

Senior journalist from Anantnag arrested by police

Srinagar, Dec 06: A senior journal ist from South Kashmir's Anantnag district has been arrested by the Po lice, officials said here on Tuesday. A top police official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the senior journalist Khalid Gul of Anantnag has been arrested.He said he was arrested in an old case filed in 2017.Khalid Gul was associated with a leading newspaper of Jammu and Kashmir for the last many years.

Notably, his residence was searched by Police on November 19 in connection with the investigation of a case related to online threat to journalists in Kashmir-

Pahalgam cab driver returns lost gold worth Rs 10 lakh to Hyderabad tourist

Pahalgam, Dec 06 A driver in Pa halgam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag on Tuesday returned gold worth Rs 10 lakh to a Hyderabad tourist.Abdul Rashid Wani, president Taxi Stand Movera Pahalgam told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that Akaash Farooq Wani, a Tavera driver, returned gold worth Rs 10 lakh to a Hyderabad tourist, who was on a visit to Pahalgam and forgot the gold in Akash's vehicle yesterday. He said the tourist had already informed the stand that he had forgot the gold in the vehicle. "When we informed the driver, he searched his vehicle and found the gold and the same was returned to the tourist," he said.He added the tourist from Hyderabad came back from Srinagar airport to collect the gold. Meanwhile, the tourists expressed his gratitude to the driver for returning his lost gold-

Ammo recovered during CASO in Uri sector

Srinagar, Dec 06 Jammu and Kash mir Police and Army in a joint operation recovered a cache of ammuni tion at Churanda area of Uri sector on Tuesday.As per a statement is sued to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer acting upon an in put regarding presence of ammunition in village Churanda area of Uri sector, the parties of Army 16 SIKH-LI and J&K Police today launched a CASO around the village.Furthermore, the search operation led to the recovery of ammunition includ-



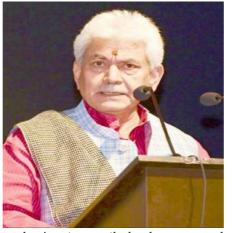
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JAMMU, DECEMBER 06: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today attended the ongoing 'My Town, My Pride' Programme at Gulshan Ground.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said, through public outreach programme, we are putting people at the heart of urban transformation & unlocking cities' full potential to drive growth, empower local governance and to ensure seamless delivery of services at the doorsteps.

People participation is a decisive factor for developmental initiative because every city's challenges & opportunities are different. During MTMP event, senior officials are visiting the towns & enabling direct communication and creating system that is responsive to local needs, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor termed Public-Private Partnership & public-participation as the two important aspects of urban transformation that are also the best tools to improve Quality of life, strengthen people's welfare



mechanism, to grow the local economy and build infrastructure for a brighter future. Underscoring that master plan is linked to the city's growth, development and overall socio-economic development, the Lt Governor stressed that city Master plan must CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

UNICEF India's Chief of Field Services calls on Lt Governor

JAMMU, DECEMBER 06: Ms. Jalpa Ratna, Chief of Field Services, UNICEF India today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha here at Raj Bhawan.

Ms. Ratna apprised the Lt Governor about UNICEF India programmes in J&K and the work being done in collaboration with Government departments.

Discussions were also held on supporting alternative learning, career guidance, life skills education, capacity-building, community-based learning, community-based child protection mechanisms and child protection services and other key interventions in the education sector. The Lt Governor assured cooperation and

support of the UT administration in all its CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

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Sports Stadium Anantnag.

6 to December 10, 2022.

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ANANTNAG, DECEMBER 06: The Divi-

sional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir,

Pandurang K Pole on Tuesday inaugu-

rated a 5-day long multimedia exhibition

on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) at

The exhibition is being organized by the

Central Bureau of Communication (CBC),

Ministry of Information and Broadcast-

ing, Government of India from December

Pole was accompanied by Dr Basharat

Qayoom, Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Anantnag, Hilal Ahmad Shah, Chairman,

Municipal Council Anantnag and Ashish

Teacher: DSEK orders inquiry

Kumar Mishra, SSP Anantnag.

Fake appointment of

J&K's annual budget for 2023-24 to be presented in parliament

Union Finance Ministry seeks UT's proposals from MHA

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2018 and there is unlikely Srinagar, Dec 06: Jammu to be any change in the & Kashmir Union Territocurrent status till March ry's annual budget would 31, 2023. So we have asked the MHA to submit the be presented in the parliament for the fourth consec-UT's budget proposals for the next fiscal," he said. utive year.

Highly placed sources in He said J&K's budget is the Government of India expected to be presented told news agency—that the in the parliament in the Union Finance Ministry month of March 2023. has asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to submit Jammu & Kashmir's budget proposals for the next fiscal. "We have requested the MHA to submit J&K's budget for 2023- 24 for seeking its approval from the Parliament," a senior offi-cial in the Union Finance Ministry told KNO.

He said the Parliament has ti-led government, citing to approve J&K's budget before March 31, 2023. "J&K is under the Presi-

We need to value our freedom achieved as a result of

countless sacrifices by our freedom fighters: P.K Pole

naugurates CBC's 5-day Multimedia Exhibition on Amrit Mahotsav at Anantnag

mir is without an elected government since June 19, 2018 after BJP withdrew support to Mehbooba Muf-

This will be the fourth

t budget of Jammu and

Kashmir which will be pre-

sented in the Parliament in

the absence of the Legisla-

tive Assembly in the Union

Territory. Jammu & Kash-

dent's rule from June 20,

a "deteriorating" security situation in the CONTINUED ON >> PAGE 10

Financial Aid "Lifeblood" Of Terrorism: Ajit Doval In Key NSAs Meet

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New Delhi: The NSAs of India and Central Asian countries on Tuesday called for collective action to combat challenges like terror financing, radicalisation and use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism, while asserting that Afghanistan must not become a safe haven for

terrorist activities. The meeting hosted by NSA Ajit Doval also emphasised the need for respecting Afghanistan's

