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NEWS IN BRIEF Teenage girl jumps

in Jhelum in Sopore, searches on

Sopore, Dec 12: A 17-year-old girl jumped in the river Jhelum in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Monday even as search and rescue operation has been launched.

An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer that the girl, a student of 9th standard, jumped in the river near Jamia

He said following the incident, locals and police rushed to the spot to launch search and rescue operation.He added the searches were going on when the reports last came

Mughal Road Reopens After 4 Days Closure Due To Snowfall

M S Nazki

Poonch, Dec 12 Mughal Road, connecting twin districts of Poonch and Rajouri with Shopian, was thrown open for traffic after remaining closed due to snowfall on December 8, officials said.

Dysp Traffic Rajouri Poonch Range Aftab Bukhari confirmed to HT that thoroughfare has reopened.

SMC sweeper dies in road accident in Srinagar's Soura

Srinagar, Dec 12: A sweeper working in Srinagar Municipal Corporation died in a road accident in Soura area of Srinagar on Monday. An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer) that Feroz Ahmad Sheikh of Bijbehara, at present Aachar Soura, was injured after being hit by a vehicle in Soura area

He said the locals rushed him to SKIMS Soura for treatment, however, he succumbed to his injuries. Meanwhile, Police have taken cognizance of the incident-

4 gamblers arrested in **Baramulla: Police**

Srinagar, Dec 12 Jammu and Kash mir Police in Baramulla claimed to have arrested four gamblers and seized stake money from their pos-

A police spokesman in a statement issued to the news agency-Kash News Observer (KNO) said that acting on specific information about gambling activities at Shalboni Hanjiwera Pattan, a police party led by SI Athar Parvazi I/C PP Mirgund raided the specific site and arrested four gamblers on the spot. They have been identified as Shabir Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, Mohammad Iqbal Sheikh, son of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh, Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, son of Ghulam Nabi Bhat and Hilal Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani all residents of Hanjiwera Pattan.

'Officers have seized stake money of Rs 1,500 and playing cards from the gamblers. They have been shifted to the police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation has been taken up," police said.

Meanwhile, police said that persons found indulging in criminal activities shall be dealt with as per law "Community members are request ed to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with the local police units," police

Govt forms 3-member panel to look into 'irregularities' in F&E deptt

Srinagar, Dec 12 The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday constituted a three-member committee to look into the allegations of irregularities in the Fire and Emergency department.

under order 1513-JK(GAD)of2022, dated 12-12-2022 issued by Secretary to the Gov ernment, Piyush Singla, a copy of which lies with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reads that sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of a Committee to look into the irregularities in the selection process of Fireman/ Fireman Drivers of 2020 in the Fire

& Emergency Department. As per the order, Financial Com-

missioner (Additional Chief CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

With focus on People-First, J&K Entering into a Golden Age: LG Manoj Sinha

Pays tributes to General Zorawar Singh on his Martyrdom Day

HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: Lieu- He will continue to inspire gen-

country proud by his unparalleled bravery & military tactics.



tenant Governor Manoj Sinha today paid tributes to General Zorawar Singh on his Martyr-

"One of the greatest military commanders of the world, General Zorawar Singh made the erations to come", said the Lt Governor.The Lt Governor was attending the event organized by General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational and Chari-

table Trust,
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'Ehad-E-Kashmir'; A Docu-Drama Released by LG Manoj Sinha

'Ehad-e-Kashmir' captures the story of Kashmir & changes it has witnessed over the years: LG

DECEMBER 12: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today released the do-'Ehad-e-Kashmir', produced by JK News Today, during an event held at the Convention Centre.

Appreciating JK News Today group for the sincere effort to depict the story of Kashmir, the Lt Governor said that the docu-drama captures the story of Kashmir and changes it has witnessed over the years. The film shed lights on new

dawn of development, peo-

ple's aspirations and decisive action against Pakistan-sponsored terror ecosystem, added the Lt Governor.

Reiterating the government's commitment to achieving new milestones with respect to growth and inclusive development, the Lt Governor said, all the tools of governance are working for the welfare of people.Article 370 gave secessionism, terrorism, nepotism and large scale corruption to Jammu Kashmir. Article 370 denied due rights to our brothers and sisters and it was used by Pakistan to spread terrorism. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji with its abrogation ushered a new

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Lt Governor chairs the meeting of Shri Mata **Vaishno Devi Shrine Board**



HT NEWS DESK

JAMMU, **DECEMBER** 12: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired the meeting of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) at the

Raj Bhavan today. The meeting was attended by all members of SMVDSB Mahamandleshwar Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj; Sh. Baleshwar Rai; Dr Ashok Bhan; Sh. Kul Bhushan Ahuja; Dr Neelam Sareen; Sh.K K Sharma; Sh. Suresh Ku-

mar Sharma (Retd. Judge) and Sh.Raghu K. Mehta. Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary and Sh. Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine

Board were present. The Lt Governor, is the chairman of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, launched various initiatives to provide diverse facilities to the pilgrims and devotees. He also ascertained progress of the work for ease of

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56 foreign militants killed this year, figure largest in past several years: DGP Dilbagh Singh Says out of 109 new militants, 86 killed, 23 remaining

HT NEWS DESK

Jammu, Dec 12: Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Monday said that this year 56 foreign militants were killed and the figure is largest in the past several years while as out of the 109 new militants, 86 were killed and just 23 are remaining. He also said that number of both foreign as well as local militants has been brought to just two digits only. Talking to reporters on the side-lines of a function in Jammu, DGP Dilbagh said that this year security forces achieved a major success against militancy. "This year 56 foreign mil-

itants were killed and the figure is

largest if compared to past several

years," he said, as per news agency-

KHe said that the out of the "109 new



militants", 86 were killed in various encounters while only 23 are remaining who are on the radar of police and will be killed shortly.

Asked about the number of active mil CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

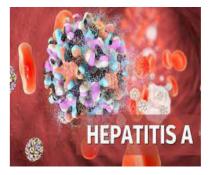
Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A Cases Reported from Anantnag Village, Residents Worried

No bacterial contamination found in water samples taken in village: Official

HT NEWS DESK

Anantnag, Dec 12: Residents of Turk Tachloo village in Anantnag district are much worried due to the outbreak of Hepatitis A disease in their village and are demanding proper investigation to find out the root cause of the disease outbreak.Locals told news agency—Kashmir News Observer that three villages including Turk Tachloo are getting water supply from the same water supply scheme and if water would have been contaminated, then the disease would have spread to two other villages as well.Ghulam Hassan, a local



numberdar, told that that the government must look into all angles and find out the root cause of the disease

outbreak in the village.Chief Engineer Jal Shakti Department Kashmir Basharat Ahmad Kawoosa who visited Turk Tachloo on Monday told reporters that four samples which were taken before locals on the day when first death was reported in the area have been found okay for use with no bacterial contamination. He said that samples were taken wherever locals asked and today, "we got its reports and no bacterial con tamination was found in it". He said that there is need of contact tracing to find out the person who got infected first and how it spread and reasons behind

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One-way traffic to ply from **Srinagar along Sgr-Leh highway** today: Officials

HT NEWS DESK

Ganderbal, Dec 12: Authorities on Monday decided to allow one-way traffic towards Srinagar from Kargil along Srinagar-Leh highway on Tuesday An official told the news agency—Kashmir News

Observer (KNO) that in view of frost and slippery conditions of the road, tomorrow subject to fair weather and road clearance, only one way traffic from Kargil towards Srinagar shall be allowed on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumri road.

"All these vehicles shall be allowed from Minamarg at 1000 hrs, LMVs followed by HMVs up to 1300 hrs, and Motorists are advised to carry an anti-skid chain to gain more grip on the slippery road. Furthermore, the official said that "no vehicles shall be allowed without anti-skid chains. Security forces shall follow the same schedule. No vehicle shall be allowed before and after cutting off timings.'

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Disciplinary action initiated against 92 employees for remaining absent in Anantnag

HT NEWS DESK

Anantnag, Dec 12: The authorities on Monday initiated disciplinary action against 92 employees for remaining absent from duties in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer that a district wide drive was held on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom during which 92 employees were found absent

He deputy commissioner has issued directions to the concerned officials to initiate disciplinary action against these employees.

He added the heads of concerned offices have also CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

No confidence motion against Mayor Mattu to be filed in two days: BJP Councillor

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, Dec 12: Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Councillor from Srinagar, Nazir Ahmad Gilkar on Monday said that a group of independent corporators will submit no confidence motion against incumbent City Mayor Junaid Azim Matuu in next

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CS reviews progress on implementation of RDSS across J&K

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the progress on implementation of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) across Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, PDD, H Rajesh Prasad; Managing Director, JPDCL/KPDCL, Managing Director, JPDC aging Director, JKPDC, DG, Budget, DG Accounts and Treasuries, Chief Engineers and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing. Chairing the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the RDSS has been initiated with an objective of improving financial sustainability of Power Distribution Companies (DIS-COMS) and therefore all the ongoing works under the scheme should be completed timely so that the desired



objective of scheme is achieved. He called upon the officers that unnecessary delays should be avoided and due convergence and synergy should be maintained with other departments so that any kind issues are timely sorted. While reviewing the financial position of both the corporations, Dr. Mehta emphasized upon the officers to reduce AT&C losses so that the expected rev

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JPA case: HC orders personal appearance of Registrar KU, on December 13

HT NEWS DESK

Srinagar, Dec 12: The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has again directed for personal appearance of the Registrar of the Kashmir University (KU) for the second time in 15 days related to a alleged case of delay by the University in regularization of a petitioner applicants as Junior Professional Assistants (JPA). "Registrar, University of Kashmir, shall appear in per-

sha Khhajuria Kazmi and Sanjeev Kumar said in the judgment on December 5, 2022, when the Registrar of the University was already present in person in compliance with the earlier court direction of November 23, 2022. The news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) has

son on the next date of hearing," a bench of Justices Mok-

leant that on November 23, a bench of Justices Rajesh Sekhri and Tashi Rabstan had directed for personal appearance of the Registrar KU on the next date of hearing (December 5) when the KU's Counsel, Mr. T H Khwaja, prayed for grant of 10 days time "to do the needful" in terms of Order dated 01.09.2022. "We feel that the respondents are in the process of imple

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Kashmir parties raise concern on Unique family IDs

HT NEWS DESK | (UNI)

Srinagar, Dec 10 (UNI)Kashmir centric People's Democratic Party (PDP) and National Conference on Monday raised concern over the J&K administration's proposed plan of creating unique family IDs.

While PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti termed the J&K administration's proposed plan as another "surveillance tactic to tighten the iron grip" on the lives of Kashmirs, the NC asked why is such an exercise needed in the first place.

The J & K government plans to create an authentic database of all families in the Union Territory. The plan was unveiled at a recent national conference on e-governance in Katra in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir. The administration said the objective behind the

eligible beneficiaries of various social welfare schemes.

Mufti said the plan was em-

on their lives," the former chief minister said in a tweet. National Conference on Mon-



blematic of the widening "trust deficit" after the 2019 abrogation of Article 370.

"Creating 'a unique family ID' for J&K residents is emblematic of the widening trust deficit esp post 2019. Kashmiris are viewed with deep suspicion & this is another surveillance

day said the issuance of unique IDs is not needed and that the government should instead focus more on effective deliverance of existing schemes.

Party's chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq in a statement said that there is already a web of government issued docugovernment agencies determine the identification and subsequent eligibility of beneficiaries for receiving various social welfare benefits and schemes.

"Why is such an exercise needed in the first place? There is already enough data available with the government agencies in terms of Adhaar through which benefits like direct bank transfer (DBT) are reaching to end beneficiaries. It's an utter wastage of resources, time and money. At a time, when the government's attention should be focused on fixing the development deficit, administrative inertia and unemployment, it's focussing on such non-issues,' he said."Such proposed exercise should not be a priority of the government while as there

are many basic CONTINUED ON → PAGE 10

District Road Safety Committee meeting held at Doda Committee constituted to report on cause of road mishaps in last 3 years

DODA, DECEMBER 12: To assess the traffic worthiness of road infrastructure, Transport facilities and safety of commuters, Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan on Monday chaired the District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meeting here in the conference hall of the DC office.

After reviewing implementation of the road safety plan, the DC constituted a Committee headed by ARTO with members from PWD, and Traffic Police to analyse different road accidents that occurred in the district in the last three years and report the cause of accidents within 20 days.

The ARTO and health department were asked to conduct regular health checkups of drivers and road worthiness of vehicles in the district. It was informed that orientation



cum counselling sessions for both government and commercial vehicle drivers were being conducted in the entire district.

The meeting was informed that the MVD Doda has conducted 65 awareness programmes in the last one month. The committee was informed that teams of Traffic Police, MVD and Revenue authorities are conducting extensive

checking on roads across the district The mandatory installation of GPS on all the commercial vehicles, Ambulances, JCBs and official vehicles as per the Central Motor Vehicle Rules was also stressed upon. The installation of speed governors in all the commercial vehicles was also reviewed and ARTO asked to complete the task by 1 January 2023.

The DC also directed to create a toll free dedicated number for emergency medical services for the commercial drivers.

The DRSC also discussed the implementation of previous decisions, and, Road safety fund, iRAD and progress made in the establishment of National Institute of Driving Training, testing and Research at Doda. The meeting was attend-

ed by ADC Doda Dr RK Bharti, SP Bhaderwah Aftab Mir, CPO Doda Suresh Kumar, SE PWD, SE PMGSY, DEPO Doda, ARTO Doda, OC GREF, District Immunization Officer Doda, DIO Doda, Executive Engineers of PWD & PMGSY, representative NHIDCL, EO MC Bhaderwah, EO MC Doda, EO MC Thathri, and representatives of other members of the

CD Hospital performs rare surgery of implanting SEMS

BER 12: The Chest Disease Hospital, Srinagar, conducted a rare and complicated surgery implanting a Self-expand-Tracheobronchial Y-shaped metallic stent (SEMS) in a patient diagnosed with cancerous growth of windpipe (trachea) hence compromising the airway/oxygen-

The procedure was jointly performed by the department of pulmonary medicine and department

of Anaesthesia GMC Srinagar on a 52 years male, suffering from an increasing shortness of breath and stridor, who upon Bronchoscopy revealed cancerous growth of trachea and Biopsy and was later diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma. The surgery was performed by a team of interventional pulmonologist led by HOD Pulmonary Medicine Professor Naveed Nazir Shah, Professor Khurshid Ahmad Dar. Associate Professor Sved

Suraiya, Dr. Mohammad Yousuf Dar. Dr. Naeem Firdous, Dr. Aaliya Mohi ud Din. Dr. Hena Mustafa. Dr. Shahid Majid and Dr.

Aasir Hussain. The anaesthesia team was comprised of Dr. Israr ul Haq, Dr. Rameez Raja, Dr. Mir Faisal who under the guidance of HOD Anaesthiology, Dr. Rukhsana Najeeb along with allied OT staff including Hilal (I/C), Gulzar, Mohammad Younis, Mohammad Hafeez, Y Shaped metallic stent was

placed in position under direct vision via broncho

By performing this procedure, the CD Hospital has made its mark in the field of international Pulmonology thus registering a great achievement in the history of Chest

Medicine. Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar, has complimented the entire team of CD hospital for their contribution in the medical field.

People allege poor execution of black-topping works in Dakbunglow Mendhàr to Gohlad Road, demand probe

M S Nazki

Mendhàr The inhabitants of various villages in Sub-Division Mendhar of Poonch district have urged the district administration to initiate a thorough probe into the alleged use of substandard material for the macadamization of roads in various parts of the area. According to the locals of Gohlad villages

The inhabitants accused the executing agency of allegedly using substandard material for road macadamization. the locals said. adding the senior functionaries of

Renovation

No. 7-B U-Block Budshah.

Name of Work

cabinets, tiling and other allied works at Flat

Repair / Renovation of Set No. 56-E at

Renovation by way of paneling to quarter no 230-U, 200-J, 73-G at Bemina.

Providing and fixing of aluminum (anodized

window frames with aluminum mesh

(ornamental) to new additional Block (near

Renovation / Remodeling of Room, Corridors by way of paneling and other allied items in

Repair/ Remodeling of washroom at Govt Flat No. F-24 at Jawahir Nagar Srinagar.

Construction of bathroom at J-5 Press Colony

Renovation / Remodeling of set No J-8 at A to K Block Tulsibagh Srinagar.

Renair / Renovation of Quarter No. J-29

Renovation /Remodeling of Set No. A-78

Date of Issue of Tender Notice

Bid submission Start Date

Bid Submission End Date

Period of downloading of bidding documents

Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)

5. Earnest money of the bidder(s) will be forfeited in following cases:

10.Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

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Estates Office) at Civil Secretariat.

Partap Park (Skelton Only)

Jawahir Nagar Srinagar.

New Phase Tulsibagh

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Government Quarters Bemina Srinagar.

by way of paneling, kitchen



the Department should take cognizance of the matter and order a probe into it. According to sources,

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENIGNEER ESTATES DIVISION, SRINAGAR.

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-TENDER NIT NO. 142/XEN/EDS/2022-23 OF 12/2022

Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory J&K invites tenders

by E-tendering on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Registered Civil Contractors with Union Territory

(Amt In

Rs)

300/-

200/-

300/-

300/-

200/-

300/-

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of

terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website as per schedule of dates giver

2.Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan under Major Head-0216/

Revenue (others) in favour of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender inviting authority) (The

Date of Treasury Challan/Earnest Money should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date)

3.All bidders must upload EMD in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division Srinagar

@2% of advertised Cost and the 2% EMD shall be Released in favour of the successful bidder only after the receipt

4.The 1st lowest Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of advertised cost as performance security in shape of CDR/FDR within 02 Days before fixation of contract and shall be released after successful completion of work/

7.The successful bidder (L1) will be required to submit all original documents of the bid in the office of Executive Engineer, Estates Division, Srinagar within 3 days of opening of the financial bids. Failure of which the CDR/FDR

of the L1 bidder shall be forfeited and he will be also debarred from participating in future tendering in this Divi-

8.The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the

bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be

opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving

10.1.Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bid-

10.2.To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information

10.3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accept

20.All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form) and detailed NIT issued by this

10.5.Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid.

18.1.Extension of time shall be also admissible in the event of temporary suspension of work. 19.The tender / bid is liable to rejection if it does not fulfill the requirements as laid down in NIT.

9.The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.

Earnest

5000/-

1360/-

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12-12-2022

20 Days

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12.12.2022 from 1.00 PM.

12.12.2022 from 1.00 PM.

19.12.2022 upto 3.00 PM.

19.12.2022 at 3.05 PM.

Division, Srinagar.

In the office of Executive Engineer Estates

J&K /CPWD/Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works.

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1.83 lacs

pledged to Executive Engineer Estates Division, Srinagar (tender receiving authority).

ders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.into acquaint bid submission process.

Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

10.4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.

6. When the bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity on account of any reason.

about few kilometers of inner roads link and other stretches of Dakbunglow Mendhar to Gohlad road were repaired and subsequently macadamized by the R&B department Mendhar, adding that however the engineers failed to maintain the standard of work on these roads.

