Zonal Council in Bhopal

and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired the 23rd meeting of Central Zonal Council in Bhopal today. Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami attended the meeting, while Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath and Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Bhupesh Baghel attended the meeting through virtual medium. Senior Ministers of member States, Union Home Secretary, Secretaries of Inter-State Council Secretariat, Chief Secretaries of Member States and senior officials of State Governments and Central Ministries and Departments were also present in the meeting.

In his address, the Union Home Minister said that Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chhattisgarh, are important for their geographical location, contribution to GDP and development of the country. Earlier thesel States were considered as BIMARU States, but now they are moving out of it and are on the path of development. He said that the Central Zonal Council States are major centers of food grain production and have taken the concept of 'Team India' of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the ground.

Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always worked to strengthen the spirit of cooperative federalism. In the last 8 years after becoming the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has kept the concept of 'Team India' before the Nation and made it possible. Frequency of meetings of the Zonal Council have increased. He said that the increase in the number of meetings despite the Covid-19 emphasize on the concept of Team India of the Prime Minister. Shri Amit Shah also said that there has been a 27 percent increase in resolving issues in the Zonal Council meetings since 2019, which is a

great achievement. The Union Home Minister said that although the role of the Regional Council meetings is advisory, but on the basis of the experience of three years as Home Minister, he can say that by giving importance to the meetings of the Council and its Standing Committee, many issues said that there has also been ress made towards expanso that these issues can be have been addressed. 30 a decrease in Left Wing sion of banking facilities resolved expeditiously.

issues were discussed in the Extremist violence at police within 5 kms of all villages last meeting of the Central stations during this period, from 96 such incidents in Zonal Council, out of which 2009 it came down to 46 in 26 issues have been resolved, while in the 14th meeting of 2021. He said the Central Govthe Standing Committee held ernment is further strengthon January 17, 2022, out of 54, ening security forces in Left 36 issues have already been Wing Extremism-affected resolved. He said, a total of areas and filling gaps in security, under which 40 18 issues were discussed in today's meeting, out of which new security camps have 15 were resolved, which is a been opened in the last three great achievement. Mr. Shah years and 15 more are to be opened. It is a great achievesaid that with the increasing in the frequency of the meetment but still, the Governings of the Council, exchange ment of India along with the of good practices between the States are committed to fully States is taking place. This eliminate the problem of Left not only gives inspiration Wing Extremism. Amit Shah said the gov-

ernment has opened about 5,000 post offices and more than 1200 bank branches in the last three years in Left Wing Extremism affected areas. Also, to speed up the telecom services, more than 2,300 mobile towers said that after the formation are being installed in the first phase and installation of 2,500 mobile towers in the second phase is going on. The Union Home Minister also said that there are the problem of Left Wing many development schemes of State Governments in Naxal-affected areas and the States by giving priority to them, should aim for full results of these schemes. He said more the development in Naxal-affected areas, the less will be the recruitment violence was at its peak in of Naxalites and the sources of mobilization of Left Wing Extremists will also be exhausted. The Union Home Minister urged Naxalaffected states to focus more Wing Extremism have come on dealing with this problem

so that it can be rooted out. The 23rd meeting of the Central Zonal Council dis- issues raised in the Counpeople were killed. Shri Shah cussed the significant prog- cil meeting every month

rural areas. The 112 Emergency Response Support Service (ERSS) is the single number emergency line in the country and is functioning in 35 States/UTs. The online Sakhi Dashboard is being operated by the Government of India under the 'Sakhi-One Stop Center' for safety of women. The meeting also discussed the seamless integration of the Police Help Line No. 112 with the Women Help Line No. - 181 and Child Help Line No. -1098 and through this and shifting the cases related to women to 'Sakhi -One Stop Center' on real time basis. In today's meeting, the council was apprised that as a result of the discussion in the 22nd meeting of the council held at Raipur, the tion Department of the Government of India has issued revised criteria for the loss / profit in the storage of wheat and rice, which is equally applicable to the institutions of the Central Government and the State Governments. The issue of release of grants to State Home Guards and declaring Bhopal, Indore and Raipur airports as international airports was also discussed in the meeting. The Union Home Minister also asked the Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries of the States included in the Central Zonal Council to regularly monitor the

as per the vision given by

Prime Minister Shri Nar-

endra Modi for expansion

of the banking network in

Dharmendra Pradhan visits various Schools, **Higher and Skilling Institutions in Sydney**

tion and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan visited various schools, higher education and skilling institutions in Sydney today. The Minister is on a four-day visit to Australia to strengthen bilateral relations in education, research, and skilling.