Justice Tashi Rabstan to perform duties of Chief Justice of J&K and Ladakh from Dec 08

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Srinagar Dec 06⁻ Justice Tashi Rabstan senior-most judge, to perform duties of the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh from December 08, following the retirement of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice, a copy of which lies with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer President of India has appointed justice Tashi Rabstan to perform duties of the office of the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. "In exercise of the power conferred by Article 223 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint, Shri Justice Tashi Rabstan, senior-most Judge of the High Court



territorial integrity and ist propaganda, recruiturged non-interference in its internal affairs. A joint communique said rity implications for the the officials agreed that region, and therefore, a various terror sovereignty, unity and the expansion of terror- collective and coordinat- CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

terrorism, abuse of cyber space to spread disinformation and unmanned tion," it said. The mentioning ment and fund-raising efforts have serious secu-

Crime Branch files challan against 6 accused for establishing fake exam

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Srinagar, Dec 06: The Eco- assistant BOSE, Late Monomic Offence Wing of hammad Ramzan, then ju-Branch Kashmir

aerial systems present new challenges in counterterrorism efforts and call for collective acof cross-border terrorism is seen as a reference to Pakistan's support to

ed response is essential.

"The misuse of new and

emerging technologies,

arms and drugs traf-

ficking, using terrorist

proxies for cross-border

centres of class 12 in Kupwara

nior assistant BOSE

Srinagar, Dec 06: The Directorate of School Education Kashmir has ordered an inquiry to probe the appointment of a teacher posted in Boys High School Bar-Ghulam Nabi Mir, Abdul Khaliq Dar, then the senior thana, Srinagar. As per the order issued by the Direc-



The exhibition showcases the history of India's freedom struggle through photo exhibits, audio-visual aids, printed Infor CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

tor School Education Kashmir (DSEK) Tasaduq Hussain Mir, the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Srinagar through his official communication on November 22 of 2022 has reported to DSEK that one teacher (name withheld) was shown appointed as teacher vide DSEK Order No 491 DSEK of 2009 dated June 12 of 2009. As per the communication, a copy of which is with news agency—, the order was issued under No. Estt-111/24/2009 Sgr/6009-13 after being selected by the JK Service Selection Recruitment Board (SSRB) vide

ing 200 rounds of AK ammunition, eight Chinese grenades and IED material. The statement said that a case under relevant sections has been registered in Police Station Uri and investigation set in motion-

3 drug peddlers held in **Bla, Ganderbal: Police**

Srinagar, Dec 06 Jammu and Kash mir police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested three drug peddlers in Baramulla & Ganderbal and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

"In Baramulla, a police party led by SHO PS Pattan alongwith Incharge PP Palhallan during routine naka checking at Dargam crossing Pattan intercepted two suspicious persons. During checking, 29Kgs of Poppy Straw like substance were recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Shabir Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Mohd Dar and Bashir Ahmad Dar son of

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produced a challan against six accused including 3 deceased persons for establishing fake examination centres for class 12 in Kupwara distric.

According to a statement, issued to the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the challan in Case FIR No. 65/2005 U/S 420, 467, 468, 471,201,120-B RPC of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir against

Mohammad Ashraf Khan, then Head assistant BOSE, Ali Mohammad Badvari. retired assistant secretary J&K BOSE and Late Mohammad Abdulllah Sofi, then Principal Govt. Higher Secondary School, Sogam Kupwara, before the court of Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Kralpora Kupwara. The statement reads the instant case

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SI (M) Farooq Ahmad's killing: SIU produces chargesheet before NIA court in Srinagar

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Srinagar, Dec 06: The Special Investigating Unit (SIU) Awantipora on Tuesday produced a chargesheet before the Court of NIA Srinagar in a case related

to the killing of Sub Inspector (M) Farooq Ahmad of Samboora on June 18, 2022.

As per a statement issued to the news agency—the SIU produced chargesheet in a case under FIR number 71/2022 of Police Station Pampore before the Court of NIA Srinagar related to killing of SI (M) Farooq Ahmad resident of Samboora on 18/06/2022 against accused Owais Mushtaq Gani son of Mushtaq Ahmad CONTINUED ON » PAGE 10

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Rehmat Lane Umarabad Gets a New Look : Courtesy CRS-PWD Residents Heave a Sigh of Relief, Express Gratitude.

ABU HASNAIN HT REPORTER

Srinagar Nov 06 : Mohalla Welfare Committee of Rehmat Lane has expressed gratitude to the entire team of City Roads Srinagar of Public Works Department, Particularly Executive Engineer Muzaffar Qureshi, his Team including the Contractor. It was a long pending issue of upgradation and filling of potholes at Rehmat Lane, opposite Noora Hospital Srinagar. The City Road Department Srinagar took up the job and has completed the main link of the lane. The residents of this colony were highly enthusiastic to see the long pending demand being fulfilled.



President of the Mohalla Welfare Committee Mr Peerzada Manzoor Ahmed said that we are highly

thankful to the authorities for fulfilling this long pending demand of Repairing the main access road which continued in a worst and dilapidated condition for last more than three years. "This road had become dangerous to that extent that about a dozen minor accidents took place wherein few old men and some children also got injured as the commuters had to face tough time due to deep pits and Pothholes". Added Peerzada Manzoor

Secretary of the Mohalla Welfare Committee and a senior Citizen of Rehmat Lane Peerzada Jalal ud din expressed gratitude on behalf of 80 households of this Moha-"Residents of our Colony are lla. really very happy for this job done

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PUBLIC RELATIONS) SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (SKIMS)SOURA SRINAGAR CONDOLENCE



05TH DECEMBER 2022

A Caring Mother **Disciplined & Meticulous Professional 8** A Multi-Talented Colleague

Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences with profound grief and sorrow condoles the sad demise of Arya Habib, Computer Associate, Department of Electronics & Communication / Information Technology (E&C / IT) SKIMS who left for heavenly abode on 05th December 2022. In order to offer heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray for peace of the departed soul, a Condolence Meeting was held today on 06th December 2022 in the SKIMS Board Room. The Meeting was attended by Prof. Parvaiz A. Koul, Director SKIMS & EOSG, Er. Parvaiz A. Bhat, Chief Engineer SKIMS and Er. Farooq A. Wani, Superintending Engineer (E&C /IT) SKIMS, Dr. G. H. Ya-too, HOD Hospital Administration SKIMS, Executive Engineers of all the Engineering Divisions of SKIMS along with their restive Staff Members and the Staff Members of the SKIMS Administration.