"The money spent on repair and blacktopping of the road has been wasted," said locals at Gohlad The residents urged the Chief Engineer R&B to order a probe at an earliest and take stringent action against the officials involved in executing such a sub-standard work

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Vyth publishing organized day long event on "Peer-o-Murshid:Rumi and Igbal" in collaboration with IICP

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KASHMIR UNIVERSITY, SRINAGAR

VYETH PUBLISHING HOUSE J&K

A DAY LONG LITERARY EVENT

Tauseef Ahmad

Sopore Dec 11: Vvth publishing house Kashin collaboration with University's Iqbal Institute of Culture and Philosophy (IICP), organized day long literary event on "Peer-o-Mureed:Rumi and Iqbal ", on sunday at Government degree college Sopore. Director(IICP)ProfMushtaq Ahmad presided over inaugural session In his presidential address, he said the universal message of humanity found in the writings of Moulana Rumi and Allama Iqbal transcends all boundaries and is ever-relevant for mankind to follow. He also said academics

and scholars have a responsibility to spread this message amongst young students for them to further delve deep into the vision of these great personalities who have left a great impression on countless scholars across the world. Prof.Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie(IICP) was the chief

guest of the event along with Dr.Rivaz Tawheedi.Dr.Nasir Azim and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion. "The God theory of universe" book authored by Suhail Ibn Shanawaz was released during the event, which was attended by noted literary personalities and many po-

ets from north Kashmir Ms. Safeena delivered the welcome address and highlighted the works and achievements by the publishing house in 2022."Students must dig deep into the real philosonly behind the writings of Allama Iqbal and Moulana Rumi",she added She also moderated the session, which was attended by hundreds of students, scholars and academicians from different parts of the valley. The felicitation ceremony had also been held on that occasion in which many poets had been awarded.Founder of Vvth publishing house Aabid Shahin delivered a vote of

1-Day awareness camp on

UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 12: A one day awareness camp on PM Formulation of Micro Enterprises scheme was organised by the Department of Horticulture Planning and Marketing here at Block Tikri of district Ud-

being District Nodal Agency for Udhampur district, is organising awareness camps on PMFME scheme in dif-

Nisha Sharma, Chairperson BDC Tikri; Dr Munish, Senior Scientist SKUAST, Area Marketing Officer Udhampur-Reasi, Branch Manager J&K Bank Tikri, Sarpanchs, Horticulture Development Officer, Panchs and a number of growers & SHG members participated in the awareness camp.

the designated portal under PMFME only four days back, was today sanctioned by the Branch Manager J&K Bank Tikri and the sanction letter was handed

ticulture Planning and Marketing for working in convergence with allied departments of agriculture and banking sector so as to make aware public about distinctive features of the scheme like easy Bank finance, 35% subsidy on loan for machinery, complete hand holding to the applicants for DPR, FSSAI license, GST, Udhayam number, packaging, labelling, branding and

Dr Munish Sharma from SKUAST, AMO Udhampur, Branch Manager J&K Bank Tikri, HDO, Sarpanch Jassarkot Panchayat and Senior MI Kamal Kishor also ad-

PMFME held at Block Tikri

Horticulture Planning and Marketing Department, ferent areas of the district.

A loan application of Shivangi Sharma, uploaded on

over to her by the Chairman BDC. Chairperson BDC applauded the Department of Hor-

dressed the gathering.

Transport Officer Kargil|Ladakh

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- EDUCATIONAL LOAN - ACCOUNT OPENING
- **→ VEHICLE INSURANCE** → ITR (TAX RETURN) FILLING → PROPERTY RETURN

Group of Ladakh students visit IIM Jammu for Study Tour

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: A group of students and faculty of the University of Ladakh today arrived at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu on a study cum exposure visit to the Institute of national importance at its transit Canal Road Campus.

A session was organised for the visiting group under the able leadership of the Director Prof. B.S. Sahay.

The session commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Ashish Kumar, Chairperson, Student Affairs, IIM Jammu.

The other interesting

sessions included a session on Developing an Entrepreneurship mindset by Dr. Prateek Jain, Chairperson, Centre for Entrepreneurship and Development, a session on How foreign alliances can help the students by Dr. Somu Gorai, Co-Chairperson, International Relations, and a session on soft skills by Dr. Gaana. J, Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu. This was followed by lunch and a visit to the permanent campus of IIM Jammu at Jagti.y Dr. Somu Gorai, Co-Chairperson, International Relations, and a session.

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DDMA Shopian provides Immediate Relief to fire victims of Zawoora



SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 12: On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Shopian, Shahbaz Ahmed Bodha in presence of DDC Member, Accounts Officer, Shopian today handed over immediate relief among three fire victims of Zawoora Buderhama whose residential houses got damaged in a fire incident vesterday.

The Assistant Commissioner sympathesized with the families and assured all possible help from the District Admin-

Essential assistance in the form of bedding, furnishings and kitchen ware was provided under Distinct Disaster Manage ment Authority Shopian as an interim relief to the

DC Srinagar reviews construction of Migrant Transit Accommodation, additional 20 kanals of land being alloted for the purpose SRINAGAR DECEMBER

12:- In order to review the progress of Migrant Accommodations, meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex here on Monday.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Syed Shabir, the meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Secretary SMC, Deputy Director SDA, all concerned Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, Tehsildar Relief and other con-

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of the process regarding construction of Migrant Transit Accommodations of 936 flats comprising 39 blocks being executed at an estimated cost of Rs 124 crore in the District. On the occasion, the DC

asked the concerned Rev enue authorities to allot additional 20 kanals of land adjacent to 93 kanals of land already allotted for the Migrant transit accommodation at Zewan.

The DC also asked the concerned for exploring feasibility of another patch of of land at Gasoo in Tehsil North of the The DC also directed

the concerned executing agency to start physical work on the project by or before December 20, 2022. Later, in the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the disposal status of migrant grievances and instructed all the Tehsildars to pay special thrust on the complaints registered on the portal/offline to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants.

The DC further asked the officers to work with added zeal and dedica-



while redressing tion the grievances to ensure their time bound, prompt and quality disposal

While reviewing Tehsil wise status of grievances, the DC sets Tehsil wise deadline to clear pendency regarding disposal of migrant grievances related to correction of records/ demarcation and removal of encroachments/trespassing/alienation by way of fraud or distress sale, etc. He said that no laxity will be tolerated with regard to lenient way or slow pace of

grievance settlement. On the occasion, the DC was informed that out of total 1864 complaints received only 271 are pending which are being addressed on fast track

Deputy Commissioner also asked the Assistant Commissioner Revenue to further activate the dedicated helpline so that applicants are provided first-hand information about their registered complaints. He also asked him to monitor the functioning of the Migrant Grievance Redressal Cell to keep proper track of the registered

grievances for their timely disposal.

On the occasion, the DC was informed that first hand assistance is being provided to the complainants on dedicated helpline number by the concerned Revenue staff for providing guidance to the complainants and to respond to their queries. The DC also directed the concerned executing agency to start physical work on the project by or

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Commissioner SMC issues sanction for prosecution of 05 in-service officials of Corporation

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 12: Commissioner SMC Athar Aamir Khan today issued sanction for prosecution of 05 in-service officials of Srinagar Municipal Corporation for offences punishable under prevention of corruption act and the penal code.

The sanction for prosecution will enable ACB to take further action. The officials include Ward Officers Building Inspector and former Chief Enforcement Of

Animal Husbandry Bandipora organises 'Interactive Session' for **Dairy farmers**

BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 12: The Department of Animal Husbandry Bandipora on Monday organised an interactive session with the Dairy Farmers of Block Bandipora at Veterinary Complex, here.

During interaction, CAHO Bandipora, Dr G A Lone made the dairy farmers aware about the various components under IDDS and advised them to link their farm with the recently established Milk Processing Unit at Papchan under IDDS to get optimum returns of their produce.

Dr G A Lone stressed upon the importance of value addition of milk into varied products like Butter, Ghee, Khoa, Curd besides flavoured milk to yield maximum benefits in Dairy Sector.

The session was also attended by BVO Bandipora, Dr M Ramzan Chopan and VAS Quil, Dr Khursheed Alam besides a huge number of Dairy farmers and the owner of KESPERIA Milk Processing Unit.

NSS Unit of GDC Pampore conducts **Anti- Polythene Drive**

PULWAMA, DECEMBER 13: In connection with 'My Town, My Pride' programme under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Pampore today conducted 'Anti-Polythene Drive' in the local market of Pampore.

The Drive was conducted under the supervision of Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Huda Galzai and commenced from the college campus to the local market of Pampore and Tanchibagh. The college NSS volunteers and faculty members educated shopkeepers about the ill effects of using non-biodegradable and non-reusable polythene.Prof. (Dr.) Huda Galzai while interacting with the pedestrians, shoppers, dissuaded them from using polythene bags. On the occasion, pedestrians using polythene bags were given recyclable bags and many polythene bags were seized during the drive.

The rally passed through the markets of Namblabal and Kadlabal areas of Pampore raising awareness about the hazards of using polythene bags. It emphasized adopting polythene free life.

The objective of the drive was to impress upon the local populace of Pampore regarding growing menace of polythene. Pertinently, GDC Pampore is a poly thene-free campus and efforts are being made from time to time to make adjacent areas polythene free.

A total of 22 NSS Volunteers along with faculty mem bers participated in the said drive.

BJP appoints Ruheena Shahzad as vice president Ganderbal

Srinagar, Dec 12 (UNI) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu and Kashmir has appointed Ruheena Shahzad as vice president of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Monday. Expressing her gratitude to the party high command for her nomination as BJP Vice President she said "It is an honor to assume such a big responsibility", .In a statement she said it has been an exhilarating journey so far and she will continue to serve my party & people of my country with all my ability."I will surely try to live up to the expectations of the party high command", she added. DC B'gam visits SDH Kremshore, Khansahab

Takes stock of healthcare facilities

BUDGAM, DECEMBER 12: The Deputy Commission er (DC), Budgam, SF Hamid today visited Sub-District Hospital (SDH), Kremshore in Khansahab to take stock of health care facilities. During the visit, DC inspected various wards including Gynae, Dental, OPD, General Wards, Lab, RNTCP and other sections. He also took stock of availability of medicine and functioning of existing machinery at the health institution.During inspection of wards and OPD, the DC interacted with various patients and attendants and enquired about patient care and facilities being provided to the general public.Stressing on providing better health facilities to patients, the DC instructed concerned to ensure robust functioning of all facilities in all sections.

SF Hamid also assessed the progress of registration of locals under health insurance schemes and distribution of sehat cards among the beneficiaries.

Valedictory ceremony for civil service coaching held at Kupwara



Kupwara ministration colourful organized a at GDC Kupwara for the civil services aspirants who completed their 6 week long free coaching

Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray was chief guest on the occasion.

Principals of College Degree Kupwara/GDC Handwara, Faculty Mem

bers, besides, civil service aspirants attended the function.

Addressing the function, DC said that he is feeling proud on completion of the first free coaching programme by the civil service aspirants in the district. He said that the aspirants have climbed the first step of success by undergoing the 6 week long coaching by qualified faculty.

He inspired the aspirants for chasing their

hard with same zeal and ment of their goal.

The DC asked the aspirants to keep in touch with the faculty members and fortify the WhatsApp groups to continue their preparation for qualifying the civil services examination.

He directed the coordinators to schedule weekly lectures and make action plan to facilitate the aspi-

Other speakers including faculty members also spoke and shared their words of inspiration with the students.

The aspirants also spoke and expressed their gratitude towards the DC for his concerted efforts in conducting the first of its kind free Civil Services Coaching programme at district level.

On the occasion, the aspirants presented gifts and mementos of grati-

DC Bandipora takes appraisal of progress on Transit Accommodation at Odina, Sumbal

BANDIPORA, DECEM-BER 12: In order to take first hand appraisal of commodation, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Monday visited Odina,

During the visit, DC urged officers to enhance the pace of work to complete the project within set time line.

The DC directed the concerned executing agency to gear up men and machinery and speed up the pace of work on the project on war-footing basis to ensure its completion within the shortest possible time.

The officers apprised the DC that transit accommodation is coming up at the cost of Rs 57.60 crores comprising 480 flats in 30 blocks. They said each block is four-storied with four flats in each storey. totalling 16 flats in each

The officers further in-



formed that finishing work in 06 flats is in final touch which will be ready to use by the end of this month. It was further informed that work on other blocks is in full swing and shall be competed within the set timeline.

Dr. Owais urged the officers concerned to properly monitor execution without comprocess promising the quality of

SDM Sumbal, Tehsildar Sumbal, Executive Engineers and other concerned functionaries from Administration accompanied the Deputy

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits KulgamSays Department preparing modus operandi for upcoming Kharif Season

Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal today visited Kulgam and convened a meeting to review physical and financial progress on the implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in the district.

During the meeting, different centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by the department including CAPEX, RKVY, MIDH, ATMA, NFSM, PM KISAN, Soil Health Card scheme, KISAN Credit Card Scheme etc. were discussed in

Addressing the meeting, the Director said that the main objective of this meeting is to chalk out a modus operandi for the upcoming Kharief season viz-aviz assured irrigation facilities, availability of seed (seedlings) and other inputs to the farmers at the right time, technical guidance etc

He said that during Rabi 2022-23 the department has brought a large area of land under the cultivation of oilseed on a mission mode to increase the cropping farmers could be increased.

working robustly to increase the area under oilseed crops because the flowering of this crop in the months of March, April in a symbiotic manner on one hand provide flora to the honey bees and help the farmers associated with the apiculture enterprises and on the other hand these honey bees contribute to the pollination and result the increase of production and productivity of crop.

He said this activity leads to the increase in the production of oilseed crops and lowers the dependence on the import of edible oils from other parts of the country.

Director highlighted the importance of organic, exotic vegetable cultivation in the area. He said the department has already introduced a multidimensional marketing model where farmers are provided with the marketing facilities at their doorsteps

While talking of the expenditures under different schemes, the Director said that funds



allocated must be judiciously and fully expended in a time bound manner. He reiterated the importance of maintaining the highest level of transparency during the expenditure of funds

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Chief Agriculture Officer, District Agriculture Extension Officer, Subject Matter Specialist, Fertilizer Inspector, Technical Officer (CAO Kulgam) and other officers/officials were present in the meeting. Director highlighted the importance of organic, exotic vegetable cultivation in the area. He said the department has already introduced a multidimensional marketing model where farmers are provided with the marketing facilities at their doorsteps.

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The department of islamic studies Government degree college Pulwama organised one day workshop tittled optimising mental health knowing the science of meditation '

Dr Firdous Ahmad Reshi

ganized one day workshop titled "Optimising Mental Health-Knowing the Science of Meditation" on 6th December 2022 in both offline and online mode. The proceedings of the workshop were carried out by Dr. Zaira Ashraf, Head Department of Islamic Studies. She also highlighted the importance of the workshop. Prof. Master Showkat Ali, Head, Department of English formally welcomed the delegates, speakers and other participants. Prof. Asma Nabi-Assistant Professor (Department of Psychology) University of Kashmir and Ms. Iram bint Safia- A certified Life Coach, USA were the Guest speakers. Dr. Asma delved deep into the psychological aspect defining the mental health and identifying the problem. She talked about the need for recognition and the importance of Self help in resolving the Mental Health

The Department of Islamic Studies or-



issues. The solution to that she offered would be working on the cognitive restructuring. Ms. Iram is very well versed in identifying the human behaviors and regulating them and has influenced hundreds of people. She mentioned about the Islamic perspective of articulating patience and cited the examples from the Islamic Scriptures. The event was supported by the Staff of the College, Department of Computer Application, and all those who showed their participation. It was attended by Students, scholars and academicians from across the UT. It was also attended by the people of different faiths and strongly appreciated.

One-day Workshop on 'Implementation of ORGI software for Civil Registration' held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG,: The District Statistics and Evaluation Department Anantnag and Kulgam in collaboration with Directorate of Census Operations today organised a one day training/workshop on implementation of ORGI software for civil registration system at Dak Bangalow, here.

The master trainers imparted training to the participants about the operational mechanism of civil registrations. Dr Junaid and Dr Imtiyaz explained the entire process to the concerned officers. They discussed 32 provisions of the RBD act with the attendees.DD Planning/DSEO Anantnag, Karishma Kudrat highlighted the importance of the registration process. She said that both certificates are required in availing various Govt benefits and are important legal documents. She said that training of officials responsible for issuing these documents is necessary for capacity building and to establish an error free simple mechanism so that the public can benefit and obtain these



documents in a hassle free manner.DD Planning/DSEO said the department is aiming at achieving complete saturation in registration of births and deaths and is confident that other departments will also cooperate in this endeavour. The training session was attended by CMO, BMOs, BDOs, EOs and other stakeholders.

srinagar, december 13, 2022, tuesday HT -REGIONAL NEWS / Chairperson DDC Pulwama chairs Council meeting

District Development Council (DDC) Pulwama was held today under the chairmanship of its chairperson, Syed Bari Andra-

Among others, the meeting was attended by DDC Vice Chairperson, Additional District Development Commissioner, CPO Pulwama, DDC Members and PRIs besides all District and Sectoral officers.

At the outset, DDC Chairperson apprised the Council about the guidelines for the formulation of the plans under the District Capex budget 2022-23.

The meeting discussed threadbare the development scenario of the district.

The chairperson stressed for proper maintenance of coordination between officers and the Councilors so that better results could be yielded on ground with respect to developmental works and infrastructure creation.

He also said that for the first time, proportionate funding to all three tiers of PRIs is being ensured to cater to the development aspirations of the people through DDCs, BDCs and Panchayats.

Interacting with the council Members, Syed Bari said people have a lot of expectations from the council vis-à-vis development and prosperity of the district and sought cooperation of line departments and other PRI Members to fulfill the same. He also pledged to work and prioritize the things from the grassroots for smooth implementation of developmental and welfare schemes.

He said that they are committed to usher in a new era of development for the district.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairperson asked the DDC members to utilize the DDC grants judiciously in high priority sectors in coordination with the line departments.

On the occasion, a comprehensive discussion was held wherein the chairperson stressed for ensuring public participation while formulating development plans at grassroots level. He emphasized upon the PRIs to play



a proactive role so that all the necessities are completed well within the stipulated time. Moreover, he directed to hold

gram sabhas adding that all the

stakeholders should be taken on board in the formulation of development plans.

Meanwhile, the chairperson took a brief appraisal of the trally sponsored schemes and programmes during which he exhorted to ensure that these schemes are implemented effectively at the ground level.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson informed that a special thrust has been laid on formulation of viable plans as per the guidelines issued by the Finance Department and maintaining the sanctity of the 3-tier Panchayati Raj system.

On the occasion, ADDC Pulwama, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the council, assured full cooperation and support to the council for achieving new heights of development in the

He also expressed full commitment for strengthening the PRIs and empowering the people at grassroots level. He further asked the DDC members to personally supervise and monitor the pace and quality of the works to be undertaken during the next financial year in their respective jurisdiction.

DLTFC approves 17 cases for financial help under **JKREGP at Kulgam**

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, DECEMBER 12: A District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) meeting was held today at the mini secretariat here under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat. A total of 17 cases were placed before the committee and all 17 cases were approved by the committee for Project cost of Rs.1.31 Crore involving margin money of Rs.45.85 lacs and providing employment opportunities to 250 educated unemployed youth.

The JKREGP scheme is being implemented by Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (J&K KVIB) to harness and divert the potential and enthusiasm of youth for establishment of productive enterprise in the micro industrial sector and to create employment opportunities for others. The bank representatives were directed by the chair to take the credit decision within 28 days from the receipt of DLTFC recommended applications from the KVIB Kulgam, also no security will be insisted upon by the bank except in agriculture & allied beyond the proj-

Chairman DLSA-Kulgam takes **Suo-Moto cognizance on spread** of Hepatitis-A at Turkatachloo

KULGAM, DECEMBER, 12: Taking suo-moto cogni-

zance of the news about the spread of Hepatitis-A in Kulgam especially in village Turkatachloo of Block Qaimoo, the Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kulgam, Mohammad Ashraf Bhat who is also Principal & District sessions Judge (PD&SJ) today asked the Director Health Services, Kashmir to take serious note of this deadly disease and ensure timely intervention into it. The PD&SJ also asked the Director Health to take necessary precautionary measures with the concerned agencies to prevent the spread of this disease in District Kulgam. It is important to mention here that so far two of the minor children have succumbed due to this disease and many infected children are under observation. The Chairman DLSA also passed directions to Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Kulgam to constitute the expert team of doctors and technical staff governing the field and depute them forthwith to the affected area 24X7 and take all necessary steps in collaboration with District Administration to contain this disease at the very threshold. He also directed the CMO to submit the detailed report with regard to steps taken for prevention of this disease in District Kulgam within a week's time. Moreover, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) department Kulgam was directed to gear up his men and machinery for providing safe drinking water to the whole public of Kulgam especially to the affected areas forthwith with further direction that water purity tests of all the tube-wells and reservoirs used by the public of District Kulgam be conducted throughout the district to contain further spread of this disease. Tests conducted and reports prepared thereof be placed before this authority. The Deputy Commissioner and Sr. Superintendent

FCSCA conducts market checking in Kupwara 17 shopkeepers penalized,

of Police Kulgam were also requested to monitor the

preventive measures taken on ground by the con-

cerned departments to contain this disease at the

very threshold.Moreover, Secretary DLSA Kulgam

was directed to depute the Para Legal Volunteers

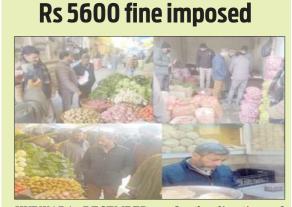
to the affected areas forthwith who shall submit the

detailed report on daily basis before the Secretary

DLSA with regard to number of persons infected,

treatment if any provided to those persons/children

and the precautionary measures taken on ground by the District Administration and Director Health Ser-



KUPWARA, DECEMBER 12: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray, the Enforcement team headed by Assistant Director Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCSCA) today conducted an extensive market During the inspecchecking in Kupwara Town. tion of various markets, 17 defaulters (erring Shopkeepers) were penalised and a fine of Rs 5600 was imposed. Moreover 4 Quintal of substandard/rotting vegetables were also distorted on spot. Meanwhile shopkeepers were asked to display Government approved ratelists in their shops and follow Food Safety and Standard Act and consumer acts strictly.