Along with HE Sarah Mitchell, MLC, New South Wales, Minister for Education and Early Childhood learning, Shri Pradhan visited a Homebush West Public School in the New South Wales state to get insights on school excellence frameworks and best practices in universalising early childhood education. He interacted with the young learners and teachers at the school. He appreciated them for the warm welcome and cultural performances. Speaking on in India to make early childthe occasion Shri Pradhan said that affordable, acces- equitable and accessible, and for driving infrastructure sible and universal early for strengthening childhood projects & economic growth



education for children is key towards better learning outcomes and a brighter future for all. He further said that the best practices and positive experiences in early education and digital learning at NSW can be replicated training hub to equip youth hood care and education

care frameworks, especially

also after school hours. Pradhan along with HE Jason Clare visited Institute of Applied Technology at TAFE NSF. He said that this facility is a signature with new-age skills relevant for global opportunities and

Technology for Construction can work together in developing industry-centric programmes, closing skills gap, up-skilling, re-skilling, creating innovative digital resources among others, he added

Later in the evening, Shri Pradhan interacted with the Vice-Chancellors and senior representatives of the Australian Government, Department of Education at an event organised by Universities Australia on Transforming our Future through institutional collaboration at

NHA issues hardware guidelines for healthcare institutions at State/ UT level to facilitate effective implementation of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

Health Authority (NHA) issued hardware guidelines pitals. Several States and host of other facilities like across States and Union Ter- UTs expressed the need for teleconsultation, paper-less ritories for healthcare insti- some guidelines that gives health records, QR code gov.in:8081/uploads/Hardtutions like hospitals, clinics them an overview of the based OPD registrations etc. and health and wellness cen- IT infrastructure require- The digitization of health e162cf7a7b.pdf. The docutres to promote digitization ments based on the health in hospitals. The guidelines facility size. The hardware medical records of patients under the ment will help the States/ medical records of patients. provide a basic framework guidelines issued by NHA cannot get lost and are ware requirements while to States/UTs for planning, will help the states/ UTs in accessible to them anytime assessment and procurement assessing the requirement anywhere. Ensuring necesof the IT hardware (includ- and facilitate the adoption sary IT infrastructure and ing IT specifications of vari- of ABDM in their healthcare implementation of Hospital ous hardware equipment) to institutions. operate applications compli-Digital Mission (ABDM).

Talking about the guidelines, Dr. R. S. Sharma, CEO, NHA said – "The first step facilities across the country

tation is digitization of hos-

ant with Ayushman Bharat processes and increase ease ties at the State/UT level digital health solutions of creation and exchange of hospitals and other health digital health records across

ecosystem will also enable a Information Management ABDM will simplify the Systems across health faciliof living by connecting the will play a pivotal role in facilities have the flexibility

hardware specifications to support this ecosystem is available at https://abdm. ware_Guidelines_ABDM_ planning and procurement of IT assets for healthcare institutions of all scales. The guidelines published by NHA is suggestive and recommendatory in nature. States/UTs and the health to modify these guidelines based on local requirements

Pradhan holds bilateral meetings and co-chairs the 6th meeting of Australia India Education Council with Australian Counterpart HE Jason Clare

NEW DELHI: Union Minister for Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan held a bilateral meeting and co-chaired the 6th meeting of Australia India Education Council (AIEC) with Australian Counterpart His Excellency Jason Clare at Western Sydney University (WSU) today.

During the Bilateral meeting, the Ministers had fruitful discussions on further strengthening cooperation in education, skill development, research, innovation, and entrepre-Pradhan welcomed Australian universities and skilling institutions to set and explore areas of collaboration with Indian institutions. He also invited HE AIEC in India next year. Jason Clare to visit India by the end of this year. Ministers also agreed to expand between the two countries the cooperation in learning, Strategic Partnership.

the Australia-India Edu- Digital University and Gati mobility of institutions.



further advance ties and boost engagements in education, skill development invited Australian team to

Pradhan stressed on the research collaboration

lum and other aspects.

Pradhan also raised the issue of pending visas of up their campuses in India and research priorities. He Indian students going to Australia. The Australian hold the 7th meeting of the Minister has assured cooperation in expediting the pending visas. Later, the Ministers also held a Joint Press Conference in which in the areas of Ayurveda, they announced establishskilling and research with Yoga, Agriculture, etc. He ment of a working group on a view to make education a called for collaboration in transnational education to key pillar under the India- skill certification and areas build shared understanding Australia Comprehensive like mining, logistics man- of the regulatory settings in agement, etc. He further both countries and promote In the 6th meeting of said that India has set up opportunities for two-way

that India remains committed to build knowledge bridges and deepen bilateral engagements with Australia in education, skilling and research for mutual growth and prosperity