While offering heartfelt sympathies and condolences, Prof. Parvaiz A. Koul, Director SKIMS & EOSG, said that his thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families. He hoped that the families are able to draw strength in this hour of grief and bear the loss. He said that whole of the SKIMS organization stands shoulder to shoulder with the families at this difficult time

Mayor Srinagar, Principal Secretary H&UDD kick starts massive sanitation drive in Srinagar

SRINAGAR, DECEM-BER 6: Mayor Srinagar Juniad Azim Mattu and Principle Secretary Housing and Urban Development (H&UDD), Dheeraj Gupta along with Commissioner SMC launched massive sanitation drive at Zero Bridge, Sri-

nagar. On the occasion, Mayor asked Commissioner SMC to issue directions to Urban Forestry for developing the landscape around Jhelum bund. He also asked for plantation of Pines on both sides of the river.Later, Mayor along with Principle Secretary visited DYSSO Srinagar and took pledge on Nasha Mukt J&K besides

flagging off a Nasha Mukt The meeting was attendrally DYSSO Srinagar. ed by Principal Secretary,



Later, a meeting was convened by Mayor Srinagar to discuss development activities done under "My Town My Pride" programme and projects taken up under Smart city.

Higher Secondary School

Chadoora, which was

presided over by Visiting

Officer, Ulfat Jabeen, MD,

At Khansaheb Town, the

programme was presided

over by Ghulam Rasool

Mir, Director Horticul-

ture Kashmir while Syed

Qamar Sajad, Additional

Registrar Cooperative

Kashmir, presided over

the programme at Town-

Similar MTMP, Jan

Abhiyaan events were

also held at Townhall

Beerwah and Townhall

were presided over by

Zeenat Ara, Programme

Officer ICDS and Masrat

Hashim, Additional Sec-

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Women Develop-

J&K

H&UDD. Corporators, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commissioner SMC, Director Indus-

tries, Kashmir, Director

Tourism, Kashmir, CEO/

Secretary, J&K buildings

and Others Construction Works Welfare Board, Mission Director, ICDS Kashmir, Superintendent of Police, all Joint Commissioners of SMC, Secretary SMC, Superintendent Engineer Drainage Circle SMC, All executive Engineers of SMC, Executive Engineer I&FC and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, Nodal Officer Designated for 'My Town My Pride' presented a detailed report on the projects taken up for beautification of the city

Later, a question answer session was held between the Corporators and officials from various departments

My Town My Pride culminates with good public participation in 6 Municipalities of Budgam

BUDGAM, NOVEMBER 06: The Jan Abhiyan programmes organized under ambitious 'My Town My Pride' 2.0 (MTMP), programme witnessed good public participation in all 6 Municipalities of Budgam district.

Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Prashant Goyal, who presided over the MTMP programme at Sports Stadium Budgam as Visiting Officer, inaugurated Double Storey Laboratory, Operation Theatre and Indoor Facility building at Chief Animal Husbandry Office Budgam.

Principal Secretary interacted with local youth and distributed sports kits among youth clubs and sports lovers. He reviewed the Municipal Finance and Capex Plan 2023- 2024, City Livelihood Plan, resource mobilization, city tourism, green city and smart vending plans. During the programme,

Principal Secretary also reviewed development of Urban Local Bodies with elected representatives and district officers.

Terming MTMP as an ambitious programme for development of urban areas, Principal Secretary said through the programme government itself reaches out to the general public in Town areas at door steps and listens to them and get direct feedback on governance and developmental process.

Along with Main Town ing and other aid during MTMP the MTMP programmes Budgam. the



at Budgam and Beerwah Towns.

beneficiaries Various received Grah Pravesh and Best House Certificates under PMAY- HFA Urban.

Felicitating the end beneficiaries, the Visiting Officers distributed sanction and approval letters among hundreds of beneficiaries under different self-employment schemes.

departments Various continued to showcase their products and raise awareness regarding their public welfare initiatives and self employment schemes at stalls installed in all Municipalities.In order to promote sports culture and ensure maximum student participation in co-curricular activities, the Visiting officers also inaugurated variety of sports events at different school in Municipality areas for the

Secretary Planning said

that My Town My Pride

has 7 action plans for

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ensure integrated devel-

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issues and demands shall

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gramme. The visiting officers also held meetings with elected Councilors led by their Presidents, held interactions with prominent citizens, NGOs, Traders,

last day of MTMP Pro-

Youth Clubs, Transport-

tation of schemes and awareness generation about Jan Baghidari and Digital JK schemes were also held by the Visiting Officers.

inaugurated number of Khidmat Centres, distributed sports equipments, soil health cards, land passbooks, and conducted visits to ration depots, aganwadi centres, hospitals, schools, ICT labs and other facilities to take on

Inauguration of sports speeches under Nasha Visiting Officers during

At the outset, students from different schools performed various folk, cultural programmes and skits at different venues. Presidents of Municipal Councils, concerned SDMs, Councilors, District Officers, SDM level Officers, EOs and other concerned also attended

HT - CLASSIFIED HEADLINES TODAY All 4 ULBs remain abuzz with activities on day 2 of MTMP in Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, DECEMBER 06: The second day of ambitious programme 'My Town My Pride' ambitious today witnessed multifarious activities in all four Urban Local Bodies (Municipal Council and Municipal Committees) in Kulgam district with enthusiastic public participation.