VC SKUAST inaugurates fifteen day foundation cum orientation programme IRTIQA

SRINAGAR, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST),

IRTIQA is an amalgamation of orientation, motivation, culture, entrepreneurship and soft



Kashmir, Professor Nazir Ahmad Ganai, today inaugurated fifteen day foundation cum orientation programme at SKUAST, Kashmir.

Commissioner Secretary, Science & Technology, Saurabh Bhagat, was the guest of honour on the

The programme was aimed at to introduce the students to the university system of professional education involving 700 newly admitted students to various faculties under SKUAST-K for different professional degree pro-

skill development course for the incoming students of the university. Further motivational speakers, celebrities and members of civil society are to take part, deliver motivational talks and perform in the orientation programme during the next 15 days.

Addressing gathering of University officers, scientists and students, Vice-Chancellor said that motive behind holding such programmes is to give students a platform to showcase and harness their hidden talents.

"We are the 6th best Agricultural University in the country and time is not far away when we will be the topper" Prof Ganai said adding that due to the strenuous efforts of our officers and scientists, we are the leaders in implementing the New Education Policy 2020 that will be a torch bearer for rest of agricultural universities.

He lauded the efforts of Dean Students Welfare and his team for organizing such student specific

Commissioner tary, while speaking on the occasion, recalled his university days and exhorted upon the students to use their knowledge and skills for nation development.

Earlier, Dean Students Welfare, Professor M A A Siddiqui, gave a detailed account of the fifteen days orientation programme. During the programme, students from Horticulture Faculty presented programmes cultural besides famous Rap kid, Arafaat and the radio

host and entertainer RJ

Vijdhan also performed

DC Kulgam chairs Aadhaar **Monitoring Committee meet**

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, : To finalize the action plan for saturation of Aadhaar cards and availability of UIDAI Centres, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee at DC Office Complex, here. On the occasion, the DC held a threadbare deliberation about a mechanism to be adopted for Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biometric update of children in the district.

The concerned officers informed the chair that the Aadhaar Enrolment process stands at 94% besides briefed him about the status of Aadhaar Seva Kendras operating in the district.

The DC asked the concerned to start intensified Aadhaar enrolment drives for children below 5 years and to get Mandatory Biometric updates (MBU) done on attaining the age of 5 years and 15



The DC called for making coordinated efforts to cover the uncovered populace as it will facilitate the public to have access to Aadhaar linked services.

haar enrolment.

ADC, CMO, CEO, CMO, DIO, LDM, DM CSC and other Committee members and representatives of Unique Identification Authority of India (UID-AI) attended the meet-He called upon all con-

cerned departments to saturate the remaining Enrolment Aadhaar in the district besides launching mass awareness campaigns in their jurisdictions to cover all population under Aadhaar enrolment.

The DC called for making coordinated efforts to cover the uncovered populace as it will facilitate the public to have access to Aadhaar linked

Addl. Comm. Kashmir reviews preparations for Operation of **Subsidized Helicopter Service**



SRINAGAR.: In order to ensure smooth operation in place, highlight gaps of Helicopter Service in and other issues by today winter for snow bound Bandipora and Kupwara areas, the Additional Commissioner Kashmir, operation of service. Abid Hussain Kira today chaired a meeting to review the preparation of stakeholders.

The meeting deliberated over the operation sistant of service by Aryan Pvt Central Adil Fareed, SP Ltd, selling of tickets, Enforcement Tourism, advance list of bookings, Coordinating Supervisor reconciliation of bills of Subsidised Helicopter on real-time, approved service, Tahir Magray.

routes, settlement of issues, requisitions, nomination of Nodal officers for cooperation and facilitation, upgradation of helipad facilities etc. Speaking on the occa-

sion, the Additional Commissioner exhorted concerned officers to submit the details of requisite arrangements to be put evening so the administration shall ensure complete preparation for Among others, the meet-

ing was attended by Additional Secretary Civil Aviation, SDM Gurez, ADC Bandipora, As-Commissioner

PM-FME Awareness/ Motivational camps by Animal Husbandry Budgam concludes at Block BK Pora

BUDGAM Block wise PM-FME Awareness cum Motivational Camps organized by Department of Animal Husbandry Budgam concluded today at Block BK Pora, here.

The programme was conducted in different blocks of district viz. Beerwah, Chadoora, Khansahib, Narbal and Budgam with the aim to create awareness among the public regarding 'PM-Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises scheme' launched by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI), in partnership with the State/ UT Governments, for providing financial, technical and business support for new or up-gradation of already existing



micro food processing enterprises.

These camps witnessed huge participation from the farmer community, SHGs and unemployed youth

Speaking at the concluding event held at Block BK Pora, Officers from Animal Husbandry Department Budgam briefed about the importance of food processing, branding and marketing of food products to enhance their salability.

The participants were encouraged to take benefit of this scheme by availing facilities like 35% subsidy maximum up to 10 lakh and easy Bank loan up to 90% of cost of Machinery and Technical Civil Works

Horticulture & Horticulture Planning & Marketing, Agriculture & Allied sectors and NRLM also highlighted the importance of processing in the food sector and urged the participants to establish their own small scale micro food processing units/startups in order to create employment avenues for themselves and for others by availing benefits of this scheme. Farmers associated with

Officers from the other

line Departments viz.

Dairy, Agriculture and Horticulture, PRIs, sizable numbers of general public, women members of various SHGs attended the programme along with officials from the line department.

DC Budgam visits various ULBS of Khansahab & Budgam Town Says MTMP programme meant to ensure robust development of Town areas

BUDGAM, DECEMBER 12: Continuing, post My Town My Pride visits, the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Budgam, S F Hamid today toured different Wards of Khansahab and Budgam Towns to take on spot assessment of availability of essential services and infrastructure

development. The DC was accompanied by President Municipal Council Khansahab, Irfan Ahamd Khan; President MC Budgam, Mushtaq Ahmad; Vice- President MC Khansahab, Parveena Akhtar; Vice- President Budgam, Sami-Ullah Bhat; Ward Members, district officers, concerned EOs, members of local augaf committees and other respected and locals of Khansaheb and Budgam

The DC conducted extensive tour to interior areas of these Khansahab wards and took on spot assess ment of ongoing developmental works and sanitation campaign.

He also took stock of progress of road and drainage project at Shah Mohalla and Firdous Colony- Apporpore road project in Khansaheb

The DC also visited different wards of Budgam Town including Housing Colony Ompora, where elected representatives and members of local Augaf Committee raised their demands with the DC.

SF Hamid instructed concerned for prompt handover and takeover of roads and other public utilities for robust development process at Housing Colony.

He asserted that proper use of public utilities including poles and oth-

er assets in all wards. During tour of these wards, DC met



various local delegations to take direct feedback from them regarding essential services and development

He emphasized on speedy development and proper sanitation is maintained in all wards and works including drainage construction interior links, road development, open gym, tile works on lanes, bylanes and development of parks, bridges, culverts at all designated spots be expedited in these wards to ensure better facilities to general

He said besides robust development of all ULBs, post MTMP programme is being carried out for awareness of schemes and public welfare initiatives of government and the aim is to get feedback from the public.



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and pay attention to all foods and its effect on health.

For example, milk is a staple food source, containing much- the blood sugar level like other needed critical nutrients for a wellbalanced diet. But is it safe to drink milk if you have diabetes? What kind of milk should they opt for? Scroll down to learn more about this common concern!

According to research, people with diabetes need to have proper proper exercise. and organised scheduled meals to keep their blood glucose levels under check. However, they have to be selective in their milk choices.

Milk is a healthy option if you are ready to follow the specific guidelines that come with it. Moreover, moderate quantities of milk as opposed to when carbs are conwill help you enrich your body with sumed alone. essential nutrients

Understanding Diabetes

Diabetes mellitus is a condition that occurs due to abnormal blood sugar levels that are too high or too low. Some common symptoms of the condition are increased thirst, urination, hunger, fatigue, sudden weight loss, blurred vision and

When left untreated, diabetes can lead to a wide range of severe complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and vision and nerve problems.

Studies found that diabetes will be the seventh leading cause of risks of the condition, it is imperative to know how to control it. First, you must ensure that you eat correctly and introduce activities to manage your blood sugar levels.

You can always download HealthifyPRO 2.0 to track your blood glucose levels with the CGM and talk to nutritionists to understand the basis of dietary modificawater intake and sleep time.

Milk and Diabetes - The Connection

Milk is an excellent source of calcium required to keep bones and teeth strong. When calcium is developing osteoporosis, fractures and more due to decreased bone

The study also shows that calnutritious powerhouse for people to choose the best kind of milk for with diabetes who need extra cal-

saturated fat or calories.

Can milk raise blood sugar eing a diabetic individual levels? Yes, research shows that can be demanding as one has milk increases blood glucose levels to consider every restriction since it has high calories, fat and carbs in the form of lactose. Moreover, the glycemic index of milk is around 31, which will not increase carb-rich foods

The critical thing to remember is that almost every dairy product, including milk, and yoghurt, will raise your blood sugar level. It occurs mainly when you consume milk and milk products without

On the other hand, a recent study has also found that milk has higher protein content which means it can aid in lowering high blood sugar levels. In addition, it reveals that eating high-carb meals with milk decreases the rise in glucose levels

It may be because milk slows down the digestion process and absorption of carbohydrates into the body. Slower absorption of carbs means lower blood sugar levels for a long time instead of fast sugar spikes or extreme drop-offs

Can Diabetic Patients Drink Milk?

It is a common confusion among people with diabetes whether to drink milk. Some say milk is excellent for people with diabetes, while others say that they can not consume milk as it will cause potential spikes in their blood sugar levels. But is this true? Let's unveil the death by 2030. Given the potential fact! Yes, people with diabetes can drink milk.

Research shows that people with diabetes can drink milk as it benefits in controlling and reducing type 2 diabetes. However, they must consider a few things to make

Consume in Moderation

Lactose, a type of sugar, is a tions. Finally, the fun part- learn primary ingredient in milk. When for low-fat and low-calorie milk like to teach you the basics of lifestyle to track everything that affects consumed incorrectly, the presence non-fat dairy, soy, and almond milk modification. your condition, including calories, of this direct sugar can be harm- with lesser sugar is safer. Drinking it is essential to keep in mind the amount of milk

Research shows that a person with diabetes can have three servings of low-fat dairy daily to deficient, one is at higher risk of acquire the daily requirement of proteins and calcium.

Choose the Type of Milk

Milk is full of vitamins and cium in every serving of milk is a minerals. However, it is essential people with diabetes. Studies show

sugar levels while whole milk has a high level of sugar, fat and calories, which is not a healthy choice for diabetes and weight loss. There are also other milk varieties, including almond, flax, coconut, and more, based on your preferences.

Here's the nutritional value of any milk. different kinds of milk according to USDA

Whole milk Calories - 149 Carbs -12 g Protein - 8 g Fat - 8gCalcium - 276 mg Skim milk

Calories - 91 Carbs -12 g Protein - 9 g Fat - 0.6 g

Calcium -316 mg **Almond milk** Calories - 39

Carbs -1.52 g Protein - 1.55 g Fat - 0.5 g Calcium -516 mg Soy milk

Calories - 79 Carbs -4 g Protein - 9 g Fat - 4 g Calcium -300 mg

Know the Impact

People with diabetes can drink milk. Adding milk to your diet is an excellent thing to do. First, however, you should know the impact of various milk varieties and other dairy products on your health. Check each product's nutritional profile and label to understand how it will affect your glycemic index and insulin levels.

Dairy products like milk are a crucial part of one's day-to-day diet as they serve as an excellent source of calcium. However, it is also high in fat and carbohydrates, making it a poor dietary choice for people with diabetes. But, opting turn, reach out to you all the time of turmeric or having it with oats for breakfast is an excellent way to

Tips for Consuming Milk in a Healthy

Even though milk is a nutritious addition to one's diet, it should be consumed in the right frequency and quantity. Here are some tips to include milk in your diet.

Consuming milk in the morning or with breakfast will help balance

instant energy for the day.

When choosing the type, ensure intake of low-fat milk to reduce its impact on blood sugar levels and overall health. If you have type 1 diabetes, con-

sult your doctor before drinking

Avoid consuming whole milk, condensed milk, sugar-sweetened flavoured milk and milk with added ingredients like sugar or high fructose corn syrup.

Suppose you are lactose intolerant or allergic to dairy products. In that case, you can go for soy, almond, oat, and coconut milk.

Track and Test Your Blood Sugar

According to a recent report from the World Health Organization, diabetes occurs due to obesity and physical inactivity. It means the condition is preventable with simple and healthy lifestyle mea-

Maintaining optimum body weight, regular exercise and consuming a nutrient-rich diet with the help of expert dieticians will help you maintain the condition. But how can you overcome the struggles of keeping track of your blood glucose level every time?

HealthifyMe, an innovative and successful health management app, has professional coaches who can help you build a healthy diet rich in fibre and low glycemic foods. In addition, when you manage sugar levels, you regulate your weight and get fitter.

When you subscribe to HelathifyPRO 2.0, you can access a comprehensive wellness program. It has a CGM, smart scale, calorie, sleep and water trackers, metabolic panel testing, and AI-driven updates. However, there is no replacement for human intervention. HealthifyPRO 2.0 takes care of that by sharing all the data points with their health coaches. They, in

Since a sudden rise or fall in ful to the blood sugar level. Hence milk before bedtime with a pinch one's glucose level is dangerous to health and related to weight fluctuations and several chronic diseases, the CGM comes in handy. It helps you monitor your blood glucose in real time. Your fluctuating blood glucose levels become the basis for your new diet plan. As a result, you make healthier food choices throughout the day, which keeps your blood glucose

your dietician on how every food to get the best out of your food plan. cium without consuming excess that low-fat or skim milk has low the blood sugar level and give you combination you consume impacts

vour blood glucose level. You can also directly chat with the coaches and dieticians for their guidance regarding your diet and exercises. As a result, whether you have diabetes or not, the device is an intelligent addition to carry around. producing wise overall health stats and benefiting you in the long run.

The continuous glucose monitor is easily wearable, and you can wear it on your arm anytime to calculate the glucose level in your body effortlessly. The sophisticated device also can be connected to electronic gadgets, including mobile, laptop or computer as per your choice, to let you have complete control over your health. Simply put, HealthifyPro is ideal for preventive conditions. For example, you can gain in-depth insights into your eating habits by monitoring your blood glucose levels in real time. As a result, you cut down on excess calorie consumption and lose weight.

Diabetes lasts a lifetime, but you can manage it with a healthy diet, a proper exercise regimen and lifestyle changes. If you are diagnosed with diabetes, it is best to consult your dietician before consuming

Everybody's body is different. Hence it is also critical to check the effect of milk on your body using HealthifyPro's CGM. You can use it to check your blood sugar level after drinking milk to observe any spikes, discomforts and more.

Milk, one of the excellent food options, can be consumed by people with diabetes to get the essential nutrients needed to stay healthy in the long run. However, considering the pros and the cons, it will be a smart choice for people with diabetes to switch to low-fat milk or nut-based milk. Some have the same amount of calcium but half the fat content. Also, please limit consumption and practice moderation to manage your blood sugar levels effectively.

Remember that your body undergoes several changes. Thus, it's natural that the body will respond to changes too. Therefore, it is always good to talk to a nutritionist or a doctor if you feel bloated or experience an overall low after consuming milk or another food item. After following a strict regime, usually, your health markers improve, which may require a different intervention. It is good to change your eating patterns regu-The CGM will notify you and larly under specialist supervision

NEWS

More studies needed to prove Covid vax cause heart inflammation: Experts

s more studies indicate heart inflammation among the young and healthy adults lespecially after the second dose, top doctors said on Sunday that this should not raise alarm bells as more conclusive studies are needed to prove that Covid-19 vaccines should

The Journal of the American College of Cardiology has revealed that the risk of Myocarditis, Pericarditis or Myopericarditis (acute heart inflammation) is higher after the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

In this condition, inflammation in the heart's muscles and the covering of the heart can cause various cardiac issues.

Other studies have also reported these incidences at around 0.3 to 5 per thousand population, making it a rare phenomenon.

More importantly, these cases have been treated timely and have not resulted in fatalities, although most of these patients' required hospitalisation.

"In other words, these cases were relatively infrequent, and most of them recovered from their condition with a simple conservative symptomatic treatment with no requirement of significant intervention," Dr Sanjith Saseedharan, Consultant and Head Critical Care, SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim, said.

Whether there are long-term repercussions for this condition, only time will tell.

"However, this complication is seen more in young individuals, probably because they have a more robust immune system which can sometimes cause dysregulated inflammation," explained Dr Saseedharan.

As more cases of unexpected heart attacks and even strokes come to light among the healthy, young and middle-aged Indians, a new survey revealed last week that both unvaccinated and vaccinated people have been impacted by this new health emergency.

About 51 per cent citizens said they have one or more individuals in their close network who have experienced heart or brain stroke, blood clots, neurological complications, cancer acceleration, or other sudden medical conditions in the last two years.

According to the survey by LocalCircles, a social community platform, 62 per cent citizens said those in their network developed such conditions were double vaccinated, 11 per cent said that those impacted were single-dose vaccinated, while 8 per cent said they were not vac-

According to the cardiologists, the steep rise in people dying unexpectedly of heart attacks is of concern.

"Though we do not have sufficient data and evidence to prove whether this is a Covid-induced phenomenon; definitely this has increased post-covid. Long term Covid sequelae could possibly be responsible in some cases," Dr Samir Kubba, Director-Cardiology, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Vaishali, said.

According to Dr Sanjeev Gera, Director and Head, Cardiology, Fortis Hospital Noida, Covid or long Covid may cause persistent inflammation in heart vessels.

"This can rupture silent blockages and cause a heart attack, especially after an unaccustomed exercises like heavy weight lifting or walking on a treadmill or running in a cold weather and the risk increases when there are risk factors for heart disease like high BP, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking or obesity," Gera said.

At the moment, no significant evidence exists that this condition can have any adverse outcome since the vaccine's benefits far outweigh the risk, added Dr Saseedharan.

Are Grapes Good for Diabetics? An Update

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rapes are juicy, tasty and refreshing. Despite being small, they are full of an array of health-benefiting nutrients. From polyphenols, antioxidants and flavonoids, grapes are a powerhouse for nutrition enhancement.

According to various studies, increasing fruit consumption can help avoid many chronic diseases, including diabetes. If you have diabetes, you might believe that the natural sugars in fruits might cause a spike in your blood glucose levels.

However, the sugar in fruit differs from the sugar in other foods like chocolates, refined sugar, and baked goods. The sugar in fruit is fructose, and your body absorbs it more slowly. So it doesn't cause a spike in blood glucose levels.

This article will explore the relationship between grapes and how they can affect blood sugar

Grapes and Their Effect on Blood Sugar

If you consume grapes regularly, you will never develop diabetes because grapes contain anti-diabetic components. By consuming grapes, you lower

the risk of metabolic syndrome, which significantly contributes to diabetes. In addition, grapes help control the body's glucose Grapes contain several bioac-

tive compounds, including polyphenols. Polyphenols are present in all grape types and are known for their antioxidant properties, which help the body combat free radicals. Most polyphenols are found in the pulp of grapes. Additionally, grapes contain flavonoids, which have anti-diabetic properties. According to numerous stud-

ies, resveratrol, an ingredient in grape skins, boosts insulin sensitivity, improving the glucose process in the body and lowering blood sugar levels.

Several studies have found that resveratrol, an ingredient in grapes, is effective in promoting health and managing disease. Research shows that resveratrol effectively modulates blood glucose levels, decreasing insulin resistance and inhibiting chronic inflammation.

Resveratrol also plays a significant role in the prevention of diabetes-related complications. Moreover, investigations have shown that it has anti-hyperglychondrial function and energy



expenditure.