Along with HE Sarah Mitchell MLC, NSW Minister for Education, Shri Pradhan will be visiting a school. He will also visit TAFE NSF and The University of New South Wales (UNSW) based in Sydney, where he will be interacting with the Vice-Chancellors and senior representatives of the Australian Government, Department of Edu-

Dr Jitendra announces 75 "Amrit" Grants for Biotech initiatives involving StartUps, industry, academia and research bodies in integrated collaboration

NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh today announced 75 "Amrit" Grants for Biotech initiatives involving StartUps, industry, academia and research bodies in integrated collaboration. The Minister said, DBT-BIRAC 75 Amrit Team Grant Initiative will give a big boost to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for "Jai Anusandhan"

Dr Jitendra Singh said, 75 inter-disciplinary, multiinstitutional grants would be supported for high-risk, ambitious research ideas, milestones-driven collaborative research in all domain specific areas of the biotech sector.

Dr Jitendra Singh said Startups, Industries, Academia and Research Bodies can form Team Science Grant in a Public-Private Partnership mode to avail grant of Rs 10-15 Crore over a period of two to three years for inter-disciplinary, high-quality research. The Minister said, in order to address national priorities to propel India as a global leader in biotechnology, the grants would be broadly provided in the areas of health, agribiotech, climate change, synthetic biology and sustainable bioresource the importance of Anusandmanagement. The Minister haan, when he said, "Till in Biotech sector, having rate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsaid, the overall goal would



this initiative.

to other States, but also cre-

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tions between the Centre and

States, many issues between

States are resolved through

dialogue and the spirit of

mutual cooperation between

Sates has also strengthened.

of the government under

the leadership of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra

Modi in the country, along

with dealing strictly with

Exremism in the Naxalite

affected areas included in

the Central Zonal Council,

many important steps have

been taken for development

in these areas. He said that

it has yielded good results.

When Left Wing Extremist

2009, the number of incidents

of Left Wing Extremist was

2,258 which decreased to

509 in 2021. He said since

2019 the incidents of Left

down very rapidly. In 2009,

1,005 people died in militant

violence, while in 2021, 147

The Union Home Minister

Dr Jitendra Singh said, this initiative builds on the deep foundation of partnerships, to support new and innovative research programs, which aims to propel India to a position of global leadership. He said, under this initiative, ambitious research ideas, high-risk, milestone-driven collaborative research for knowledge-based discoveries with broad demonstrable application from both academia and industry will be considered for support.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this vear's Independence Day Address from the ramparts of the Red Fort underlined today we always remember

Shastri ji for his inspirational clarion call of Jai Jawan Jai Kisan meaning across the country. He, how-"Hail the Soldier, Hail the Farmer". Later Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji added a new link of Jai Vigyan which meant "hail science" and we gave it utmost importance. But in this new phase Amrit Kaal now it is imperative to add iai anusandhaan that is "hail innovation".

Jai Jawan Jai Kisan Jai Vigyan Jai Anusandhaan." Dr Jitendra Singh said, India's Bioeconomy will

grow from \$70 Billion to \$150 Billion by 2025 and this can only be achieved with active participation of all the stakeholders in biotechnology Sector. He said, Biotechnology sector has been recognized as one of the key drivers growing exponentially and it will be the main torch bearer of India's developed economic status in the Amrit Kaal period of next 25

Department of Biotechnology (DBT) along with its PSU, BIRAC has a huge footprint

diverse areas in Institutes, Universities and Industries ever added that the thrust in the Amrit kaal should be more on technological development to address the problems and needs of our country and also to facilitate a path to make our country a developed nation.

The Minister said that there are a few co-creative programs on maternal health and pre-term birth, bioenergy and INSACOG and they are amongst the many cross-disciplinary, multi-institutional initiatives supported by DBT. He also added that Covid pandemic witnessed the critical impact of Made-in-India novel vaccines, diagnostics, healthcare delivery and management solutions endorsing India's growing strength towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

Dr Jitendra Singh congratulated the team from Dr Jitendra Singh said, DBT and BIRAC for coming up with this unique initiative of 75 DBT-BIRAC Amrit Team Grants to commemo-

cation Council, Shri Prad-Shakti University for which Shri Pradhan reiterated

supported research endeav- sav.



Shubman Gill's 130 outshines Sikandar Raza's 115 as India win by 13 runs; secure 3-0 series sweep

HARARE: Shubman Gill's maiden ODI hundred outshined Sikandar Raza's hardhere on Monday.