During the programme, the Visiting Officers listened to issues and concerns of the people besides taking stock of development scenario in these areas. **Commissioner Secretary**

Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, who is the Visiting Officer for Municipal Council Kulgam, today chaired a meeting with councilors and officers here to review functioning of Municipal Council, Kulgam.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi Ud Din- Bhat, ADDC, ADC, ACR and other officers besides President, Municipal Council Kulgam, Muneeb Ahmad and Councilors. EO Kulgam M. Irfan,

briefed the meeting about various online services, revenue generation and expenditure besides

grammes.Registration status of development counters were also setworks.Commissioner up to provide on spot Secretary instructed the registration facilities to EO and other concerned the beneficiaries here at officers to identify vend-Rest house Chawalgam, ing zones for vendors. Kulgam which were also inspected by the Commis-He asked for making the building permission prosioner Secretary. cess smooth and easy for

On the occasion, colorful and mesmerizing cultural programmes were also presented by professional groups.

Commissioner retary along with the Deputy Commissioner also inaugurated sports events here at sports stadium and participated in a cricket match to encourage the players and

He visited Drug de-addiction centre and reviewed availability of facilities in the centre besides visiting solid waste management site at Liroo. Meanwhile, in Munici-

pal areas of Devsar, Frisal and Yaripora the Visiting Officer Sheikh Fayaz Ahmad, Commissioner Secretary, Floriculture, Parks and Gardens, visiting officer to Yaripora, Mufti M Farid Ud Din, Secretary Royal Spring Golf Course, Visiting Officer to Frisal, Mohammad Ahsan Mir, Director Command Area Development Kashmir, Visiting Officer to Devsar listened to issues of people of these areas. They also took stock of developmental scenario in these areas. In these Municipal Committees, awareness sessions regarding govern-

ment schemes, sanitation drives and other activities were carried out. Meanwhile, registration counters were set up by the departments at the designated venues where Secpeople were apprised of government schemes and

beneficiaries were also registered on spot. The visiting officers also took rounds of these stalls and counters.

Bandipora witnesses multifarious MTMP activities, receives overwhelming public response

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BANDIPORA, DECEMBER 06: On second and concluding day of ambitious 'My Town My Pride' (MTMP-2.0) programme, Bandipora witnessed multifarious activities with overwhelming public response especially youth participation.

Secretary Tourism and Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez, accompanied by Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed, Director Employment, Nisar Ahmad Wani and Director Urban Local Bodies, Mathoora Masoom participated in MTMP-2.0 grand celebrations organized at Nishat Park, Bandipora.

The day witnessed varied activities including sports events, awareness programmes, cultural items and related events.

Sarmad Hafeez, while addressing the gathering, said that this ambitious MTMP programme will immensely help towards ensuring enhanced development of urban parts of the UT. He stressed on collaborative efforts of public, elected representatives and administration for overall development of these areas. He urged upon all the departments to make intensive awareness regarding various online services available with different departments.

Sarmad Hafeez stressed on effective implementation of different government schemes at grassroots level to benefit the last beneficiary in the urban areas. He emphasized on 100% adhaar seeding for availing benefits of different government schemes. He also stressed on community participation for maintaining cleanliness throughout the district.

Sarmad Hafeez also deliberated on ill effects of drug abuse and appealed youth to stay away from this social evil and get engaged in sports and development activities.

He discussed modalities for Master plans meant for towns and took feedback from concerned regarding the needs and aspirations of people

Sarmad Hafeez, while inspecting stalls established by different departments, distributed E-shram Cards, Golden cards, sanction letters, sports kits and appreciation letters among the beneficiaries under various individual beneficiary schemes.Sarmad Hafeez also had an

interactive session with Councilors of MC, youth, senior citizens, sports persons besides general public.

While responding to issues raised by the Councilors, Secretary said all the issues will be resolved in a time bound manner.

The civil society members raised the issue of Bandipora-lolab road, bypass for Bandipora and Women's Degree College for Bandipora.

The delegation of sports persons led by PadmaShri, Faisal Ali Dar, demanded construction of indoor stadium, youth hostel and Mountaineering Institute for Bandipora. Secretary also listened to issues of general public and assured fast track redressal of the same. He asked the officers to redress the genuine public grievances on priority. The day also witnessed cleanliness drives and plantation drives at different locations of the town.

The event at Nishat Park were also attended by MC President Basharat Hussain, ADC Bandipora, Waseem Raja, Joint Director Planning, Imtiyaz Ahmad, EO MC Bandipora, Wali Mohammad, students, youth, senior citizens and other concerned

spot stock of facilities. events, plantation drives, Mukt Bharat Abhiyan programmes at colleges and schools, witnessing of sports events were among other activities held by

MTMP programme. the programmes.

ers and other concerned during the Jan Abiyan programme. Review of implemen-The visiting officers also

'My Town My Pride' culminates with enthusiasm amid slew of activities at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, DECEM BER 06: Secretary, Planning Development and Monitoring Department, Dr Raghav Langer, today attended series of events at Baramulla held to mark culmination of government's ambitious 'My Town My Pride programme.

At Baramulla, Dr Langer (Visiting Officer) attended day long function organized at Dak Bungalow which was attended by PRIs. civil society members and other stakeholders with great enthusiastic.

Dr Raghav Langer inspected stalls installed by various departments including Health, Education, Social Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Youth Services and Sports. These stalls were meant to provide every service to the people at their doorsteps besides disseminating necessary information regarding government achemea.