One hundred grams of grapes provides 69 calories. The glycemic index of grapes is 53. The cemic effects via enhancing mito- lower the GI of a particular fruit morning on an empty stomach is or food, the more acceptable it considered more beneficial

is for diabetes. However, people with diabetes should consume Note not more than 100-150 grams of grapes daily. Eating grapes in the

If diabetic patients eat grapes often, they will not experience sudden blood sugar spikes because grapes contain components that shield the body from recipe can now include chopped increasing sugar levels. Although grapes. grapes are known to control glucose levels in the body, it is still advisable for diabetic patients to monitor their blood sugar levels

Which is Better for Diabetics -Whole Grapes or Grape Juice?

Fruit juices contain a high amount of beneficial nutrients. However, health professionals recommend that patients with diabetes not consume fruit juices because juicing takes away fruit's healthy fibre.

Whole grapes contain fibre and may not significantly raise blood sugar levels, making them a better choice for people with diabetes than grape juice.

One cup of grape juice contains approximately 36 grams of sugar. Moreover, people with diabetes must avoid consuming store-bought grape juice because it contains high amounts of added sugar, preservatives, and artificial food colouring. To get all of its benefits, consider consuming grapes as a whole.

How to Include Grapes in Your Diet?

Add grapes to a fruit or green salad.

Your favourite chicken salad

Freeze grapes. It is, therefore, a quick snack choice. The fruit can be cut into slices and put in a glass of sparkling water. You can enjoy frozen grapes as a cool summer treat.

Put a few grapes into a blender while making a smoothie. You can chill grapes and add

them to pasta salad, chicken, or seafood. Conclusion Fruit is a nutritious and neces-

sary component of a diet for managing diabetes. Controlling one's portions is crucial while eating any fruit. Grapes are a beloved fruit that is healthy and safe for people with diabetes. They are safe to eat, and you

can include them in a diabetic diet because they don't cause a rise in blood sugar. Consuming grapes can lower the risk of getting type 2 diabetes Due to their fibre content,

grapes keep one feeling full. Furthermore, consulting with a doctor or a HealthifyMe nutritionist can help you create a food plan that includes fruit in the right portion sizes to suit your health and fitness needs.

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EDITORIAL

Job Scenario: How to Tackle Unemployment, Still Continues to be Debated

rivate Sector in India has witnessed tremendous growth during a couple of bygone decades and so generated ample job opportunities. Despite good number of jobs being created in private sector however government Jobs continue to remain a popular choice of the majority.

What makes government job lucrative has number of reasons. Other than reasonable Salery structure a government job comes with social status, job security, health insurance, housing, and a host of other benefits. Above all is the Job Security. A government employees doesn't live in an uncertain world. The pandemic-induced layoffs and closure of private businesses further deepened the demand for government jobs. There were multiple reports about PhD candidates, postgraduates, and highly qualified engineers applying for a handful of government jobs, both at the state and the central levels.

Numerous other benefits of government jobs is based on the following major factors:

1. Fixed tenure and regular salaries, which are now often as good as private-sector salaries.

2. Numerous benefits include LTC every four years. a government vehicle for officers, medical coverage for family members, interest-free/low-interest loans for house construction and vehicle purchases, and so on.

3. The main reasons for the surge in the popularity of government jobs include job security and timely promotions. While most private companies experienced salary cuts and job losses during the pandemic, government employees experienced no significant disruptions.

Very high and ever increasing unemployment rate

According to a CMIE report is an eye opener for the contemporary regimes. The unemployment rate among graduates stood at a whopping 17.8% between the period of January and April 2022. In 2021, the number of unemployed graduates stood at 19.3%. One of the major reasons for this could be lockdown-led disruptions and migrants returning to their hometowns.

The gap between supply and demand is supported by official data. As per the data tabled in the parliament, the proportion of candidates selected for government jobs from applications received in the last eight years stood at a minuscule 0.07% to 0.80%. In essence, this meant that of the 22.05 crore applications received from 2014-15 to 2021-22, only 7.22 lakh were selected for central government departments.

UT of J&K is no exception and even the situation is posing a grim picture vis a vis employment generation excercise. J&K lacks an organised Private Sector has a tough challenge ahead. Although LG Manoj Sinha led UT Administration is on tenter hooks to put in place a vibrant industrial sector by working on various promotional Schemes to motivate Youth to go for fresh startups. And these measures have started showing good results even. A sizeable number of the Youth have been motivated to venture into private sector and few have started excelling in their field even.

Mindset needs to be changed to achieve good results of these dedicated efforts. To explain that same is an example; a delivery boy for a food delivery app earns about Rs 12,000 per month. If he clears a government clerical exam his salary increases manifold with all the benefits that government employees receive. These are the main reasons that public sector jobs continue to draw aspirants by the millions. Earlier, salaries in many public sector jobs were low compared to similar jobs in the private sector. That has changed over the years, with multiple pay commissions working on reducing the gap at all levels.

Sooner the better sense prevails to put the house in order as everyone has a role to play. Government is playing its role well upto the mark, however the tireless efforts will bear fruits only when we succeed in changing the mindset of our youth.

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Thrust on mitigating Climate Crisis

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n 1st December 2022 India formally took over the presidency - which rotates annually between members - of the Group of Twenty countries constituting the most powerful intergovernmental forum, known as G20, The presidency for the year 2023 was handed over to India by Indonesia in the recently concluded Bali summit. The illustrious group together account for over 80% of global GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of the world's population. G20 is truly enormous, and the mandate it carries, can potentially re-establish institutional credibility. For countries like India, the G20 is a unique global institution, where developed and developing countries have equal stature. Here, the latter can display their global political, economic, and intellectual leadership on par with the world's most powerful countries. Thus, heading this world's most influential multilateral forum is an occasion for national rejoicing and is projected as a symbol of India's growing global stature and prestige, capable of straddling the North-South divide. In its first ever global leadership role, India's longawaited moment to lead and spearhead new policies at the negotiating table has arrived. Where it uses its new position to secure green investment and shift global governance to the benefit of the "Global South," a grouping that largely includes lower-income nations in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania.

However, the presidency came at a time of geopolitical tumult, uncertainty over post-pandemic economic recovery and the looming crisis of climate change. The Russia-Ukraine conflict has vitiated relation between Russia and the industrialised Western countries, most of which are members of the G20. The conflict and the resulting unilateral sanctions imposed by the West has upset the post pandemic global recovery, sharply impacted oil, and gas prices as well as food availability. The impact of rising unemployment and increasing inflation is felt most sharply by the most vulnerable, the developing countries, LDC's. According to the World Bank, global growth is estimated to slow down considerably from 5.5 % in 2021 to 4.1 % in 2022, and 3.2% in 2023 as backlogged demand fritters and fiscal and monetary support are phased

ONE EARTH - ONE FAMILY - ONE FUTURE across the world. Because of its ing nation with an evolving democimpressive performance in handling the shocks of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India has emerged as a beacon of hope in an otherwise dark and gloomy global scenario. The world is looking out to the G20 and to India's presidency to try to come up with some solutions, both short and immediate, shock absorbers and as well as to regain and maintain focus on medium and

longer-term issues

Presiding G20 Forum in 2023 is a fitting aspiration and a welcome challenge for India. India should use its G20 presidency to pursue its thought leadership role and the broader goal of reducing polarisation, channelise resources in an inclusive manner, and firm up optics in favour of developmental priorities. India is committed to focusing on issues of critical importance to the world. The theme identified by India for its presidency is "One Earth, One Family, One Future." This flows from the philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (The World Is One Family) which appears in our ancient scriptures and forms the foundation of our foreign policy. During its term, India will hold more than 200 meetings across some 50 cities involving ministers, officials, and civil society, leading up to a marquee summit in the capital, New Delhi, in September 2023. The summit will be attended by about 30 heads of state and government, from G20 members and invited countries. Against this backdrop, New Delhi is expected to highlight the need for unity and cooperation to resolve the major global challenges

A major economy and a develop-

racy, holding its head high into the 76th year of its independence, India has the unique opportunity to set 'Agenda 2023' with a focus on equitable green, and resilient recovery. India will set the global economic governance agenda for the year, a unique opportunity for the country to shape the international policy discourse and align its national priorities with its global aspirations. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), under the G20 Presidency, India plans to focus on the following areas: "women's empowerment, digital public infrastructure, health, agriculture, education, culture, tourism, climate financing, circular economy, global food security, energy security, green hydrogen, disaster risk reduction and resilience, fight against economic crime and multilateral reform. As we further narrow down the agenda, it becomes clear that India's presidency will focus on climate finance, energy security and green hydrogen in the energy sector. India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant reiterated that the developed world has taken limited climate action, including on climate finance, which will be a key discussion point during India's G20 presidency. Further, India must pivot discussions around knowledge and technology exchange, standardisation, and political neutrality in

India figured among the top 10 high performers in the Climate Change Performance Index in 2020 whereas big polluters such as China and the United States (US) figured much below in the list. The issue of climate change and action nificant components of transfor-

plan will deepen India's position in G20 and beyond. India will aspire to deliver outcomes in areas of critical interest such as integrating the climate and development agenda and accelerating progress towards achieving the SDG 2030 mandate. Quest for sustainable development is fundamental. India's net zero target of 2070, reduce the projected carbon emissions by one billion and meeting 50 per cent of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030 is most welcome. India would also like to promote the outreach and potential of its initiatives in the climate change and disaster risk reduction spheres as envisaged in the International Solar Alliance and Coalition for Disaster Risk Initiative projects. As chair of the G20, India will discernibly push for the provision of finance and technology as critical enablers for achieving the climate goals set by the Paris Accord. Sustainability, a personal mantra promoted by PM Modi, and reflected in the G20 declaration on sustainable consumption and responsible production patterns, should also see emphasis. The recently concluded COP27 announced a 'loss and damage fund' specifically to support vulnerable countries with limited resources to fight climate change. Carrying this forward, under India's presidency, the emphasis on more effective targeting of financials to support clean economy is expected to be reaffirmed at the G20.

It is an unprecedented opportunity to shape the global narrative in favour of reducing the carbon footprint and encouraging green energy and digitalisation as sig-

mational changes. India has set a good example by taking several measures to meet its climate commitments: these aim to reach non-fossil energy capacity of 500 GW and meeting 50 per cent of its electricity requirements from renewable energy by 2030. A continuing expansion of its indigenous nuclear power programme and a rapid move towards the use of solar and wind energy for electricity generation are steps in this direction. India's ability to forge partnerships and friendships across today's polarised world can help it bring energy transition issues into sharper focus. A lot will depend on how ideas trickle down to action and finally impact the world. New Delhi's traditional approach of conservation and responsible consumption can be demonstrated to foreign visitors during its G20 presidency as insight on sustainable lifestyles. The prime minister, too, has encouraged all citizens down this path as part of his call for LIFE or "lifestyle for environment" during the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, 2021. The Presidency could drive the climate and energy transition agenda by instituting hold domestic and global initiatives that are concrete and bring real change on the ground.

As the world's largest democra- $\ensuremath{\mathrm{cy}},$ the third largest economy of the world in Public private partnership terms and 2nd most populous country of the world, India will make a meaningful contribution in the G20 to support faster, sustainable, and inclusive growth. The G20 Presidency would place India on the global stage and provide an opportunity for India to place its priorities and narratives on the global agenda. It would also provide a unique opportunity to showcase India's progress and developments as well as its rich culture heritage and diversity. India's G20 presidency is the best hope for the world in its fight against the climate crisis and work towards acquiring sustainable goals. While India must negotiate its vital interests in highly complex climate negotiations, the world is now ready to listen and follow India's strategic and vision-led initiatives. There is a vacuum in the thought leadership space, and this is the best opportunity for India to take the lead.

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Iran Arms sale to Russia

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he US is now focusing on the alleged Iranian- Russian arms deal rather than the Iranian nuclear deal. Robert Malley, the US special envoy to Iran, said that his country will now focus on other issues rather than Iran's Nuclear Deal as Iran is dragging its feet in finalising this deal. (Bloomberg Dec 3, 2022). He further added that right now, two things are significant: Iran's alleged supplies of arms to Russia and internal protests in Iran.

Iran is stepping up uranium enrichment pursuits and even hoodwinking international inspections. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) observed with concern that Iran is enriching uranium and has denied it access to the places where these activities are being carried out. Also, Iran is insisting on withdrawing the IAEA inspections mandate as a precondition to resuming the talks on the nuclear deal. Iran is generally coming up with ideas and demands which are not practical and is adopting delaying tactics.

Contacts between European Union and Iran are intact and Russian President Vladimir Putin haven't been suspended so far. However, the US has now shifted issues its focus on Iran's arms supply to in Iran. It is believed that Iran has supplied Drones and Missiles to Russia. It is also alleged that even facilities in Russia. If it is true, then Iran would be crossing the red lines as per the sources of the US.

On the other hand, Russia denies using Iranian arms. It has relied more on drones from Iran as it exhausts its supplies in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. It is believed that Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev interacted with top Iranian political leadership and officials in Tehran in the last month.

Antony Blinken said there are no of HIMRAS Rockets, anti-tank indications of Russia's Vladimir weapons, anti-radiation missiles, Putin wanting amicable talks on vehicles and medical supplies. a settlement. At the same time,

soon about civilian nuclear-related

However, Mikhail Mishust in, Russia and the internal uprising the Prime Minister of Russia, articulated sureness that "in the new geopolitical reality, comprehensive and strategic partnership between Iran is establishing manufacturing Russia and China will fully reveal its great creative potential." And he also said that some countries of the western world impose their rules on others through illegitimate pressure tactics.(TASS, Dec 5, 2022).

The US announced additional military assistance to Ukraine worth \$725 million in August this year, which makes to a total of \$18.3 billion in military aid to Ukraine since the start of the Russian-Ukraine conflict in February 2022. (Mint Oct15, 22). This The US Secretary of State military assistance is in the form

Ukraine's second largest mili-French President Emmanuel tary aid provider is the UK, which Macron has decided to speak to has pledged 2.3 billion British

flict. The UK also committed to providing the same help in the year 2023. NATO, as an alliance, is extending political support and coordinating all the assistance provided by the member countries. European Union also supplies lethal weapons through European Peace Facility (EPF). First time in history that the EU supplied arms, ammunition and warlike stores outside the member counties. (UK parliament, House of Commons library).

Ukraine broke away from the Russia and the West have tried to exert significant influence on the country to strike a balance of power in the region. Ukraine is a crucial buffer between Russia and the West for the US and the EU. As the conflict between Russia and Ukraine prevails, the US and the EU are increasingly resolute in keeping Ukraine from Russian control

Russia had sought assurance

pounds since the outbreak of con- from the US that Ukraine would not join the NATO bloc. However, the US has failed to give such assurance. Russia is keeping the pot boiling to achieve its aims. But it is not easy to know about the intentions of Russia and stop it from pursu-

ing those. Any direct military assis-

tance or involvement in Ukraine by

the US, EU, or NATO could escalate

Sanctions on Russia have not

the conflict further.

worked effectively and could prove counter-productive also. The Russia-Ukraine conflict is threatening the delicate balance the world is in former USSR in 1991. Since then, now, and escalation can have manifold impacts worldwide. There is a strong case for de-escalation, as a peaceful culmination of severed relations is for the good of everyone in the region and the world over. The US can play an essential role in resolving the Russia- Ukraine conflict with the help of other European nations like the UK, Germany, and France. Dialogues and strategic investments should be aimed at creating a sustainable resolution

of the conflict. It will not be enough to smooth over the difficulties, but significant attention must be given to structuring the military disengagement to minimise the chances of backsliding.

India's balancing approach to the Russia-Ukraine conflict is becoming difficult. However, India has a unique position in the world, having friendly relations with Russia and the western world and could play the role of mediator. As the war progresses, the world's food and energy shortages become imminent, prompting India to take a decisive stand and play a constructive role in resolving the conflict.

India assumed the presidency of G-20 on Dec1, 22 for one year and has more exciting opportunities to play in world affairs. Envisaging the vision of G-20. Prime Minister Narender Modi has remarked that today, we do not need to fight for our survival – our era need not be one of war. Indeed, it must not be one. India has declared its agenda of G-20 working toward one earth, one family, and one future. Therefore, it will work toward inclusive. ambitious, action-oriented and decisive growth of the world. We must find a way to return to the process of dialogue and diplomacy.

The Group of Twenty, or G-20, is the premier forum for international cooperation on the most critical aspects of the international economic and financial agenda. It brings together the world's major advanced and emerging economies.

War has an appalling effect on the health and well-being of nations. Many studies indicate that conflict situations cause more mortality and disability than any significant disease. War demolishes communities and families and, many a time, upsets the development of nations' social and economic fabric. The best way to safeguard and strengthen democracy in postwar Ukraine is to end this war as soon as possible before more people are killed, more cities are destroyed, and more of Ukraine's by-now-endangered democracy is lost. Therefore there is an urgent need to search for a diplomatic track sooner than later

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INDIA IS FAST EMERGING AS WORLD'S MAJOR PHARMACY HUB

ew manufacturing industries in India have done as consistently well as the drug industry over the last four decades. The Indian drug industry is currently ranked the world's third largest in pharmaceutical production by volume. The production has been increasing rapidly supported by rising domestic consumption and exports. The industry has been growing at a CAGR of 9.43 percent over the past nine years. Generic drugs, overthe-counter (OTC) medications, bulk drugs, vaccines, contract research & manufacturing, biosimilars, and biologics are some of the major segments of the industry. India also has the most number of pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities that are in compliance with the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA).

In the 1970s, Indian drug manufacturers literally struggled for a toehold in the business in the face of overwhelming competition from some 30-odd foreign controlled pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers. Mostly based in Bombay (now Mumbai), those foreign drug firms had a vice-like grip over the country's small drug market. India's annual consumption of drugs and pharmaceuticals was less than Rs.600 crore. However, thanks to a series of decisive actions by the government, led by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the situation changed fast in favour of the domestic drug manufacturers since the mid-1970s. The industry has received support from the successive governments at the centre. Last year, the country's pharmaceutical output was worth over \$42 billion (approximately Rs.1,92,000

The Hathi Committee report, investigations into 3,000-odd pharmaceutical the pricing juggleries by foreign pharma firms oper-



ating in the country by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP), the listing of 'essential drugs' by the government and controlling their prices, formulation of the foreign exchange regulations act (FERA) of 1973, and incentives to domestic investors in pharmaceuticals projects in the 1970s and 1980s changed the very profile of India's drug industry in the following decades. India's drug manufacturers responded positively to the government policy. The country's pharmaceutical producers never looked back since then. Investments poured in. Lately, Hyderabad is fast emerging as India's pharma industry hub. It accounts for 40 percent of the country's total bulk drug production and 50 percent of bulk drug exports. Other major production centres include Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Ankleshwar, Vapi, Baddi, Sikkim, Kolkata and Visakhapatnam. The manufacturing network encompasses some 10,500 production units operated by some companies of all sizes — big,

manufacturing network and on the rise with the changits wide ranging production portfolio that global drug giants such as Pfizer, Bayer, Merck, AstraZeneca, and GSK have gone in for joint ventures with some of medicines by volume and the country's major pharmaceutical producers to take advantage of the situation. These joint ventures target largely the domestic market and also export. Industry experts highlight the country's unique blend of advanced drug making infrastructure, its status as an emerging market, and strong growth potential as underlying reasons why there is interest in accessing this market as early as possible. Indians are consuming medicines like never before. The country's drug consumption is projected to grow nine to 12 percent over the next five years or so. This will lead India to become one and Italy (\$27.2 billion). In of the world's top 10 nations 1973, India's total turnover in terms of medicine spend- in the area of bulk drug maning. The manufacturers are ufacturing was only worth increasingly aligning their Rs.75 crore and drug formuproduct portfolio towards lations accounted for Rs.