After Gill's top-class 130 off 97 balls, laced with 15 fours and a six took India to 289-8, Zimbabwe were down and out in the run chase at slammed 115 off 95 balls, including nine fours and over three sixes, to bring Zimbabwe on the verge of a huge victory

stand off 79 balls with Brad Evans (28), who had earlier taken his maiden five-for in ODI cricket, 5-54 in ten overs, as a boisterous home crowd cheered them on.

three overs, India took out last three wickets, including Evans and Raza in successive overs to complete a iust fell short of crossing the line. For the visitors, Avesh Khan took 3/66 while Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Deepak Chahar took two wickets each and Shardul

Raza entered the crease from the 17th over and took his time to settle in before fought sixth ODI century as taking two fours off Patel. India survived a scare to He had luck on his side, surwin the third and final ODI viving an lbw appeal and by 13 runs and complete a later on, a stumping chance 3-0 series sweep of Zimbabwe off Kuldeep. Raza welcomed Chahar into the attack by smacking him over deep mid-wicket for a huge six. From there, he relied on strike rotation till getting three fours, including on a 169-7. In came Raza and he no-ball and free-hit, to take 20 runs off Thakur in the 39th

With 95 needed off last ten over, Raza hammered crisp fours off Avesh and Raza also shared a 104-run dispatched Chahar for a flat inside-out six over extra cover. With a single through cover off Thakur, Raza got matches to keep Zimbabwe alive in run-chase. He went With 33 needed off last on to take Avesh for four and due to a left leg issue, immesix more as a famous victory loomed for Zimbabwe.

Avesh made a comeback by trapping Evans lbw with yonga, stitched a stand narrow victory as Zimbabwe a slower ball. In the next of 46 runs for the second over. Thakur delivered the killer punch by having Raza caught for 115, as Gill timed his forward dive at long-on to a quick ball which kept low. perfection for completing a In the next over, Munyonga low catch. Avesh then sealed miscued to mid-off off Avesh Thakur had a scalp against India's win with a yorker to as Zimbabwe lost two wickrattle Nyauchi's stumps.



Chahar got India first breakthrough by trapping Innocent Kaia lbw after gethis third century in last six ting to change the decision on review. Takudzwanashe Kaitano walked off the field diately after getting a topedge for six off Avesh.

Williams and Tony Munwicket to get Zimbabwe on track before the former was trapped lbw off Patel through

Patel then took a sharp catch off his own bowling to dismiss captain Regis Chakabva while Kaitano was stumped easily off Kuldeep Yadav. At the end of 33rd over, when Ryan Burl fell after heaving straight to mid-on off Chahar, Zimbabwe needed 141 runs off 17 overs. Raza, in company of Jongwe and then Evans, led the chase single-handedly, only for the efforts to go in

Earlier, captain KL Rahul and his deputy Shikhar Dhawan put on 64 runs for the opening stand. After the duo fell, Gill and Ishan

Kishan (50 off 64 balls, six fours) put on 140 for the third wicket to give India a good total on a used pitch. Zimbabwe then pulled back in the last ten overs, picking six wickets while conceding

Right from his first boundary, an elegant straight drive down the ground with full face of the bat off Evans, Gill exhibited timing and placement in his shots which was the hallmark of his 97-ball stay at the crease. On a pitch where other batters took time to settle in. Gill was head and shoulders above everyone, something which was conveved from his smile after reaching his first ODI hundred off 82 balls.

He regularly threaded through the gap at cover with his drives looking both solid and lovely. He even brought out the scoops, sweeps and his favourite short-arm jabs to be the standout batter for India in their innings. He was calm, composed and looked in absolute control to register the highest ODI score by an Indian batter in Zimbabwe, going past Sachin Tendulkar's unbeaten 127 in 1998 at Bulawayo.

Gill's serene show rubbed on Kishan, who cleared legside boundaries with ease to get his second ODI fifty. The duo brought up their 50-run partnership off 62 deliveries and reached their century stand off just 101 balls.

Just when it looked like India would get 300, Kishan was run-out and Deepak Hooda fell in quick succession. Post reaching his century, Gill and Sanju Samson hit some huge boundaries before the latter picked out deep square leg to perfection.

Gill hit two more fours to up with a slower ball and had Evans 5/54, Victory Nyauchi the scoring rate. But in order him caught at cover as 33 1/48) beat Zimbabwe 276 all to loft off Evans, his bottom runs came off the last four out in 49.3 overs (Sikandar hand took off and was caught at long off. Evans completed

his maiden five-for in ODIs in 50 overs (Shubman Gill 2/30) by 13 runs

With Patel falling cheaply, when he deceived Thakur 130, Ishan Kishan 50; Brad Raza 115, Sean Williams 45; Brief Scores: India 289/8 Avesh Khan 3/66, Axar Patel



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