Deputy Commission er Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, Director General, Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir, Bashir Ahmad Khan, Senior Superintendent of Police Baramulla, Rayees Mohammad Bhat, Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Yousuf Rather. President. Municipal Council Baramulla, Touseef Raina, besides other functionaries of concerned departments were present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner briefed about the initiatives being up taken by the departments in satu-



rating the deliverables in mir

the district. She also appraised the visiting officer that "My Town My Pride" has witnessed multifarious activities in the district amid overwhelming public participation.

Dr Raghav Langer, while addressing the gather-ing, said that 'My Town My Pride' is aimed at to improve service delivery and redress the public grievances within the shortest possible time and achieve cent percent saturation of beneficiary oriented schemes. He added that the purpose behind this unique initiative is to strengthen the roots of good governance in J&K and empower the common people besides giving direction to new governance model in entire Jammu and Kash-

taken by the government to fulfil the development requirements of the town under different sectors.

Meanwhile, an array of cultural events and skits were presented by the students during the event which got a quite applause by the participants.

Secretary also handed over certificates and letters and cheques among different beneficiaries.

Later, Secretary paid visit to Khawaja Bagh Baramulla where he carried out several developmental activities. He handed over a key to beneficiary for construction of a new house under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and interacted with the family members.

He also visited Indoor Sports Stadium and took part in sports activities there. He later felicitated the winning team with appreciation awards.

Dr Raghav Langer also visited Transit Accommodation Camp at Khawjabagh Baramulla where he took first hand appraisal of its construction work. He said that several concrete measures have been taken in order to ensure rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants so that they live in their homeland with peace and harmony. Moreover, Secretary in presence of President Municipal Council Baramulla and other concerned Children's inagurated Park at Sangri Colony Baramulla. He held a brief interaction there and sought cooperation from the public.

MTMP 2.0 Saurabh Bhagat inspects various stalls set up by line departments at Katra

REASI, DECEMBER 6: My Town My Pride-2.0 Municipal Council in Reasi and MC Katra of the district under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Reasi Babila Rakhwal successful culminated here today. On second day of My Town My Pride 2.0 programme, several activities were conducted by the visiting officers during the day in the presence of Urban Local Body members and prominent citizens of town of Reasi.

On the concluding day of MTMP 2.0, Saurabh Bhagat, Commissioner Secretary Science and Technology visiting officers MC Katra inspected various stalls set up by various line departments at Devi Park, Banganga Road ,Katra. The visiting officer enquired about the deliverables delivered by various departments during week long Jan Abhiyan Programme that culminated with MTMP 2.0.

A mega cleanliness drive was also conducted in different wards of Reasi and Katra Town on second day of MTMP-2.0 programme in which DC Reasi Babila Rakhwal leads from front and Promcitizens, wards inent members and officers participated enthusiastically and took pledge to make Reasi clean and garbage / litter free district. During the Cleanliness drive Sub Divisional Magistrate Katra, Angrez Singh also participate in the drive. While highlighted the importance of maintaining the sanitation, cleanliness and personal hygiene and appealed all participants to keep their surroundings clean and also motivate others in maintaining the cleanliness.

He called upon the public for discarding the use of polythene, maintaining hygiene, keeping water resources clean for a holistic clean environment in the district.

On second day, visiting officer held a formal meeting with the Sub Divisional Officers and elected ward members apart from other stake holders on the agenda as per MTMP 2.0.

The visiting officer gave a patient hearing to the grievances raised by all the stake holders and elected ward members and apprised the audience present about the significance of the MTMP 2.0, during the meeting all plans prepares for ULB were unanimously ad-



opted and works under Capex for Financial Year 2023 2024 were adopted during the meeting. The Visiting officer dis-

tributed self employment letters, Street vendor certificates, Inspection of school and sports activity, Distribution of financial assistance under PMAY-U, Nukkad Natak on Nash Mukht, Inspection of ongoing works, Inspection of Solid waste management plant, Greh parvesh ceremonies etc were held in addition to

plethora of activities. On concluding of My Town My Pride, Special Secretary Home Department, Asgar Hussain visiting officers MC Reasi inspected various departmental stalls at Ramleela ground and enquired about deliverables and steps being taken for their saturation. He also Interacted with ULB members and prominent citizens, they put forth their issues and demands. After patiently listening to their issues and demands. The Visiting officer also visited Govt girls school Reasi where he interacted with students and

inauguration the sports events. He also visited to the Mother Child Hospital where general public highlighted the issue regarding its operationalization.

Enroute, the Visiting officer also visited Bus stand Reasi and stressed on creating proper parking facility in bus stand being created by Municipal Council Reasi at an approximate cost of Rs 37 crore with phase first at Rs 5 crore.

The Visiting officer also visited Solid waste management plant site and inspected the work there he appreciated the work being done and conducts formal meeting of the house was also done where all the departments were present along with president vice president all the members.

FPO Office for Trout Fisheries inaugurated at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, DECEM-BER 06: Glacial Trout Fisheries FPO promoted under NABARDs FPO scheme was today jointly inaugurated by DDM NA-BARD Rouf Zargar and Deputy Director Fisheries Mohammad Sideeq in presence of Board of Directors (BoDs) of FPO, fish farmers and field staff of fisheries department at Seer Anantnag.

On the occasion, a five day training programme was also kick-started for the Board of Directors and the CEO of the FPO.

It is worth mentioning here that the said FPO was recently incorporated as J&Ks first fisheries FPO under the name "Glacial Trout FPO" under a grant based project by NAB-The FPO has been ARD. promoted by the Human Welfare Foundation NGO and is being guided by the Department of Fisheries. Highlighting the importance of FPOs, DDM NABARD said that the Government is keen to promote FPO in every commodity to upscale the production and control the prices by farmers. He said that FPOs can instill business sense in farmers and make them realize the best price for their commodities without having to rely on the middlemen. On the occasion, Deputv Director Fisheries. Mohammad Sideeq highlighted various centrally sponsored schemes and flagship programs run by the Fisheries Department for the welfare and devel opment of the fishermen community of the region. He impressed upon the fish farmers to take maximum benefit of being associated with FPO. He said that the Department of Fisheries will be providing all the possible assis-

of individual farmers. Talking about the One units by FPOs.