So strong is India's drug sants and cancers, which are ing lifestyles and increasing

Today, the country's drug industry is the world's largest provider of generic world's seventh largest exporter of medicines. In 2020, India exported drugs worth \$24.6 billion, running almost neck and neck with the United States (\$24.7 billion), the world's largest drug producer and consumer. India's share of the global drugs export market was 6.1 percent. Ahead of India and the US in the global drugs export market are five European countries. In 2020, Germany ranked No.1 with the export worth \$60.8 billion, representing 14.9 percent of the global drugs export, followed by Switzerland (\$48.1 billion), Belgium (\$31.1 billion), France (\$28.4 billion) chronic therapies for diseas- 370 crore. While the produces such as cardiovascular, tion in the organised sector anti-diabetes, antidepres- was dominated by foreign

drug manufacturers, the industry's expenditure on research and development (R&D) was less than one per-

cent of the turnover. The Indian Economic Survey 2021 had projected a 300 percent growth of the domestic drug market in the next decade. The market is likely to reach the US\$ 65-billion mark by 2024 and further expand to reach US\$ 120-130 billion by 2030. The country's biotechnology industry comprises biopharmaceuticals, bio-services, bio-agriculture, bio-industry, and bioinformatics. The Indian biotechnology industry was valued at US\$70.2 billion in 2020 and is expected to reach US\$150 billion by 2025. India's medical devices market was worth US\$10.36 billion in FY20. The market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 37 percent to reach US\$50 billion in 2025. As of August 2021, CARE Ratings expected India's pharmaceutical business to develop at an annual rate of 11 percent over the next two

However, to become a truly reliable pharmacy and exports by doubling the of the world, India needs market size by 2030.

the supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). Official reports suggest that nearly 70 percent of all APIs and upwards of 90 percent of those APIs essential to produce critical mass-market antibiotics are imported from China. An export halt or slowdown from China can temporarily upend India's entire pharmaceutical industry. Lately, India has released three production-linked incentive [PLI] schemes to substantially reduce the country's dependence on Chinese export of pharmaceutical and medical devices. Since the implementation of the scheme, funds worth \$2 billion have been distributed to 55 different firms to help production of 35 of 53 APIs upon which India has substantial import dependence. India also needs to take steps to control pollutant-heavy API refinement processes. China's industrial drug parks that offered cheap municipal disposal solutions and higher risk-tolerance for polluting industries readily took over the dirtier precursor industries as well.

A Nikkei report clearly indicates that China's near monopoly on precursors stems from a massive flight of Western pharmaceutical providers to China in the early 2000's. While the Indian industry should act fast to expand production of APIs and key starting materials (KSMs), the government should take a page out of Beijing's playbook to ensure that the manufacturers take full care of pollutant chemicals and harmful residues generated in the process. The self-reliance on APIs will help India realise its effort to become the pharmacy to the world producing cheap, high-quality drugs at every junction of the global value chain. This will help expand both the domestic market

RISHI SUNAK HAS TAKEN FEW POSITIVE STEPS IN STOPPING ECONOMIC DOWNSLIDE

ARUN SRIVASTAVA

formance, that is too in the case of United Kingdom, which has postal workers are staging strikes been suffering economic malaise that has turned endemic during the decade with Conservatives in the power. But still Rishi Sunak, the first Prime Minister of Indian origin in Britain is under scanner.

During this short tenure of Sunak, interest rates have start- ry in 2019. Even his own party comed settling down, the financial markets have been reassured, a sense of stability has returned and his administrative skill came to government economic policy. under scanner after his party lost painful memory of Liz Truss's inept handling of the governance gradually fading away and Sunak giving every impression of being comfortable in power. However, a section of the Conservative MPs have raised the issue of failure of Sunak to cope with the situation. varive at the 2019 general election Incidentally most of the members owe their loyalty to Boris Johnson. conviction for child sexual assault.

Sunak's government is facing rebellions from backbench MPs on issues as varied as easing planning laws to allow more houses to be built, to promoting on-shore wind turbines to ease reliance on fossil fuels. He had to face bitter criticism from these people for his inability to attend the climate change conference in Egypt as at that point of time he was too busy to leave the

Though by and large people think him as a competent and honest ruler, the problem with Sunak is he doesn't have much time. With general election -knocking at the door—two years from now-- he has to salvage the situation before the dateline and catch the imagination of the people through his performance. The failure to win the election would wrought havoc for him. He would go down in the history of the Conservative party as the most horrific performer. On his part he do not blame Boris or Liz Truss for does not like to be remembered as

an extent that the next election are to be relied the Conservatives at this point which is the harder

could spell the end of Conservatives' long run in office. Inflation ix weeks are certainly not the remains high at over 10%; wages sensible time frame to judge are not rising at the same rate, a new prime minister's per- which means that most people are poorer; nurses, train drivers and to demand higher pay.

> As in India the electoral success of a political party is the index of its viability and relevance. The Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn was dumped since he could lead his party to an electoral victorades treated him like a pariah. Sunak's economic understanding the by election.

The by-election for the parliamentary constituency of Wakefield was held on 23 June 2022. It was triggered by the resignation, on 3 May 2022, of MP Imran Ahmad Khan. He got elected as a Conserand resigned following a criminal Ahmad Khan was subsequently iailed for 18 months.

The election was won by Simon Lightwood of the Labour Party, and was the first by-election gain made by Labour since 2012. It was held on the same day as the Tiverton and Honiton by-election in Devon. which the Conservatives lost to the Liberal Democrats. This marked the first time since the 1991 Kincardine and Deeside and Langbaurgh by-elections that a British government had lost two seats in by-elections on the same day.

Conservatives have been in power since 2010 and have won four successive general elections. No doubt the Wakefield result could not be construed s a referendum on the performance of Sunak, the Conservative MPs are using it to shake his confidence. Nonetheless the recent polls have been shockingly bad for Sunak. Ironically these MPs damaging the Conservative brand. These people also do not question Inflation, strikes and opinion the wrong economic policies folpolls have dented the image of lowed and implemented by Boris the economy and the political situthe Conservative Party to such and Truss. If the political experts ation - though it's hard to work out ening to withdraw their labour is also training Ukrainian soldiers.



had no real chance of winning. But the party didn't just lose, it got its lowest share of the vote in the constituency since 1832.

What is most shocking has been that these leaders instead of lending their support have been involved in pulling his leg. The Conservatives themselves have begun to give up hope of winning the next election. Already a move has been initiated inside the party to choose the new face who will lead the party to the polls. News of some members not willing to face the election have also started floating the political

It is irony that these members are not willing to share the information that Rishi Sunak, inherits a UK economy that was headed for recession even before the recent turmoil triggered by Liz Truss. "The economic decline simply gathered momentum in October. The heightened political and economic uncertainty has caused business activity to fall at a rate not seen since the global financial crisis in 2009 if pandemic lockdown months are excluded.

With Sunak seen as bringing stability to markets, sterling rose and yields fell Monday, "Investors clearly hope Sunak will stabilise

will be pleased to see European gas prices falling." With UK inflation at a 40-year high above 10 percent, the Bank of England is set to unveil another bumper interest-rate hike at a regular policy meeting next week.

Meanwhile in a significant development Shevaun Haviland, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce has urged Sunak to also help out businesses struggling with huge energy bills. "The political and economic uncertainty of the past few months has been hugely damaging to British business confidence and must now come to an end," she said. Her confidence got manifest in her remark "The new prime minister must be a steady hand on the tiller to see the economy through the challenging conditions ahead. "This means setting out fully costed plans to deal with the big issues facing businesses; soaring energy bills, labour shortages, high inflation,

and climbing interest rates.' Sunak's problems have been complicated further for his moves to keep the rightist forces happy. He knows that it would be tough to survive without their help. Suella Braverman's appointment made it clear Sunak's desire to keep a noisy right-wing faction onside as he seeks to rebuild party unity living, rising inflation, taxes and and make some difficult economic decisions.

This he has to resort to as in the Tory circle he is perceived as a relative moderate. Barely weeks in power, Sunak i unfortunately has to spend too much of his energy and time on fending series of crippling rebellions from within his own party. This has been happening at a time when he is needed to devote his attention to the wave of industrial challenges. Unions representing railway workers, teachers, postal workers and, most politically dangerous of all, doctors, nurses and ambulance workers are threat- and armoured fighting vehicles. It before Christmas. The unions are

task," said AJ Bell financial ana- now planning to coordinate their lyst Danni Hewson. He also said strikes in the National Health Ser-"As well as the recovery in sterling vice, while the railways are set to and the reduced cost of government grind to a halt during the peak preborrowing (as yields drop), Sunak holiday period. An unhappy Christmas seems assured

Sunak has stabilized the economy, reassured allies from Washington to Kviv and even soothed the European Union after years of sparring between Britain and the bloc. Nonetheless opinion polls have good news and bad news for Sunak. While 47 percent of the people likes him only 41% disliked him. "That's definitely better than Boris Johnson was getting earlier this year," said Gideon Skinner, Ipsos' head of political research. But he said Sunak's popularity "is not showing signs of rubbing off

onto the Conservative Party brand Obviously, Sunak's premiership remains an extraordinary event in the history of the United Kingdom. His key task is to fix the world's sixth-largest economy that is currently "broken" possibly because of Brexit, Britain is now struggling on multiple fronts, especially in foreign policy, global business ventures and world politics.

Unfortunately for Sunak the UK has failed to get the benefit out of Brexit. Britain has long complained that negotiations with the EU have failed to come to fruition and the legislation is seen as an insurance policy. Post-Brexit Britain's economy is in a gloomy state of affairs as high costs of energy crisis are now worrying ordinary people. Some leading analysts say; {Britain's economy is falling behind the G7...why?" and more importantly "how the U.K. should reset its global role follow-

ing Brexit?' Ukraine war has been having an adverse impact on the British economy. The situation may receive a major set back if international support for Ukraine begins to weaken. Britain has been one of Ukraine's biggest suppliers of military equipment, sending almost 7,000 antitank weapons, hundreds of missiles

NEW ERA FOR CONGRESS HAS JUST BEGUN FROM **HIMACHAL WIN**

DR. GYAN PATHAK

hrowing out BJP from power in Himachal Pradesh by bagging 40 seats in 68-member Vidhan Sabha was indeed a spectacular performance of Congress, but far more remarkable feat achieved by the party leadership was after the results were out. Dexterity of the high-command melted its factionalism giving way for consensus over selection of Chief Minister candidate at a time when there were at least three strong aspirants.

It may prove to be a beginning of a new era in Congress, which has been suffering from severe factionalism spanning its entire vertical across the country for sometime now. Factionalism has bogged the party down giving the other political parties opportunities of poaching the disgruntled elements within the party. The Himachal consensus building exercise of the Congress might have disheartened all anti-Congress political parties. It must be noted in this background that Congress has lost 6 states to the BJP since Narendra Modi took over the reigns of country in 2014 only due to engineered defection in the backdrop of factionalism.

Even in case of Himachal Pradesh, some of the BJP leaders were claiming that they could form the government in the state with the help of one or the other faction of the Congress and others. They have done this in the past in other states, despite Congress winning majority seats or becoming largest political party. People were, therefore, in suspense because of existence of three factions in the state.

Election results of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha election were out on Thursday, December 8, and there were at least three claimants for the post of the Chief Minister - the Himachal Pradesh Congress president Pratibha Singh, former state party chief Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, and outgoing Congress Legislature Party leader Mukesh Agnihotri. They have also staked their claim for the CM post.

The suspense over the CM post has deepened because Pratibha Singh had even told the media at her residence on Friday, "The party cannot neglect this family. This election has been fought in his name. It is not possible that you use his (Virbhadra) name and face, and then neglect him after the results. This is something that the party high command will not do."

This very statement shows how difficult it was to have a consensus candidate for the CM post. The difficulty was manifest even during the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting on Friday. The factions and claimants were not willing to recede from their respective positions, and therefore they had to agree on the decision of the Congress highcommand. Consequently, a one-line resolution had to be passed authorising the party high-command to decide on the new chief minister of Himachal Pradesh. The CLP meet was held at the party office

Congress Himachal Pradesh in-charge Rajeev Shukla, Congress's central observer and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, another observer former Chief Minister of Haryana Bhupinder Singh Hooda, former CM of Himachal Pradesh Jairam Thakur and some other party leaders had to undergo hard times to build the consensus. Since Sukhu had successfully headed the party's campaign committee, he had an opportunity to establish very good rapport among the party leadership as well as majority of Himachal Pradesh Congress leaders and workers. It went strongly in his favour.

Congress leadership on Saturday named Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu as Himachal Pradesh's new Chief Minister and Mukesh Agrihotri as Deputy Chief Minister. The decision of the Congress high-command was announced during a meeting of the CLP in Shimla. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge later announce the same day the new Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister will swear in on Sunday.

The best part of this whole exercise of consensus building was of its being a 'democratic decision' rather than imposed by the central leadership. It augurs well for the party since it instils hopes in the party rank and file to rise to the top on their own merit and ground work rather than by mere sycophancy of the party high-command and simply favourable proximity to them.

This process even not passed unnoticed. A senior Congress leader Anand Sharma, while congratulating Sukhu, said he was grateful that the party leadership has taken a 'democratic decision' and chosen one who has risen through the ranks. In a tweet he said it "a matter of pride that the son of an ordinary family will be out CM, thanks to our leadership, Smt Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Khargeji, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for leading a spirited cam-

The process of consensus building was conducted in such a good manner that even one of the strongest claimant of CM post and Himachal Pradesh Congress chief Pratibha Virbhadra Singh said that she and her supporters accept the decision taken by the party high-command. Her statement is all the more important because Sukhu is known as a detractor of Congress veteran six-time chief minister of the state. It shows the ever more mature dealing of infighting by the Congress high-command. Another claimant of the CM post, Mukesh Agnihotri, who has been made Deputy CM, has also assured that he would work as a team.

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu had joined the Congress student wing NSUI and was elevated to its president in the state organisation. He contested for the fist time during the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha election in 2003 from the Nadaun Vidhan Sabha constituency and won it. He repeated his win during 2007, and 2017 Vidhan Sabha elections from the

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BRIEFLY NEWS

Malaika Arora has a fangirl moment with Post Malone at rapper's Mumbai show

iva Malaika Arora got a chance to get clicked with American rapper Post Malone, who was performing at a concert in Mumbai.

Malaika took to Instaram and shared pictures of her with Malone, who was seen sharing a laugh with Malaika. The two seemed to be indulging in a fun chat right after the concert.

Malaika wrote, "U were awesome @postmalone !!! Ur music is heart emoji #feedingin-

The Indian diva looked drop-dead-gorgeous in a black top and pants with her hair down.

The concert took place at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi Race Course on Saturday. The 'Sunflower' hitmaker made his debut performance in India. Others who went for his concert included names like Ibrahim Ali Khan, Palak Tiwari, Mrunal Thakur, Malaika Arora, Mallika Dua, singer Armaan Malik and VJ Anusha Dandekar.

Vijayendra Kumeria joins the cast of new show 'Teri Meri Doriyaann'

₹V actor Vijayendra Kumeria has been roped in to play the lead role in the new show 'Teri Meri Doriyaann'. He gets candid about his role and how this show is different from the usual daily soaps.

He says: "I always try to take up roles which I have never done before. This one for obvious reasons is different. Not only the character but the look of the character is something that I have never donned. The moment I got to know that it's a Sikh guy who is a sharp businessman who loves his family, I got excited and I said yes for it. There is one more reason to take this one up. I want to dedicate this to my late father-in-law who was a Sardar and like a friend to me".

Starting his television journey in 2011 with 'Chotti Bahu 2', Vijayendra has done a good number of shows. Over the years, he has done shows such as 'Tumhari Paakhi', 'Shastri Sisters'. 'Naagin 4', 'Aapki Nazron Ne Samjha', and 'Mose Chhal Kiye Jaaye

He adds what makes the show different saying: "'Teri Meri Doriyaann' is not a run-of-the-mill story with fixed ingredients of a daily soap. It's more about interpersonal relations among all the characters. I think the story has more relatability compared to the drama quotient that we see on TV. I must add that the look and feel of the show is beautiful".

It is a story of two families and how the next generation from both of them falls in love with each other. It is about three couples and how their lives get entangled and the question raised in the mind of the audience is who is going to get along with whom as a partner.

'Teri Meri Doriyaann' will be airing soon on

Big B teaches 'KBC 14' contestant how to whistle

egastar Amitabh Bachchan taught how to snap fingers and whistle to 'Kaun Banega Crorepati 14' contestant Anshuman Pathak who appreciates the host for his impressive voice and says that nobody can follow

Anshuman tells him that he wants to learn whistling and the host replies that it is not tough.

The 9-year-old contestant says: "When the episode ends and I want to go home, I snap my fingers and go home. Then if I forget something at home or forget to do something. I can snap my fingers, even to go to different countries".

The host made many attempts to teach him how to whistle but he failed to do it. At the end, he says: "I will learn it when I get my power."

His father also tells the host that Anshuman has been a big fan of Big B since he started watch-

'KBC 14' airs on Sony Entertainment Televi-

'Ghum Hai Kisikev Pvaar **Mein': Couple competition** creates differences between the lead characters

he show 'Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Mein' keeps the audience hooked because of the love triangle between Sai, played by Ayesha Singh, Virat, portrayed by Neil Bhatt and Paakhi, played by Aishwarya Sharma. As the differences between the three are increasing, Paakhi uses sarcastic remarks for her husband Virat as she feels he hardly knows her choices.

In the recent episodes it was seen that Virat takes his daughter Savi with him for the school picnic. During the trip, Virat learns how his exwife Sai has built a very positive image in Savi's mind about her father.

The latest promo dropped by the makers brings out an interesting twist as the teacher plays a game in which she asks Paakhi to tell about her husband's favourite colour, sports and other choices. She answers all of them and later when the teacher asks Virat to answer the questions about his wife. Pakhi savs: "Iski zarurat nahi, kahi aesa na ho mai apne pati ki vajah se haar jau" (This is not needed, as I don't want to lose the game because of my husband.) Pakhi thinks that Virat hardly knows about her choices as he is still in love with Sai.

How all these changes are going to bring twists in the lives of Sai, Virat and Paakhi will be seen in the coming episodes.

'Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Mein' airs at 8 p.m. on Star Plus.

Actor Nora Fatehi files defamation lawsuit against Jacqueline Fernandez

Rollywood actor Nora Fatehi has filed a defamation case against actor Jacqueline Fernandez, alleging that the latter made defamatory allegations against her for malicious reasons.

According to Fatehi, Fernandez sought to criminally defame her in order to destroy her career to further her own interests, since they are both working in the same industry and have similar backgrounds, amongst other

On December 2, the **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) had questioned Fatehi regarding conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar's Rs 200 crore money laundering

Both Fernandez and Fatehi had recorded their statement as witness in the

Earlier, fixed deposits worth Rs 7.2 crore belonging to Fernandez were attached by the ED, which termed these gifts and properties as



by the actresses

In February, the ED filed its first supplementary prosecution complaint against Chandrashekhar's aide Pinky Irani, who introduced him to Bollywood actresses.

It had been alleged in the

proceeds of crime received charge sheet that Irani used to choose costly gifts for Fernandez and later used to drop it at her house after the payments were made by Chandrashekhar.

In December last year the ED filed the first charge sheet in this matter before

the court of Additional Ses sions Judge Praveen Singh.

Chandrashekhar has spent around Rs 20 crore on different models and Bollywood celebs. A few had, however, refused to take gifts from him.

Ram Charan, wife Upasana expecting their first child

Dan-India star Ram Charan, who received unanimous praise for his blockbuster movie 'RRR', and his wife, Upasana are expecting their first child.

Ram's father, Telugu megastar Chiranjeevi, took to his Twitter handle on Monday to share the happy news with his fans and followers.

He tweeted, "With the blessings of Shri Hanuman ji -We are

delighted to share that Ram Charan and Upasana are expecting their first child. With Love & Gratitude: Surekha & Chiranjeevi Konidela, Shobhana & Anil

Ram retweeted his father's tweet with a heart and prayer emoji.

Ram and Upasana tied the knot on 2012, a year before his Hindi debut in the form of 'Zanjeer' which didn't perform well at the box office.

He was most recently seen in an extended cameo in 'Acharya' which starred his father in the lead role.

Shah Rukh Khan visits Vaishno Devi temple before 'Pathaan' song launch



Shah Rukh Khan visiting the Vaishno Devi temple to seek blessings ahead of the release of his song 'Besharam Rang' from 'Pathaan' has gone viral.

A video of Shah Rukh making his way late at night to the temple sur-

social media. He made sure that people do not recognise him and chose an all black outfit. According to reports, SRK performed puja.

Anand, 'Pathaan' also stars Deepika Padukone and John Abraham. The spy thriller revolves around rounded by police officials RAW agent Pathaan. It will tor.

video of superstar is doing the rounds on also see a cameo by superstar Salman Khan.

Shah Rukh even performed Umrah in Mecca after he finished the shooting schedule of his film Directed by Siddharth 'Dunki' in Saudi Arabia.

Directed by Rajkuman Hirani, 'Dunki' marks the first collaboration between

Reena Agarwal says her on-screen character all set to bring a major twist in 'Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2'

'BADE ACHHE LAGTE HAIN 2' actress Reena Agarwal, who is playing the role of Vedia in the show, reveals about the upcoming track and how her character is going to create differences between the leads of the daily soap.