PULWAMA. BER 06: The second phase of 'My Town, My Pride' today conducted across Pulwama with an array of activities held across all 05 municipalities of the district amid overwhelming public participation. Secretary, ty and Protocol, Talat Parvez Rohella, visiting officer Committee participated in various activities held in the MC Secretary said that 'My Town, My Pride', aims to deliver public services at tance to the FPO instead doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, and participation from people and strengthen

District One Product campaign, he said that Anantnag district would be focusing on enhancing the fisheries infrastructure and establishment of feed

Day 2 of 'My Town, My Pride' 2.0': Array of activities held at Pulwama

> tration has made sure to deliver public services at doorsteps.

Talat Parvez appealed the citizen's to participate in such programa to discuss their development issues and share feedback and take part in the decision making process.

On the occasion, the Talat Parvez held interaction with the locals, civil society and PRI representatives of their respective Municipalities to take stock of public demands, grievances and other developmental needs.

Commissioner distributed Land Passbooks, cooperation Age Certificates, Golden Cards, Vehicles under MUMKIN scheme, PMAY strong and vibrant local cheques and various other benefits under "Beti He reiterated that during Bachao Beti Padhao" the program, the adminisscheme among the ben-



eficiaries.Talat Parvez besides other district ofalong with DC Pulwama ficers.Visiting officers, also attended a painting during the programme, competition organised took stock of the prog-Education Departress on various schemes/ ment under Jan Abhiyan, plans being implemented wherein a large number by various departments. of students participated Deputy Commissioner and displayed their artis-Pulwama, Baseer-ul-Haq tic skill. Choudhary, also visited MC Pulwama and inter-He was accompanied by acted with people along

SSP Pulwama Ghulam Jeelani, ADDC Pulwama Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz

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public issues and sought feedback from the public on development works and implementation of welfare, digital services. He said that during the 2nd phase of 'My Town, Pride' discussions Mv and on-spot redressal related to developmental issues wad held across the town. Meanwhile, visiting offi-

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the said Visiting officers cer Firdous Ahmad Giri by the district officers along with ADC Tral regarding different develvisited various places in opment projects. Besides, Tral town and took stock issues being faced by the of facilities being providcommon masses of difed by the government to ferent panchayats were the general public. Pertinently, "My Town My Pride 2.0"Programme

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Younis Malik. Joint Fi-

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Commissioner

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Tral with visiting officer

Dr Firdous Ahmad Giri,

Secretary J&K BOPEE,

MC Pampore with vis-

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Husbandry Kashmir and

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International volunteers Day celebrated in Srinagar

self-governance.

ADC Srinagar stresses on promoting volunteerism in society/youth to infuse spirit of empathy among masses

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Pulwama,

for Municipal

SRINAGAR DECEMBER 06:- To mark the International Volunteers Day, the District Red Cross Committee, Srinagar in collaboration with Kashmir Harvard Educational Institution today organized a grand Programme here in the auditorium of Kashmir Harvard School with the theme "Solidarity through Volunteering".

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Dr Syed Haneef Balkhi over the function.

Chairman, Kashmir Harvard Tariq Ahmad Baktoo, Vice Principal Mukhtar Ahmad Kant, besides District Scial welfare Officer, Srinagar, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad, BMO Hazratbal, Dr Farah and other concerned were also present in the programme.

The International Volunteers Day is celebrated across the globe to recognize and appreciate volunteers of Red Cross Society for their selfless services for the betterment of humanity.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sved Haneef Balkhi congratulated the volunteers who have been continuously serving humanity irrespective of colour, caste. creed and religion. He highlight-

ALSTRICT RED CROSS COMMITTEE SRIN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY R

ed the role of volunteers during natural calamities, accidents and other emergencies. He appreciated the volunteers for rendering services for the noble causes to be more effective during natural calamities.

The ADC said the day is observed to offer an opportunity for volunteer-involving organizations and individual volunteers to promote volunteerism, encourage Government to support volunteer efforts and recognize volunteer contributions to the



cult times.

Chairman, Kashmir Harward, Tariq Ahmad Baktoo also spoke on the occasion and highlighted

those who need help in the diffi-

the importance of celebrating International Volunteers Day. While speaking on the occasion, BMO Hazratbal, Dr Farah laid focus on the importance of volunteerism.

Earlier, Vice Principal, Kashmir Harward, Mukhtar Ahmad Kant welcomed the dignitaries and other participants.

On the occasion, famous Blood donor, Shabir Hussain Khan who has donated 180 points of blood was also felicitated. The ADC said the day is observed to offer an opportunity for volunteer-involving organizations and individual volunteers to promote volunteerism, encourage Government to support volunteer efforts and recognize volunteer contributions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals at Local, National and International levels.

The ADC stressed on promoting spirit of volunteerism in society and said that the young generation should be prepared from the very beginning toward this noble cause to infuse the spirit of empathy among them towards those who need help in the difficult times.

Director Agriculture Kashmir chairs meeting of Organic/ Bio fertilizer companies

SRINAGAR, DECEM BER 06: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today chaired a meeting of organic/bio-fertilizer companies at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, here.

with visiting officers. He

took part in MTMP ac-

The meeting was attended by Deputy Controller Fertilizer J&K Mohammad Sayeed Peer, Deputy Director Law Enforcement Srinagar, Assistant Director Law Enforcement Srinagar, District Law Enforcement Officer south/north, representatives of organic/bio fertilizers companies, representatives of Ms IFCL, IFFCO, NFL, IPL, KRIBH-CO and other concerned stakeholders.

During the meeting, various issues related to smooth supply of fertilizers during the rabi 2022-23 were discussed threadbare.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director highlighted the importance of



smooth and timely supply of fertilizers to the farmers of the region. He further exhorted upon the fertilizer supplying companies and officers of the department for liquidation of all pending stocks held in POS machines.

Director marked the importance of quality inputs especially fertilizers for the successful agriculture season in the UT. He asked the stakeholders to work in close coordination and ensure to put in all the efforts to secure the farmers' economic interests. He directed the enforcement officers to

initiate strict action according to law against the retailers if found selling fertilizer and other inputs without following the set guidelines.

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Habitual Timber Smugglers to be booked under PSA: DM Shopian

SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 06: The District Magistrate (DM) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishva today held a meeting of all Executive Magistrates and Forest department officers to discuss and take stringent measures against timber/ forest smuggling in the district.

MTMP 2.0 concludes with inauguration of several projects at MC Ganderbal

The departments intimated about the measures be ing taken by them to curb the smuggling in the district. It was apprised during the meeting that through joint efforts of departments, 13 PSAs, 49 FIRs, 79 court challans have been registered against the smugglers Besides, 2292 Cfts of timber along with confiscation of 29 horses and 07 vehicles have been taken which has reduced the smuggling significantly.

DM opined that still more measures are needed for eliminating the smuggling completely in the district. He while emphasizing on taking more result orient ed measures also directed the Executive Magistrates to inspect Saw mills, joinery units and monitor their working, besides checking their source of raw material, their illicit connection with smugglers and checking their licences, whether issued from competent authorities or not. He sought a list of top habitual offenders of forest/ timber smuggling of the district from the forest department so that action can be initiated against them under PSA. The meeting also discussed issues of people who resort to forest damage who depend to a certain extent on forests. DC intimated that those indulging in damages to forest shall be covered under different govt schemes for providing them income support.JDP. DFOs, Tehsildar attended the meeting.

60th Annual Raising Day of Civil Defense & Home Guards celebrated at Srinagar

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 06: On the eve of 60th Annual Raising Day of Civil Defense & Home Guards, contingents of Civil Defense wardens/ volunteers, Home guards, SDRF and Aapda Mitra Trainee volunteers presented a March Past to commemorate the day. Haseeb ur Rehman, Director, Civil Defence & SDRF, Kashmir took salute at the march past and praised the achievements of Civil Defense. He also read out the messages received from the President of India and other dignitaries.Firdous Iqbal, Divisional Commandant Home guards Kashmir also addressed the participating contingents and spoke about the Home guards. The officer read out messages received from the Prime Minister of India and some dignitaries as well Mementos were also awarded to the participating contingents.

My Town My Pride: Cleanliness Drive held at GDC Khansahib

BUDGAM, DECEMBER 06: The NSS unit of Govern ment Degree College (GDC) Khansahib today conduct ed cleanliness drives at different places in Khansahib under 'My Town My Pride' initiative.Dr. Nargis Bano, Principal of the institution, flagged-off the contingent of 25 volunteers. The drive was conducted under the supervision of NSS Programme Officer Dr. Sajad Padder About 30 kgs of waste including polythene bags

GANDERBAL, DECEMBER 06: On day two of ambitious programme of the government, My Town My Pride (MTMP) 2.0, **Commissioner Secretary Social** Welfare (SWD), Sheetal Nanda inaugurated several projects to a tune of Rs 12.40 crore in several wards of Municipal Council Ganderbal

On the culmination day of MTMP 2.0, Commissioner Secretary who is visiting officer to the district visited several wards of the Municipal Council Ganderbal where she inaugurated several ambitious projects and dedicated them to the locals.

At Duderhama, Commissioner Secretary inaugurated Clock Tower constructed at the cost of Rs 35 lakh. She also inaugurated newly constructed Bus Adda constructed at the cost of Rs 12.5 crore near SSP office Ganderbal.

Meanwhile she also inaugurated District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) at Hope Disability Centre (NGO) Wayil.

On the occasion, Sheetal Nanda visits various sections of DDRC and enquired about the facilities being available to the persons with disabilities. She was informed that services available under DDRC would include survey and identification, awareness, assistive devices, aids and appliances, therapeutic services, surgical corrections besides counselling.During the inauguration of these projects, Commissioner Secretary was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir, Commissioner Labour Department, Ab Rashid War, SSP Ganderbal, Nikhil Borkar, EO Municipal Council Ganderbal, Councilors and other officers.Meanwhile, Commissioner Secretary also witnessed several sports activities being held at Qamaria Ground in tennis (girls), Tug of War, Kabaddi and other held under the banner of MTMP 2.0 where she also

felicitated the winning teams. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary applauded

My Town, My Pride:Anti-Corruption Day observed at PSPS Govt P.G. College for Women

JAMMU, DECEMBER 06: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government P.G College for Women on Tuesday organised a program to mark Anti-Corruption Day Under the aegis of My Town, My Pride. The Chief Guest of the event was Rajinder Sharma, Mayor Jammu. The program began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by Saraswati Vandana.

After the formal welcome of the chief guest by the College Principal, Prof Minu Mahajan, the Mayor addressed the students and highlighted the varied problems faced by the public and the steps being taken by him as Mayor Jammu to combat the same. He emphasised the importance of ease of doing business by bringing in transparency in service delivery for common citizens. 'This will go a long way in preventing corrupt practices in the service sector,' he said. He also impressed upon the students to play their role in making a corruption free Jammu in particular and a corruption free India in general.

The Mayor also appealed to the students to participate in large numbers in the march being organised on 9th of December, 2022 on the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day.

The Mayor's speech was followed by a skit highlighting the ill-effects of corruption. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof Vijender Sharma, HOD Sanskrit and the singing of National Anthem.

The event was coordinated by Prof Paramjeet Singh in association with Staff Secretary Prof Mala Bhasin, Prof Anupama Sharma, Prof Neelam Thappa, Dr Chetna Mahajan, Prof Suman Bala, Dr Ashok Kumar, Prof Abhinav Sharma, Prof Varun Sharma, Prof Suraj Mohini and Dr Kusum. The event was attended by faculty members and students in large numbers.