In the previous episode. it was seen that both Ram (Nakuul Mehta) and Priya (Disha) met with an accident due to which Ram lost his memory and he no longer remembers that Priya is his wife. Now, to be with him always and take proper care of Ram, Priya will apply for the post of his PA in his office with the name Lovely.

Meanwhile, Nandini (Shubhaavi Choksey) and Vedika (Reena Agarwal) come to know that Lovely is in reality Priya and they try everything to keep Ram away from her and their daughter Pihu.

Reena says: "Just when Vedika and Nandini thought they had succeeded in keeping Priya away from Ram they got a big shock. All this while they have been trying all possible ways to keep Priya away but were the show. not aware that Priva has



already managed to get back Ram's life Vedika is making into Ram's life."

Reena, who made her TV debut with 'Kya Mast Hai Life', and also did 'Talaash: The Answer Lies Within', 'Agent Raghav - Crime Branch', shares further about her on-screen character and how she is trying to get the attention of Ram in

"Now that Priya is back in Television.

sure to keep Ram emotionally attached to her and at points makes him feel guilty for being with Priya. The forthcoming episodes promise to be interesting and keep viewers hooked to their TV screens with a fascinating storyline," she adds.

'Bade Achhe Lagte Hain 2' airs on Sony Entertainment

Sukriti, Prakriti took inspiration from Preity Zinta's 'Jiya Jale' look for 'Kya Say'



layback singing twins Sukriti and Prakriti Kakar, who are enjoying the response to their song 'Kya Say', have revealed that they took the inspiration for the song from Bollywood actress Preity Zinta's look from 'Jiya Jale' which was crooned by Lata Mangeshkar and composed by A. R. Rahman.

rapper Badshah, paints a take inspiration from her

dreamy picture with its picturesque backdrop.

When asked about what inspired their look in the music video, Sukriti Kakar said, "As we were brain-'Jiya Jale' and Preity Zinta's look in the song, it instantly struck a chord. We were defi-The music video of 'Kya nitely inspired and made up

beautiful outfits throughout

the song. To that Prakriti Kakar added, "Preity Zinta has been one of our favourite actresses. Taking inspiration from such storming on what outfits a legendary look of hers was would fit the vibe of the song, an honour. The outfits are we remembered the song amazing as ever and surely go with the vibe of the song."

'Kya Say', produced by Chamath Sangeeth and written by Badshah is available Say', which also features our mind that we wanted to to stream on VYRL Studio's

'Lakadbaggha' to screen at South Asian International Film Festival New York, KIFF

ction-thriller film 'Lakadbaggha', which stars Anshuman Jha. Ridhi Dogra and Milind Soman in principal roles, is heading to the South Asian International Film Festival New York where it will have its world premiere. In addition, it'll also be screened at the 28th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival The film tells the story of

a vigilant animal lover who becomes the voice of the

Anshuman Jha, who got the opportunity to train with Tsahi Shemesh (trained the Avengers cast for 'Falcon' and 'The Winter Soldier') for the film said, "Animals and action films are two of my biggest passions. I am grateful that our film, which is set in Kolkata, will have its India premiere at KIFF 2022 and it's world premiere at the pet capital of the world, New York City.'

"'Lakadbaggha' is the story of an ordinary boy on the love of animals & being stunt team behind 'Ong-Bak') release in early 2023.



ordinary is my superpower. has designed the action. So I am glad we have made this film & the journey has taken 18 months of my life", he added.

French DOP Jean-Marc-

The film promises to bring the Israeli martial arts form of Krav-Maga to India. Directed by Victor

Mukherjee and produced Selva has shot the film while by First Ray Films, the film an extraordinary journey for Kecha Khamphakdee (the is expecting a worldwide

Kaveri Priyam on how tough it was to break through the industry wall

gained a lot of appreshow 'Yeh Rishtey Hain Pyaar Ke', has now bagged the lead role in the show 'Dil Diyan Gallaan'. She talked about not getting typecast and how tough it was for her to get a break in the indus-

She said: "I got my recog nition and a breakthrough in

ciation for playing a character. But over a period negative character in the of time I learned that actors easily get typecast on TV than on any other platforms. I didn't let this thought was for her to get her first number of auditions, even linger in my mind, rather you as an actor, things will work out for you some day."

🖊 averi Priyam, who 🏻 my career through a charac- well, then positive roles are 🐧 ate about acting and when I ter which was a grey shaded much easier. But the whole point is about the way you want to be projected," she added.

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She recalled how tough it struggle, saying: "I gave a got rejected in many, but I considered that as a process of learning and struggle. Of your career and keep your course it took me some time to get my big project in 2018, have always been passion- enriching at the same time."

When asked, if she was and write my own plays. I IANS: "Absolutely, acting did well at it too.'

"To take out time for my creativity, I used to explore

always passionate about also participated in a lot of acting, the actress told plays and curricular activities in school. And I have was always there on my been blessed with parents mind. I was a very creative who have always been very child, but at the same time I supportive and encouraging came from an academically as well, at the same time paraffluent family. My parents ents have their own appredid have certain academic hensions about this indusexpectations from me, and I try and field. I convinced my parents and came here to pursue my career in acting,'

DC inspects civic amenities, works in Ramban town

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam today visited several wards and inspected shops and other business establishments in Ramban town during a field visit conducted under the public outreach

The DC was accompanied by the President, Municipal Council, Sunita Sumbria, Councillor MC, Khalid Wani, Executive Engineer, PWD Abhishek Gupta, Tehsildar, Rafiq Ahmed, CEO MC Ramban, Sudarshan Kumar

The Deputy Commissioner resolved the water logging issues in ward no 1 of the Municipal Council Ramban and directed the Executive Engineer PWD to prepare a DPR for improving the drainage system in the area.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the CEO MC Ramban to implement orders issued regarding the door-to-door collection of garbage besides ensuring collection of monthly Rs 100 sanitation fees from each household and Rs. 200 from business establishments to strengthen the sanitation infrastructure and manpower.

The DC directed the officers of JPDCL to intensify the surprise inspections of houses and business establishments to curb the menace of power theft which is the main cause of frequent pow-



er breakdowns in Ramban town and other areas of the district. He also warned the sellers and users of banned heating appliances to stop the illegal practice to avoid legal action under extant rules.

Taking cognizance of un-managed water connections which is affecting the lane and drain system in town Ramban, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Engineers of Jal Shakti Department to take necessary action to

streamline the system of water supply connection, besides regularizing the un- authorized connections in the town within the prescribed time

The DC also directed the officers of MC Ramban, to ensure proper maintenance and cleanliness of the drainage system in the town. He also suggested the Municipal Council should focus on their revenue generation programmes, besides outsourcing the door-todoor garbage collection system to make the town neat and clean. The President, Councillor, and other prominent citizens raised various issues of public interest like the maintenance of the drainage system near Cafeteria Morh, Bus stand District Court Complex, Higher Secondary School, Ramban, and the major drainage system of ward numbers 4 and 5, the Deputy Commissioner issued on-the-spot directions to concerned officers to immediately take action to resolve the issues on a priority basis.

While inspecting various shops, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers of enforcement departments to regularly check the quality and rates of grocery items, especially fresh supplies to ensure the quality of products available in the market. The DC also directed the officers of MC Ramban, to ensure proper maintenance and cleanliness of the drainage system in the town. He also suggested the Municipal Council should focus on their revenue generation programmes, besides outsourcing the door-todoor garbage collection system to make the town neat and clean. The President, Councillor, and other prominent citizens raised various issues of public interest

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DC Rajouri reviews disposal of public grievances on Revenue, Satark & INGRAM Portals



RAJOURI, DECEMBER 12: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Monday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the disposal of public grievances received on Revenue, Satark and INGRAM por-

Deputy Commis-The sioner during the meeting reviewed department-wise disposal of grievances and obtained to-date status wherein the concerned officers briefed about grievances disposed of and pending with each Department.

Speaking at the meeting, the DC urged the officers to take necessary steps to ensure the prompt, efficient and effective resolution of the public issues in order to mitigate their sufferings

The Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the officers to work with dedication and zeal for delivering public services in a smooth and transparent manner. He also directed the officers to ensure the time bound redressal of public griev-

Officers who attended the meeting were ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; ADC Sunderbani, Vinod Kumar Behnal; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; ADC Koreranka, Surinder Mohan Sharma; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; SDM Thanamandi, Vikas Dhar; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ACD, Vijay Kumar and other concerned officers. The Deputy Commissioner impressed upon the officers to work with dedication and zeal for delivering public services in a smooth and transparent manner. He also directed the officers to ensure the time bound redressal of public grievances.

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Awareness program on revised Contract Carriage J&K Permit rules held at Reasi

REASI, DECEMBER 12: Assistant Regional Transport Officer Reasi Rajesh Gupta along with his team of officials organised an awareness program to educate the transporters and general public about the recent amendments in Contract Carriage J&K Permit rules. Drivers and Transporters from all over the district attended the programme. The ARTO said that the aim of amendments was to make the process easy and pro people wherein the J&K UT has decided to omit the grant of Letter of Authority which was earlier mandatory for registration of commercial vehicles. The permit procedures have been simplified as now onwards an applicant can apply directly for the permit online on the transport department website after registration of vehicles under contract carriages segment. Earlier, the applicant had to apply for a Letter of Authority after the approval of RTA/STA, which was mandatory for registration of vehicles and subsequent issuance of Route Permit under any commercial segment. As per latest amendment in J&K Motor Vehicles Rules, the applicant can directly approach any concerned dealer, along with requisite formalities for registration of any commercial vehicle in compliance with BS-VI Emission norms (Approved Models Only) under Contract Carriage Segment (for Built up Vehicles). In case of registration of Vehicles with drive away Chassis, the registration will be done by concerned RTO/ARTO Office. After the registration of vehicle under Contract Carriage segment the applicant can apply for issuance of permit online with Domicile Certificate, Registration Certificate of the vehicle for which Route Permit is sought. Present Address Proof. Character Certificate from concerned Police Station. Copy of Driving License of Owner or any person proposed to be engaged as driver. Declaration in an affidavit with regard to the number.

Government ITI Doda organises Apprenticeship Mela

vide real time employment training with required standards of skills in industries and other sectors, Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Doda on Monday organized "Apprenticeship Mela" at its campus.

A large number of aspiring candidates and over a dozen local establishments took part in the

The programme was aimed to educate unemployed Youth apprenticeship Scheme and its benefits. ITI Doda has also set up Help Desk to facilitate Industrial units as well as aspiring candidates to register them online on the apprenticeship portal.

Er. Ravinder Singh Bhatti, Superintendent ITI Doda elaborated in detail about the apprenticeship scheme. It was also

ulating the program of training of apprentices in the industry/ establishment by utilizing the facilities available therein for imparting on-the-job training. Govt. ITI Doda being the nodal ITI of the District played a key role in creating a platform between aspiring Candidates and Establishments. As per the scheme guidelines, All establishments having workforce (regular and contract employees) of 30 or more are mandated to engage Apprentices in a range from 2.5% to 15% of its workforce, for establishments having a workforce between 4 and 29 this is optional and Establishments having a workforce of 3 or less are not permitted to engage apprentices.

Besides, the apprentices are also entitled stipend under this scheme. Upon the completion of briefed that Apprentices Act was apprentice training, the appren-



also entitled stipend under this scheme. Upon the completion of apprentice training, the apprentice will appear at an All India Trade Test in designated trade. Successful apprentices will be awarded National Apprentice Certificate (NTC), which is a recognized qualification for employment for both in Government and Private Sector.

Hon'ble Vice Chairperson, District Development council Doda madam Sangeeta Bhagat was the Chief Guest on the occasion who spoke in length and encouraged the aspirants to take benefits of the scheme and excel in their lives. Ashraf wani DIO Doda was the Guest of the honour who is also a mentor under SANKALP-MGNF district Doda. Representatives from District Employment Doda also participated and spoke on the employment.

PSPS Govt PG College for Women inaugurates One Week FDP on "Govt Web Portals and IT Tools"

JAMMU, DECEMBER 12: The IT Committee and Department of Computer Applications, in Collaboration with IQAC of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt. PG College for Women inaugurated One Week Faculty Development Programme here today in the College Auditorium.

The Programme started with the formal welcome of the Chief Guest, Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College, Dr. Yash Paul, Coordinator IQAC and Convenor of the Programme, Deans of Arts, Science and Commerce, Senior faculty members and the galaxy of intellectuals as participants.It was followed by the lighting of a traditional lamp symbolically marking the inaugural of this Literary Enterprise. Prof. Rohit Gupta, HOD, Deptt. of Computer Science enlightened the participants about the

Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College applauded the team for taking this initiative to hold hands and be digitally literate to handle all the Govt. Portals in a successful manner. She also encouraged the participants to keep the spark in them ignited and take utmost benefit from this FDP. Amit Sharma,

Assistant Professor Computer Applications, Kathua Campus, University of Jammu was the Resource Person for the Ist Session and he deliberated on the Google tools. Prof. Ankush Raj, Assistant Professor of Computer Applica-GDC Doda, the Resource Person for the 2nd Session of the Day -1 of the FDP enlightened us about SPARROW Portal, Online System Based Comprehensive Performance Appraisal aided with hands-on training. Dr. Yashpaul, Convenor of the Programme presented the formal Vote of thanks for the inaugural session. The proceedings of the pro-

gram were carried out by Prof. Suman Bala and Prof. Sugandha Mahajan along with other members of organizing committee Prof. Aran Kumar, Prof. Rahul, Prof. Ashok, Prof. Javaid, Prof. Abhinav Sharma and Prof. Ruchi. It was followed symbolically marking the inaugural of this Literary Enterprise. Prof. Rohit Gupta, HOD, Deptt. of Computer Science enlightened the participants about the theme and road map of FDP.Prof. Minu Mahajan, the Principal of the College applauded the team for taking this initiative to hold hands and be digitally.

Forest Department organizes workshop on implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006

Forest Department organized a training workshop for implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 for the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers under the chairmanship of Commissioner Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Ver-

During the workshop, spokespersons interacted with the Tribal groups and various stakeholders including FRC Chairman and members, PRI members and officials of Revenue, Forest and Tribal Affairs department.

The training focused on duties including roles and functions of district level, sub-division level and Gram Sabha level Forest Rights Committees as per the Act and rules made thereunder. The implementation of the Act involves recognition and vesting of the forest rights on Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers who have been residing in forests for generations but whose rights could not be recognized.

The Act provides a framework for recognition and recording of rights so vested and the nature of evidence required for such recognition and vesting in respect of forest land. The framework for recording the rights involves



procedures and process to be implemented through the Gram Sabha, sub-divisional level and the district level committees as per Section 4 of FRA, 2006 and Rule 11 and 12 of FRA Rules,

The nature of evidence required are recorded in detail in the rules and also involves field verification by the Forest Rights Committee comprising 10-15 members to be elected among its members by the Gram Sabha as per the relevant rules in this regard.

The Government has already notified constitution of District Level Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Sub-Divi-

sional Level Committee headed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate and comprising officers from Forest, Tribal Affairs and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department besides non-official members who are nominated by District Panchayat at the level of District and Sub-Divisional Level. Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Verma spoke in detail on history of FRA 2006, key provisions of Act besides discussing in detail in context of its implementation in Jammu and Kashmir. He gave a brief background of Individual and Community rights. The FDSTs who were residing

OTFDs who were living for three generations prior to 13th December 2005 alone are eligible.

Sanjeev Verma also elaborated the role of various institutions particularly Gram Sabha, Forest Rights Committee, SDLCs and DLCs as well as procedure involved in processing of the claim. He informed the participants about tribal community that the Forest Department has stopped the auction process of Minor Forest Produce (MFP), a process which was there since last 70-80 years, due to the implementation of Forest Rights Act in J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chowdhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs department explained that the FRA,2006 will bring change in the livelihood of Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers and help building of community infrastructure by utilizing the funds under CAPEX- Plan as well as from Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI. He said the Act apart from recognizing the rights also gives various kinds of duties to holders of forest rights to protect the wildlife, forest and biodiversity of the area. In order to improve the process rate of the claims, he

stated that Tribal Research Insti-

tute is planning training.

Progress of Jal Shakti & I&FC sector works reviewed at Rajouri

RAJOURI, DECEMBER 12: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting and took a comprehensive review of the performance of Jal Shakti and I&FC sector. During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held regarding the progress achieved under Jal Jeevan Mission, District Capex Budget, SSY, BADP and Minor Irrigation.

The meeting was informed that out of 110 schemes proposed for Nowshera Subdivision, the tenders for 103 have been allotted, while out of 183 schemes, the work on 44 schemes has been allotted in Rajouri subdivision. It was also apprised that work on most of the schemes was in progress.

The progress of 18 works taken up under the District Capex Budget was also reviewed by the DDC. He asked the concerned officer to expedite the progress and ensure timeline completion of works. Regarding SSY projects, it was informed that 2 approved works and both are complete, while out of 2 BADP works one has been completed.

Taking the review of the progress of works under Minor Irrigation, it was informed that out of 08 projects, two projects have been completed and the work



on the rest was in progress

The DDC asked the concerned officers to bring in the issues impeding the project work, if any, in the notice of the administration so that the same can be resolved to avoid any delay in execution of the projects

Officers who attended the meeting were CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri; Adarsh Kalsotra; ExEn Jal Shakti Nowshera; Vipin Kumar; ExEn I&FC Nowshera, Sunil Seith and ExEn I&FC Rajouri, Asrar Ahmed Khan.

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Power-lifter were also felicitated by the Lt Governor.

Sh. Devinder Singh Kaluria, Chairman, General Zorawar Singh Memorial Educational and Charitable Trust; Ms Diksha and Ms Riya Kaluria, trustees of General Zorawar Singh Memorial Trust; Sh Rajan Singh Happy, President Yuva Rajput Sabah; Smt. Ritu Singh; members of the trust and Yuva Rajput Sabha, and prominent citizens were present on the occasion at General Zorawar Singh Chowk.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor Jammu University; Sh Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Sh Vivek Gupta, DIG; Sh Rahul Yadav, Commissioner, JMC; Major General Goverdhan Singh; Brigadier Vijay Sagar, retired and serving Army personnel were also present. to commemorate the martyrdom day of General Zorawar Singh.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor threw light on the life and military campaigns of General Zorawar Singh.

He is the embodiment of India's strength and self-confidence. His valour, discipline, and devotion towards duty is a testimony that for the brave, nothing is impossible and infinite possibilities open up for the warrior, said the Lt Governor.

General Zorawar Singh is an icon for generations because his name evokes a strong feeling of love, reverence and sacrifice for the motherland, the Lt Governor added. The Lt Governor said, it should be our collective endeavour to fully recognise his contribution and significance in India's history.

The historians, writers should pay attention to the historic accomplishment of true national hero, General Zorawar Singh and new generation must be reminded of his military campaigns in Ladakh, Baltistan, Tibet and immense contribution to the expansion of the Dogra Empire under Maharaja Gulab Singh ji, he added.

The Lt Governor also spoke on the transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir.

Jammu Kashmir is marching into its golden age with core values of people-first and ideas and ideals of fore-fathers. General Zorawar Singh had envisioned a strong and prosperous J&K, in which every citizen can live a life of dignity and self- respect. We are committed to creating a prosperous and inclusive society, said the Lt Covernor.

The Lt Governor urged the people to discharge their responsibilities to accelerate the process of development. On the occasion, Sh Ravinder Singh Jamwal, famous Sculptor and Sh Anmol Bhardwaj specially-abled

DGP

itants in J&K, the DGP said that the number of foreigners' as well as locals has been brought down to just two digits. "Militancy is on its death bed in J&K....." he said. The DGP said that life of new militant recruits is very short

To a query about the number of militants ready to sneak in at the launch pads across the LoC, he said that there are a few militants who may be pushed into this side before the heavy snowfall. "But the counter infiltration grid is alert to foil all such bids," he said, adding that the number of militants at the launch pads keeps on fluctuating.

About security arrangements in Jammu in view of last year's attack bids, he said all measures are in place to foil any "nefarious plans." "Our security grid is keeping a tight vigil." he said.

Replying to a query about threats to journalists by militant groups through blogs like Kashmirfight, the DGP said that those issuing threats are the "mouth piece of Pakistan's ISI."

"They are playing this mischief to sustain militancy, which is on its death bed. We have acted against such blogs/sites by lodging cases/FIRs. Those supporting them are being taken to task. People need not to worry. Those indulging in issuing threats will be sternly dealt with," he said. The DGP said that police and security forces have effectively dealt with the drone challenges and more measures are being taken to counter it—(KNO)

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being checked.

They requested locals to use boiled water and there is no need to panic and if anyone will have symptoms just report to the doctor—(KNO)

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era of peace, progress and prosperity in J&K, the Lt Governor said.

The people of J&K always wanted peace, but the Pakistan's exported terrorism and its sympathizers tried to destroy this paradise on earth. The situation has changed. The paradise on earth is now achieving new heights of development and there is greater ease of living in the lives of citizens, he further added.

Today, the world has started to understand that there is no Good Terrorism or Bad Terrorism. Terrorism in any form is the biggest atrocity against humanity, the Lt Governor observed.

The separatists working on the behest of the enemies conspired against J&K, misguided our innocent youths, and used them as cannon fodder, while their own children went to Delhi, Mumbai and abroad to get education and lead a normal life, he added.

A befitting reply is being given to Pakistani terrorist organizations and their supporters. We have been successful in curbing terror financing & recruitment to great extent. We do not believe in buying peace. We believe in establishing peace and determined to eliminate the entire terror ecosystem, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that a handful of people are trying to spread a false narrative and misguide the youth.

SHERI MATA

devotees and laid emphasis on timely completion of all projects.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor launched a Cottage Policy, Aarti Darshan Policy, 1st edition of 'Panchang Calendar-2023' of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. He laid the foundation stone of accommodation facilities for Shrine Board's employees at Adhkuwari & Banganga and launched multiple donation facilities for the pilgrims.

Further, the Board discussed, ratified, gave in principle approvals for a total of 46 agenda items.

The Board members were also presented with a compliance report on the directions passed for short term and long term measures initiated for yatra regulation and crowd management.

The CEO, SMVDSB apprised the actions initiated on diverse fronts for hassle free pilgrimage including issuance and verification of RFID cards, effective crowd management, augmentation of holding areas, plans for decongestion of the entire track, separation of entry, exit routes at Bhawan and surveillance through dedicated

CCTV network of over 500 cameras. There should be no intertwined movement of the devotees. All the facilities like lockers, bathing areas etc. should be at the same place in the new bhavans. All aspects should be taken into account for the construction of Passenger Ropeway between Tarakote Langar and Sanjichhat, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor directed the CEO to take all necessary measures for the safety and security of the pilgrims. "Safety, convenience and ease of the devotees visiting the shrine remains the top priority of the Shrine Board. Keep 24x7 monitoring on pilgrimage through RFID and CCTV cameras", said the Lt Governor.

To reform and enhance functions of various departments at the shrine, the Board approved implementation of Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP) software through TCS (Tata Consultancy Services) to provide an integrated digital solution.

The Board approved the establishment of New Registration Counter at Railway Station, Katra to decongest the existing registration counters and provide convenience and comfort to the pilgrims. The Lt Governor also issued directions for building a state-of-the-art Registration centre.

The Board appreciated and decided to continue initiatives undertaken on a pilot basis during the Shardiya Navratras for the benefit of Divyangian. The facilities will include provision of complimentary pony and battery car services, special priority darshans at sanctum

sanctorum during all upcoming Navrataras. The meeting also decided to invite doctors willing to serve the devotees at the Shrine on volunteer basis through advertisement and wide publicity.

While taking the appraisal of ongoing Projects at Bhawan under Master Plan- Durga Bhawan & Skywalk, the Lt Governor directed to expedite the work.

The Lt Governor emphasised that every effort must be made to complete all the ongoing projects in an expedient manner. The Board impressed for making maximum use of green technologies, rain water harvesting and solar power harnessing.

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been asked to explain the lack of supervision.

Meanwhile, deputy commissioner Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom said there is a zero tolerance policy towards absenteeism and lack of punctuality. He also said biometric attendance systems have been in-

stalled in most of the offices and any officials still flouting norms will be taken to task. He said such surprise checks will continue in the future

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Secretary), Home Department has been appointed as Chairman of the panel while Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department and Secretary, Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs, have been appointed as members of the committee. The committee has been asked to submit its report within a period of one month from the date of issuance of this order—(KNO)

NO CONFIDENCE

Addressing a presser here, Gilkar, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that the independent group of corporators have made all the arrangements and will submit the No Confidence Motion against the Mayor in two days.

"There is an adequate number with us and the NCM will be submitted in next two days," he said, adding that the corporators are being blackmailed by one way or the other, which will also be exposed shortly.

He also lashed out at Apni Party President Syed Altaf Bukhari for what he said ignoring Srinagar district. "Mayor, District Development Council (DDC) Chairman, his Deputy Block Development Council Chairman belong to Apni Party. One fails to understand what Altaf Sahab has done for the people of Srinagar so far as indirectly or directly, it is his party, who are ruling in Srinagar district in both urban and rural areas," he said—(KNO)

IDS

issues which have not been attended to," Tanvir said adding, "Until and unless the administration does not explain the need for such an exercise when we have other ID's for exactly the same purpose, the proposed measure would only create more suspicion. At present the government agencies, men and machinery should be attending the winter emergencies. Keeping the staff busy with data collection, and leaving people hanker for basic facilities makes no sense."

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mentation of the judgment, but have delayed the same with reference to some administrative difficulties. On further consideration of the matter, we are of the considered view that there is no scope for the respondents (University of Kashmir) to delay implementation of the judgment by addressing other issues of some other person(s)," the court of Justices Mohammad Akram Choudhary and Ali Mohammad Magray had pronounced in their judgment on 1.09.2022, granting four-weeks time to the respondents to submit the regularization order of the petitioner(s), as directed by the Court and the Division Bench of the Court, "failing which the Court will have no option but to frame rule against the respondents on the next date of hearing, on which date, in the event compliance is not filed, respondent no2 (Registrar, KU) shall appear in person."Writ petitioners Zahoor Hussain, Masooda Bano and Zeenat-ul-Nissa came to be engaged on contractual/casual basis by the University of Kashmir. Zahoor was engaged vide order on 29-08-2007, and Zeenat-ul-Nissa vide order on 27-12-2007 and Masooda Bano vide order on 13-12-2007. The petitioners have claimed that they were engaged as JPAs on sanctioned posts though on casual contractual/basis, whereas the respondent KU claims that the writ petitioners were engaged on casual basis for rendering help like orderlies and that they were not engaged against the sanctioned.

enue is generated. He asked the officers that the departmental dues should be adjusted with the corporation as the same has been already paid by the government.

The Chief Secretary called upon the officers that the revenue should be generated as per the electricity provided to the areas and number of hours of supply should be linked to AT&C losses. He urged upon them to ensure that quality power supply is provided to consumers with timely realisation of pending liabilities from the consumers. He called for responsible behaviour on part of both discoms and consumers.

District Level Meeting cum Training program on Aadhar related activities, issues held at Reasi

REASI DECEMBER 12: The District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meeting was held today here at Conference Hall DC Office Complex Reasi to review the status of Aadhaar enrolment and further strengthen the ecosystem.

The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Abdul Star in presence of Sanjeev Mahajan, Director UIDAI Regional Office, Chandigarh.

During the meeting, Aadhaar authentication and Aadhaar offline verification including use of QR code for Aadhaar verification were discussed in detail.

The ADC asked the stakeholders to motivate the residents of Reasi to enroll children below 5 years for Aadhaar and also to get Mandatory Bio-metric updates done (MBU) on attaining the age of 5 years and 15 years.

Education and ICDS Departments were directed to hold camps for the purpose.

The ADC further asked the concerned departments to

The ADC further asked the concerned departments to organize Aadhaar camps in Hospitals and vaccination centers to enroll newborns.

He emphasized that the module is meant to give all readers a firm grounding on UIDAI and Aadhaar. The manual starts with the key concepts of identity related issues and a solution from the Government – named Aadhaar. A major portion of this material revolves around goals and objectives of UIDAI. The next part of this manual covers the UIDAI Eco-System. Final part of this book deals with benefits of Aadhaar for All. The material also offers in-depth coverage of the issues related to uniqueness of one's identity. Among others, PO ICDS Anwar Bandey, SDM Mahore Mazahir Hussain, CEO Sunita Bali, DMO Ashok Kumar, Dy.CMO, BDO's, and other district officers were present.

Rajouri Admin, AIFT organise awareness program on plastic trash management



RAJOURI, DECEMBER 12: An awareness program on plastic trash management was held today in the Government Girls Model Higher Secondary School Rajouri to educate the students about the hazards of plastic on human health and the environment as well as appropriate management techniques.

The American India Foundation Trust (AIFT) and the District Administration Rajouri collaborated to put on the event.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal was the chief guest at the event.

During the program, the students spoke extensively about the negative impacts of plastic on human health and the environment as well as the significance of choosing eco-friendly alternatives to plastic. During the event, the students also exhibited models for managing plastic garbage.

In his address, the Deputy Commissioner emphasised the need to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic trash and said that these three concepts may help manage plastic waste effectively.

He also underlined the need for strict enforcement of the ban on the use of single-use plastic (SUP) to combat pollution and plastic waste. He also said that changing behaviour requires raising knowledge about managing plastic waste and reducing the use of single-use plastics. He also urged the students to serve as messengers for spreading awareness of the negative impacts that plastic has on the environment and inspiring people to choose eco-friendly alternatives to plastic.

The students were later awarded prizes by the Deputy Commissioner in recognition of their innovative models for managing plastic garbage.

Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid, Principal GGMHSS Rajouri, Abdul Raof Dar, BDO Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat and other staff members and students were also present during the program.

DC Kulgam inspects Town

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, DECEMBER 12: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today conducted an extensive tour of Kulgam Town and reviewed the implementation of order issued for streamlining traffic movement and to overcome frequent traffic jams. He visited Laroo Bus Stand, Truck Terminal Chawalgam and min market in Kulgam.

Mukhtar Assad Lambastes functioning of Pulwama District Hospital



Mukhtar Assad, Socio Political activist has lambasted the Pulwama District hospital for failing to meet the needs of common masses. He said despite catering to needs of over one million humans Pulwama District Hospital has failed to come up to the expectations. Mukhtar Assad said: "All important pediatric facilities meant to cater to health care needs of the patients especially children are missing. The

availiability of medicine, tests, doctors, machinery in this regard is quite thin. Secondly, all important Gynae Facilities are also in shackles as women of Pulwama suffer on this count. In this regard the women have to travel mostly to Srinagar as both men and machinery are missing."

Mukhtar Assad urged the Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha lead administration to take the serious note of weak situation of infrastructure and performance in the Pulwama District Hospital and improve the same .

'AAGHAAZ' : A Cultural Evening Organized at Poonch

M S Nazki



MENDHAR, : To revive the local culture, Indian Army's Balnoi Battalion under Operation Sadhbhavna organized cultural evening 'Aaghaaz-The Beginning' under the aegis of Krishnaghati Brigade.

The primary aim of organizing this cultural evening was to promote the message of universal brotherhood spread by Sufi culture.

The event constituted cultural programmes from various schools of the block, Gojari and Pahadi folk songs by local artists and dance cum music show by Saraswati Sangeet Kala Kendra, Poonch.

The event was attended by about 300 persons. Many civil dignitaries of Poonch attended the event which included

Deputy Commissioner Poonch, SDPO Mendhar, Tehsildar Mendhar, Dy. CEO Poonch, Headmasters and teaching staff of various schools of Mankote block, Sarpanches as well as village elders.

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PSAJK organises teacher training workshop with veteran scientist Dr Safdar Quddus

Srinagar, Dec 12: Continuing its programme of quality education and training of teachers, Private Schools Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) held a series of workshops with veteran mathematics scientist Dr Safdar Quddus.

The Math Teachers workshope were held at Green Valley Educational Institute, Ellahibagh, SRM Welkin Educational Institute Sopore and International Delhi Public School Shopian.

Dr Safdar Quddus is SERB-Research Scientist at Indian

Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He has done his PhD in Mathematics from Washington University,USA. His research papers have been published in many International Magazines, and is a Research speaker at International Maths Conferences.

He had a fruitful discussion with staff members about

challengers in teaching mathematics to students. He suggested the teachers to introduce math by relating it to what surrounds students. Terming Mathematics as one of the vital subjects, he gave tips on how help develop interest of students in this subject.

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He said that abstract concepts should be illustrated by examples while sharpened and tested by problems. While explaining an example, he suggested to maximize the number of steps, each catering to new/recent topic. "Habituate students to understand the problem and then reaching out for the answer. A complete understanding to the problem is almost the solution," he said during his address.

The Association said that it aims to utilise the winter months to best prepare the faculty of schools to deal with new challenges of education. "To impart quality education to our students, we need to have quality faculty. Inviting the renowned Mathematic scientist like Dr Safdar Quddus is part of the same programme. Such training workshops will help bring our faculty at par with world standards, which in turn will ensure that our students get quality education and be prepared for new challenges of life and academics," said a spokesperson of PSAJK. The Association said that it has lined more such interactive programmes with world renowned experts which will further help our school education and groom the abundant talent in our schools.

HDFC Bank partners with Startup India for Parivartan SmartUp Grants



Srinagar, Dec 12, KNT: HDFC Bank today announced the launch of its sixth annual grants program for social startups in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative 'Startup India'. Known as Parivartan SmartUp Grants, the program aims to identify startups working in the social impact space and support them through monetary grants to their incubators.

The grants have been offered under the aegis of Parivartan, the umbrella name for the bank's social initiatives. So far, the bank has disbursed over Rs 30 crore to more than 45 incubators which supported over 165 start-ups working in areas like environment, agri-business, edtech, waste management, healthcare, and skill development sectors. The bank has been enabling startups through its state-of-the-art SmartUp program, which provides specialized banking and value-added services to entrepreneurs. It aims to assist start-ups in achieving their goals through the bank's well renowned and highly advanced smart financial tools, advisory services, and technology." As of FY22, through our various CSR initiatives, we have impacted the lives of over 9.6 crore people across the country. We aim to achieve positive change in people's lives through direct and indirect interventions through Parivartan, empowering them to become self-sufficient and integrated into society. We are proud to announce our partnership with Startup India for our 6th Parivartan SmartUp Grants which would help socially conscious businesses to achieve their vision and mission," said Nusrat Pathan, Head – ESG & CSR, HDFC Bank. "The Indian Government and Incubators have played a crucial role in creating an ecosystem that helps entrepreneurs through their journey. Over the last 5 years through the SmartUp grants program we have made some contributions towards bridging the funding gap for these social-impact startups. With the 6th edition, along with our incubator partners and support from Startup India, we strive to create more efficient and effective outcomes for all," said Neha Agrawal, Head - Venture Investments, Structured Finance & CSR for

Startups HDFC Bank

Over 11,000 Faculty **Positions Vacant In IITs, IIMs, Central Universities**

New Delhi: Over 11,000 faculty positions are vacant in central universities, IITs and IIMs across the country, according to Ministry of Education (MoE) statistics The data was shared by Union Education Minister Dhar

mendra Pradhan in a written reply in Lok Sabha. In 45 Central Universities, a total of 6,180 posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, out of 18,956 sanctioned posts are vacant. Similarly, in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), a total of 4,502 posts out of 11,170 sanctioned posts are vacant.

In Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), 493 posts out

of 1,566 faculty posts are vacant.

"Occurrence of vacancies and filling thereof is a continuous process. Central Universities are autonomous bodies, established under respective Central Acts. Their recruitment procedure is formulated by their statutory bodies in accordance with their acts, statues, rules and UGC regulations or guidelines," Mr Pradhan said.

The Minister further said that he has directed all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to fill up the vacancies in a Mission Mode.

"In addition to writing to all the HEIs to fill up the vacancies in a Mission Mode, the Ministry has set up a monthly monitoring mechanism," he said.

Among the vacant posts in the central universities and IIMs, 961 positions are reserved for SC category, 578 for ST category, 1,657 are OBC posts. The vacant positions reserved for EWS and PWD category are 643 and 301 re-

"The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers Cadre) Act, 2019 has been notified on July 9, 2019 to ensure preparation of the rosters by considering the university as a unit. Also, according to the Act, reservation is applicable in all the Higher Educational Institutions except the institutions listed in the schedule and

few other exceptions as stated in the Act. "As per this Act, reservation is provided for all posts in direct recruitment in teacher's cadre in Central Educational Institutions. After enactment of this Act, no reserved post is to be de-reserved," Pradhan said.

Air India Close To Finalising Deal For 50 Boeing 737 MAX Planes: Report



Mumbai: Tata Group-owned Air India is close to finalising a deal with US aircraft maker Boeing for 50 narrow-body Boeing 737 MAX planes for its international budget arm Air India Express, according to sources. The sources familiar with the development said the deal will be part of a large aircraft order that Air India has been discussing with Boeing Co and Airbus SE since the beginning of this fiscal.

Loss-making Air India, which was taken over by the Tata group in January this year, plans to triple its fleet over the next five years, they added.

As part of consolidating its airline business, the Tata group has also announced the merger of its domestic budget arm AirAsia India, which operates the Airbus

A320 fleet, with Air India Express. Currently, Air India Express has 24 Boeing 737 planes in

The sources said that a meeting between Air India and Boeing officials is also likely to take place on Monday to

further discuss the aircraft deal. "Air India has almost finalised the deal with Boeing to acquire 50 Boeing 737 MAX planes for Air India Exress," one of the sources said

Air India declined to comment. According to the sources, Air India has been discussing this deal with Boeing for quite some time now and these

aircraft were earlier to be delivered to China. The airline is expecting to get a significant discount for

these planes, they added. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and the rising number of cases in China, Chinese authorities have put in place various curbs, including on travel, as a result of

which many of the country's carriers are going slow on their fleet expansion. Last month, Air India Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Campbell Wilson said the airline is in dis-

cussions with Boeing, Airbus and engine manufacturers for a "historic" order of next-generation aircraft. On December 11, media reports said that Air India was close to placing an order for some 500 planes with Boeing

An Air India official said the discussions for the large aircraft order are still in progress and the quantum of

the order has not been decided yet. The order for new planes by Air India is likely to be an-

nounced in the coming weeks, the official added On December 8, Air India announced plans to refurbish its legacy wide-body fleet, comprising 40 Boeing planes,

The company has mandated London-based product design companies JPA Design and Trendworks to assist with the cabin interior design elements of the refurbish-

at an investment of over USD 400 million (about 3,295

Sikh Man, 24, Shot Dead In Canada's Alberta, 2nd Such **Attack This Month**

Toronto: A 24-year-old Indian-origin Sikh man has died of gunshot wounds in the Canadian province of Alberta, with police citing homicide as the reason for his death, the second such incident this month in this country.

The victim, identified as Sanraj Singh, was located by the police in Edmonton city when they responded to a gunshot report on December 3 night, an Edmonton police news release said. Singh was found sitting in a vehicle in medical distress. The police performed CPR, a life-saving technique, until the Emergency Medical Services arrived and declared him dead. The autopsy report revealed homicide to be the manner of death, the press release said. According to the police, a suspect vehicle was seen leaving the area, and photos of the same were released by homicide investigators. Residents were also asked to check their CCTV cameras or dashcam footage for any suspicious activity on the night of December 3. A 21-year-old Sikh woman, Pawanpreet Kaur, was shot to death in a 'targeted' attack on December 3 in the Ontario province. In November, an 18-year-old Indian-origin teenager, Mehakpreet Sethi was stabbed to death.

"Developed Nations Unwilling To Walk The Talk": S Jaishankar On Climate'

hankar said today that developed nations -- ones that have a huge carbon footprint -- are passing the buck onto other nations without doing their share of emission control. Speaking on climate justice at the India Global Forum in Dubai, the minister, who headlined the event, said the promises made by developed nations at the big climate forums like COP (Conference of Parties) remain unmet.

"Those who are occupying carbon space have kept promising that they would help others. And frankly they have kept shortchanging the world. And they come up every COP with some new argument, some evasion,' Mr Jaishankar told the media on Day One of the four-day forum.

"The real problem that you are facing today is same problem we had multiple COPs ago, which is that the developed countries are still not sin-

New Delhi: "If you reduce

public debate to this level.

you have to face the con-sequences," the Supreme

Court said on Monday while hearing a petition

by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia

challenging the Gauhati

High Court order dismiss-

ing his plea for quashing a

against him by the Delhi

After the top court showed

its disinclination to en-

tertain Mr Sisodia's plea

against the November 4

order of the high court, the

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

leader withdrew it. Mr Sar-

ma had filed a criminal def-

amation case against Siso-

dia for making "baseless"

against him in connection

with the supply of PPE

kits at "higher than mar-

allegations

deputy CM.

corruption



cere about keeping their promises... The more climate events and emergencies you have, the more there's going to be the sense that these countries are unwilling to walk the talk," he added. At times, there are "very clever narratives which are designed to confuse", the minister said.

"You suddenly bring up a subject like this country is a big emitter... that country may have per capita emission which is one-tenth that of the rest of the world. But here it will say they are a

big emitter so maybe they should step forward. Hello! This is not the country which occupied carbon space. Somewhere people need to be truthful about it and say who's really responsible for global warming and the countries which are need to step up," Mr Jaishankar added.

Two years ago, the US had pulled out of Paris Climate Accord -- which aims to stop global warming by cutting emissions and eliminating greenhouse gas pollution --pointing fingers at India

Then US President Donald Trump had alleged that the Paris Climate Accord, which India had ratified, gave a better deal to "some of the world's highly polluting countries" like India and China and left the US hamstrung.

India, he said, "makes its

participation contingent

on receiving billions and billions and billions and billions of dollars in foreign aid... China will be allowed to build hundreds of additional coal mines. India will be allowed to double its coal production; we're supposed to get rid of ours," he had said. India has consistently underscored that the developed nations need to pull their weight regarding emission control. In 2015, ahead of New Delhi signing the Paris accord then environment minister Prakash Javadekar had pointed out that actions of developed nations are "far below" than their historical responsibilities and fair shares.

the pandemic, the petition-

er was making allegations.

Mr Singhvi later withdrew

After the hearing, advocate Nalin Kohli, who was rep-

resenting the Assam gov-ernment, said, "Essential-

ly, while issuing summons,

a court has to see whether

a prima facie case exists

June 4 this year Sisodia ad-

dressed a press conference

in New Delhi where he

made a defamatory state-

ment against the Assam

chief minister accusing

the petition.

US Delegation Discuss Taiwan Conflict, Improving Ties: China Foreign Ministry



Beijing: A senior US delegation in China discussed ways to improve ties and the issue of Taiwan with their local counterparts, Beijing said Monday, as they laid the groundwork for a planned visit by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. The talks -- involving top US diplomat for East Asia Daniel Kritenbrink, National Security Council Senior Director for China and Taiwan Laura Rosenberger, and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Xie Feng -- took place on Sunday and Monday in the northern province of Hebei, Beijing said.

The visit comes after Chinese leader Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden pledged to repair frayed relations at a summit in Bali, Indonesia last month.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said on Monday that the two sides in Hebei "had in-depth discussions on implementing the consensus reached at the Bali Summit between the two presidents"

Wang said the meeting also touched on Taiwan, the selfruled democratic island that China claims as its territory and an increasing source of friction between Beijing and Washington.

Xie, Kritenbrink and Rosenberger spoke on "strengthening exchanges at all levels" and "agreed to maintain communication", Wang said.

The State Department said last week that the visit would lay the groundwork for Secretary of State Blinken's visit to China in early 2023, the first visit by the top US dip-

Relations have soured between the United States and China in recent years over a litany of issues, from human rights to trade and technology.

In their Bali meeting, Xi and Biden discussed contentious issues, including Taiwan's future, US restrictions on Chinese high-tech imports and Beijing's moves to expand its influence around the world. Biden left the meeting proclaiming that there need not be a new Cold War, while Xi told Biden the two countries "share more

Iran carries out second execution linked to anti-government protests

The Islamic Republic hanged a man in public on Monday who had been convicted of killing two members of security forces, the judiciary's Mizan news agency reported, the second execution linked to anti-government protests in less than a week.

'Majid Reza Rahnavard was hanged in public in [the holy Shia city of] Mashahd this morning [...] he was sentenced to death for 'waging war against God' after stabbing to death two members of security forces," Mi zan said.

Iran's hanging of another man, Mohsen Shekari, on Thursday convicted of injuring a security guard with a knife and blocking a street in Tehran, have been widely condemned by the United States and its allies.

Rights groups have said Shekari was tortured and forced to confess.

Amnesty International has said Iranian authorities are seeking the death penalty for at least 21 people in what it called "sham trials designed to intimidate those participating in the popular uprising that has rocked Iran" Nationwide protests that erupted after the death of 22-year-old Kurdish Iranian woman Mahsa Amini on September 16 represent one of the biggest challenges to the Islamic Republic since its establishment in 1979.

criminal defamation case with regard to false impufiled against him by Assam tations which are per se Chief Minister Himanta defamatory...." In its order, the high court Biswa Sarma. The high court had dismissed Mr Sisodia's petihad said Mr Sisodia has not been able to make out any tion seeking quashing of case for quashing of the reduce public debate to Health Mission (NHM) auproceedings in the matter the defamation case filed this level, you have to face which is pending for disby Mr Sarma over allegathorities during the first tions of corruption levelled posal before the court of

"You Have To Face Consequences":

Supreme Court To Manish Sisodia

wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The AAP leader had claimed that Mr Sarma, as the state health minister in 2020, had given the supply orders to the firm of his wife. Mr Sarma has denied these allegations.

The matter came up for hearing on Monday before a bench comprising Justices S K Kaul and A S Oka. Senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for Mr Sisodia, said the AAP leader had nowhere said any ket rates" to the National money was taken. "If you

the consequences," the bench observed, adding the petitioner should have unconditionally apologised earlier.

Mr Singhvi said one cannot use the authority to "browbeat" others and that the petitioner had never said any money was taken.

"You have to face the consequences," the top court asserted, adding the allegations were made during the pandemic.The top court observed that instead of realising what the country of corruption in giving gov-

Chief Judicial Magistrate. Kamrup, at Guwahati. The high court had noted Mr Sarma filed the complaint alleging that on

was going through during ernment.

him of indulging in corruption.It took note of Mr Sarma's complaint about Mr Sisodia accusing him India, Sri Lanka **Resume Chennai-Jaffna**

Colombo/Chennai: India and Sri Lanka on Monday resumed flight services between Chennai and Jaffna, three years after the island nation discontinued the services due to Covid, and the passengers expressed happiness about the hassle-free journey.

Flight After 3 Years

The first flight on resumption of services landed this morning at the Jaffna International Airport, Upul Dharmadasa, the Chairman of the Airport and Aviation Ser vices told reporters.

Jaffna airport officials said the Alliance Air service landed at Jaffna at 11.25 am local time. A small ceremony was conducted to welcome the flight which had 14 selected passengers, mostly officials, on board.

The flight returned to Chennai at 2.35 pm local time, a delay of an hour and 20 minutes. On arrival here, Jaffna resident Danakshan told PTI that the flight to Chennai made his Tamil Nadu visit 'easy and convenient'. He was here to visit his relatives in the state. Previously, the passenger said he had to go to Colombo to get a connecting flight to Chennai. Akileswaran, another native of Jaffna, said the resumption has proved to be timely for him as his pilgrimage to Sabarimala in Kerala has become hassle-free. "Otherwise, I have to go to Colombo to catch a flight or board a ship. The direct Chennai flight from Jaffna is pretty useful," he said.Sekar, an Indian Tamil, and his wife Mrutula, a native of Jaffna, expressed similar views. The couple, who now live in the USA, said their proposal to go on a vacation to Tamil Nadu from Sri Lanka is 'quicker now,' thanks to the direct flight.

Under-fire Greek MEP loses VP powers over Qatar graft probe

BRUSSELS: A Greek MEP had her powers as a vice president of the European Parliament suspended on Saturday over a corruption probe implicating World Cup hosts Qatar that has ensnared four others and sparked calls for "root and branch reform" in the EU institution. European Parliament president Ro-

berta Metsola "has decided to suspend with immediate effect all powers, duties and tasks that were delegated to Eva Kaili in her capacity as Vice President of the European Parliament," a spokesperson said. Earlier on Saturday, Metsola said on

Twitter that the parliament "stands firmly against corruption", adding they would do everything they could to "assist the course of justice" Socialist MEP Kaili was arrested on

Friday hours after four others were detained for questioning. The arrests followed raids in Brus-



sels which prosecutors said turned up 600,000 euros (\$630,000) in cash. Police also seized computers and mobile phones.Belgium charges four people in European Parliament corruption probeBelgium's federal prosecutor's office said the investigation concerned suspected "corruption" and "money laundering" and an unnamed Gulf country."We will not accept business as usual...," the group said. "We must strengthen our rules so this cannot happen again." The European Parlia-

ment had "become a law unto itself", said Van Hulten. "It is time for root and branch reform." Alberto Alemanno, a law professor based in Belgium, said the "scandal opens multiple Pandora's boxes all at once", including "flawed EU ethics system for MEPs" and the 'scale of foreign influence over EU". Only a vote of MEPs can strip Kaili of her mandate as a vice-president, but Metsola's decision effectively strips her position of any powers for the time being. Belgian judge charged four people on Sunday over allegedly receiving money and gifts from a Gulf state to influence decisions in the European Parliament, accusations that have caused consternation in Brussels. Prosecutors searched 16 houses and

seized 600,000 euros (\$631,800) in Brussels on Friday as part of an investigation into money laundering and corruption. Six people were initially detained. Four have been charged.

Erdogan asks Putin to 'clear' Kurdish forces from northern Syria

Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Sunday that it was imperative the Kremlin "clear" Kurdish forces from northern Syria. Erdogan has been threatening

to launch a new incursion into northern Syria to push out Kurdish forces he blames for a November bomb blast that killed six people in Istanbul.

A 2019 agreement between Moscow and Ankara ended another offensive by setting up a 30-kilometre (19-mile) "safe zone" to protect Turkey against cross-border attacks from Syrian territory. Erdogan accuses Russia — a key

player in the Syria conflict which backs President Bashar al-Assad — of failing to follow through on the deal. Erdogan told Putin in a Turkey has been pummelling to support ones it already has Sea grain export agreement on ridor.

clear the (Kurdish fighters) from the border to a depth of at least 30 kilometres," his office said. Erdogan stated it was a "priority", the Turkish presidency said.

Some of the Kurdish forces are stationed in areas under Russian military control.Others have been fighting with the United States against jihadists from the militant Islamic State group. The Kremlin confirmed the 2019 agreement was discussed in the call."The two countries' defence and foreign services will maintain close contacts in this regard," a Kremlin statement said. Both Moscow and Washington have been putting diplomatic pressure on Ankara not to launch

a new ground campaign.



Kurdish positions near the border with artillery fire and drone strikes since Nov 20 in response to the bomb blast. But it has not yet poured in any major forces

stationed in the area. Kurdish groups deny involvement in the Istanbul attack.Black Sea grain dealTurkish President Tayyip Erdogan also discussed the Black

sia and Ukraine, as both sides seek changes that would boost their exports.

Turkey has acted as mediator alongside the United Nations in the grain deal, which opened up Ukrainian ports for exports after a six-month de facto Russian blockade. Moscow is seeking better guarantees for its own food and fertiliser exports, while Kyiv wants the deal expanded to increase the number of Ukrainian ports it opens for shipping.

After his call with Putin, the Turkish presidency said Erdogan had called for a quick end to the conflict and said Moscow could start work on exporting more food products and commodities through the Black Sea grain cor-

England beat Pakistan by 26 runs to win 2nd Test, seal series

Mark Wood grabbed four Pakistan wickets to give England a hardfought 26-run win on Monday in the second Test in Multan and take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the threematch series.

The fast bowler finished with 4-65 as Pakistan were dismissed for 328 about 50 minutes after lunch, having been set a challenging 355-run target.

Wood, who missed England's 74run win in the first Test in Rawalpindi with a hip injury, turned the match in England's favour with the wickets of Mohammad Nawaz (45) and Saud Shakeel (94) in the space of just 12 balls and one run.

Pakistan slumped to 291-7 at lunch, and after the break Agha Salman (20 not out) and Abrar Ahmed (17) tried to hit out for an unlikely win to keep the series alive.

Pakistan's Zahid Mahmood clean bowled by England's Mark Wood (not pictured) during the fourth



day of the second cricket Test match between Pakistan and England at the Multan Cricket Stadium in Multan on December 12. — But James Anderson had Ahmed caught, Wood

dismissed Zahid Mahmood without scoring and Ollie Robinson ended the match with the wicket of number eleven Mohammad Ali for zero, sparking celebrations in the En-

Anderson and Robinson took two wickets apiece.

Shakeel and Nawaz's wickets proved the most consequential for

Shakeel, who hit eight boundaries in his 314-minute vigil, added 80 runs with Nawaz as England found wickets hard to come by on a Multan pitch that slowed considerably as the game progressed.

In a last-ditch effort, skipper Ben Stokes brought in Wood before lunch and was instantly rewarded with Nawaz caught by wicketkeeper Ollie Pope.

In his next over, Wood forced Shakeel to play a pull off a short ball that caught his glove, with Pope

taking a diving catch to his left.
Resuming on 198-4, Pakistan had lost Faheem Ashraf in the sixth over of the day for 10, caught at slip for spinner Joe Root's 50th wicket.

With Eye On WTC, Stand-In Skipper KL Rahul Says India Need To Be Aggressive



A spot in the World Test Championship final at stake, a depleted Indian team has no option but to play an aggressive brand of cricket against Bangladesh in the two-match series starting Wednesday, stand-in skipper KL Rahul said on Monday. The Indian team will be without three key players -- Jasprit Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja and regular skipper Rohit Sharma -due to injuries. Having already lost the ODI series, the Indian team will need to win its next six Test matches (two in Bangladesh and four vs Australia at home) to remain in contention for a top-two spot in the World Test Championship points table. As of now, Indian team is placed fourth in the table with 52.08 percentage points while Australia (75 percentage points) and South Africa (60 percentage points) are placed first and second. Sri Lanka, with 64 percentage points, is third in the list. "There is a Test championship (final) qualification so we will also have to be aggressive. We know where we stand and what we need to do to qualifv for the final," said Rahul during a media conference after the unveiling of the trophy." Each day, each session we will assess what is required for the team in that particular moment and give our best." The season-ending World Test Championship will be held in June, 2023 at the Oval in London. Flexibility in mindset is the order of the hour and a key recipe for success."We won't go in with any set mindset. Yes, there is a certain history of a venue, you look at the numbers and take some pointers from that. At least for us we will go there and try to be aggressive and brave, try and get a result."The game is played over five days so it is important to break it down to smaller targets. In every session, the demands would be different but one thing is sure that you are going to see a lot of aggressive cricket from our side," the skipper assured. A lot of this talk of aggressive intent has come watching England team's radically different ultra-aggressive approach, which has caught the imagination of

Portugal's next step to be without Ronaldo



DOHA: Cristiano Ronaldo is staying back in Qatar for now. The 37-year-old was one of 10 members of the Portuguese squad that didn't opt to go back with the side to Lisbon after their quarter-final exit at the hands of Morocco at the World Cup in Qatar. It was finally on Sunday evening, almost 22 hours after it all happened at the Al Thumama Stadium — the 1-0 loss having left him with another failed attempt at winning the trophy that has eluded him, that Ronaldo finally broke his silence in an Instagram post that hinted he was calling it a

'Winning a World Cup for Portugal was the biggest and most ambitious wrote. "Fortunately won many titles of international dimension, including with Portugal, but putting the country's name on the highest foot in the world was my biggest dream. I fought for it. I fought hard for this

dream. In the five appearances I scored in World Cups over 16 years, always by the side of great players and supported by millions of Portuguese I gave my all. Left it all out on the field. I never turned my face to the fight and I never gave up on that dream.

"Sadly, yesterday the dream ended. It's not worth reacting in the heat of the moment. I just want you all to know that much has been said, much has been written, much has been speculated, but my dedication to Portugal has not changed for a moment. I was always one fighting for the objective of all and I would never turn my back on my colleagues and my country. Not much more to say for now, Thank you Portugal Thank you Qatar. The dream was nice while it lasted... Now, it's to hoping that time will be a good advisor and allow each one to draw their own conclusions." Ronaldo had skipped walking through the mixed zone

Morocco's miracle run continues, instilling belief they can win it all

can coach scripting history at the World Cup in Qatar, has an infectious smile that lights up the room. His joy knew no bounds on Saturday night; Morocco continuing their miracle run at the World Cup by ousting yet another European heavyweights Portugal and, in his own words, dreaming of glory now. Two more wins would do that.

If Regragui manages to make Morocco the first African team to win the World Cup, it would be some year for him. In May, the 47-yearold France-born former Morocco international led Casablanca's Wydad to the CAF Champions League title; the most prestigious club crown in Africa. Now, the biggest title in the sport is almost within reach."When vou are a small team vou need to dream and believe," Regragui told a news conference, only minutes after he was tossed in the air by his



players as they celebrated their 1-0 win over Portugal in the quarter-final at the Al Thumama Stadium. "We haven't come to the World Cup to play only three games and make up the numbers. Football is the best sport in the world because it allows you to dream. That's my message to the team and to the continent [of Africal. I think the world is now with Morocco." Smiling now, Regragui had been in tears in the final few ers were giving their all to protect a precious lead given to them by Youssef En-Nesyri in the 42nd minute. Regragui's eyes welled up after Morocco's immovable object in front of goal, their goalkeeper Yassine Bounou — named player-of-thematch — had saved a first-time shot from Cristiano Ronaldo as Portugal relentlessly chased an equaliser.

"I think it is the first time I cried in a match," stated Redragui, not in any way hiding his fears. "I tried to control my emotions but sometimes it's too much. I was afraid of Ronaldo. You know he can score out of nothing and is one of the best players in the world, but Yassine is a great goalkeeper. The emotions come out and it is impossible for Moroccans to control them." Morocco's belief stems from their impregnable defence. The only goal they've

Girl's maiden Volley Ball Coaching Camp Organised at Manjakote

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Rajouri: A Girls Volleyball Coaching camp had been org in association with J&K sports council wef 01 to 12 Dec 2022 to prepare them for selection into National Volleyball Team. A total of 20 girls participated in the camp and 04 coaches were made avbl for trg by J&K sports council. Trg was planned scientifically, wherein girls understood the technicalities of game and fine tuned their indl skills and coord as a team. Phy fitness and endurance being bed rock of any trg was emphasized upon and to enhance their str and stamina, girls were provided with protein rich diet ev-

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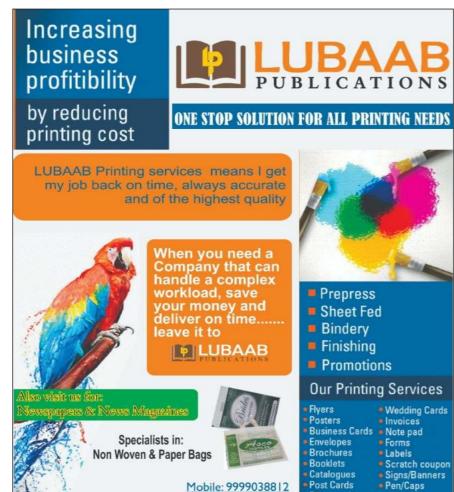
eryday. One divyang girl was also part of the gp of 20 girls and was the most outstanding player. With her spl abilities, she was able to grasp the technicalities of game faster

than others. On the final day of camp, Brig P Acharya Cdr 13 sect RR was the chief guest among other civil dignitaries were Mr Tariq Ahmed, Distt President, Volleyball Association(Rajouri). The camp concluded with appreciation and duly acknowledging efforts of girls by distr them with sports kits incl tracksuits tee-shirts Medallist of J&K boys volleyball team who had come to motivate the girls and share their experience of playing in Nationals had also been felicitated. Everyone present incl coaches, players and staff ack the efforts of the Ind Army and congratulated for successful conduct of Girls Volleyball Camp.

Jos Buttler, Sidra Ameen Win **ICC Player Of The Month Awards For November**



England's T20 World Cup-winning captain Jos Buttler was on Monday named ICC men's Player of the Month for the first time following his stupendous show in November. Pakistan's Sidra Ameen became the second successive winner of the women's Player of the Month award from the country, thanks to her brilliant performance in the ODI series win over Ireland. One of the most fearsome batters in world cricket, Butin the dramatic 20-run victory over New Zealand in Brisbane to start the month with a bang. Making his 100th T20I appearance, the opener smashed 73 from 47 balls to provide some much-needed momentum to England's campaign at the T20 showpiece. After England had secured their passage to the knockout stages, Buttler demonstrated his full array of strokeplay in smashing 80 from 49 balls.



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