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Later, she participated in a cultural program held in the auditorium of Boys Higher Secondary School Ganderbal in which

various students presented different theme based cultural activities who enthralled the audience with their performances. Earlier, Commissioner Secretary also kick started plantation drive within the lawn of Mini Secretariat Ganderbal under Green J&K initiative. During the inauguration of these proj-

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Progress of work on Jal Jeevan Mission Schemes reviewed in Rajouri

RAJOURI, DECEMBER 06: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress of water supply schemes under Jal Jeevan Mission.During the meeting, the DDC sought a detailed report from the concerned officers about the progress achieved under Jal Jeevan Mission, who in turn briefed about the same.Speaking during the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said that Jal Jeevan Mission envisions providing safe and adequate drinking water to every household through tap

connections in a time-bound manner. He also emphasized that every effort has to be made to ensure that the goal of tap water to all households was achieved in time. The DDC also directed the concerned officers to expedite the pace of work to ensure that the projects are completed well in time to provide necessary benefits to the general public.



He also stressed on timely utilisation of the funds sanctioned for developmental works and ensuring regular inspection. Officers who attended the meeting were Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Superintending Engineer Hydraulics, JP Singh; Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Rajouri and Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Nowshera.

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Inspects dev works in Kupwara town, distributes awards among officers, functionaries, media persons

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 6: Principal Secretary Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon today on 2nd and concluding Day of My Town My Pride programme inspected various developmental works in Kupwara town. He inspected Marriage Hall at Geerhati Zangli, coming up at a cost of Rs.220.92 lakh. He was informed that the marriage hall comprises of 1 hall, 4 rooms, 2 toilets and compound and parking facilities. He expressed satisfaction on the identification of land and appreciated the efforts of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara and Chairman Municipal Council for identifying the pic-turesque place for the Marriage hall.

The marriage hall is situated on the banks of Nallah Lolab in the lap of lush green forests. Chairman MC Kupwara, Riyaz Ahmad Mir; ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat, EO MCK and DIO Kupwara accompanied the Principal Secre tary

He also presided over valedictory function at the Town Hall Kupwara during which he distributed awards of appreciation among the officers of district administration, functionaries of the Municipal Council Kupwara and media persons for successful conduct of ambitious 'My Town My Pride' programme.

Addressing at the occasion, the Principal Secretary said that Kupwara town is fastly emerging as a hub of trade and business and people in the rural areas connecting Kupwara town have expectations on the Town Kupwara. He said development of Kupwara and other towns of the district is top most



priority of the Government and various developmental initiatives are under progress and some new plans are in the pipeline for the development of the Kupwara district. He mentioned the name of var-

ious projects including Four Lane road, Railwayline, Medical College, University campus, Polytechnic college and ITIs and said that employment generation is paramount concern for the Government which is being addressed by way of different self employments generation schemes PMEGP, Mission Youth. He said that youth is the top most priority of the Government adding that the youth have to be shown the right direction to harness their hidden potential and talent. He said 80000 unemployed educated youth including 8000 from Kupwara district are being trained under different skills with financial assistance for setting up of their self employment units.

The Principal Secretary said that government jobs are being created through a proper recruitment process and appealed youth to come forwarded and take benefits under different self employment schemes which is the only way to overcome the problem of unemployment.

PHE Division Pulwama mock transfer policy

Mushtaq ul islam

Pulwama,06-Dec; Transfer policy in the department of PHE Pulwama division is being mocked as the department issued transfer list of few of the employees. However, the policy is not being implemented resulting in various apprehensions.

According to the sources, PHE (Jal Shakti) department issued a list of transfers two weeks ago, according to which draftsman Javed Ahmed, who has been working in the division for five years, was transferred. They added that two employees in the office were transferred however the draftsman is still in his chair as the executive engineer posted in the division has not yet transferred the said draftsman to his posting. The sources expressed concern in this regard and said that not transferring the said Draftsman is giving rise to some questions.Meanwhile, Executive Engineer PHE Division Pulwama, Javed Ahmed Lone told CNS that the two employees posted in the division are supposed to get promoted as junior engineers after 20 days.

"I will inform the chief engineer about this as transfer of draftsman will cause problems in the official works", he added. In PHE Division Pulwama

My Town My pride 2.0 concludes at Shopian



SHOPIAN, DECEMBER 06: Ambitious 'My Town My Pride' phase 2 programme launched by the government concluded on Tuesday with a grand function held at Municipal Council Shopian.Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya presided over the function at Shopian and listened to suggestions and demands of the public. The citizens on the occasion demanded separate mechanical division for Shopian, multi storied car parking, beautification of town, establishment of Women's College, strengthening of DH and better medical facilities, better power supplies, curbing drug addiction among others.

Speaking on the occasion, DC presented initiatives taken for the development of the town, like introduction of cinema hall for Infotainment, strengthening of health infrastructure, scientific waste disposal, curbing drug abuse, other facilities like slaughter houses etc.Vaishya also intimated that the government is strengthening ULBs by giving more financial and supervision of departments.He appealed to the people to provide suggestions for the development of the town and called upon all to give their full cooperation to the administration for making more strides on improving development parameters.He also sought cooperation from all to fight along with administration on drug addiction and said My Town, My Pride, aims to deliver public services at doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, cooperation and participation from people and strengthen strong and vibrant local self-governance.He initially inspected stalls installed by different departments to aware people about their schemes and programmes. On the occasion, colourful and mesmerizing cultural programmes were also presented to enthrall the audience.Meanwhile, registration counters were set up by the departments at the designated venues where

My Town My Pride Visiting officers inspected developmental works at MC Handwara, MC Langate

Dr Abdul Qayoom

KUPWARA, DECEMBER 6: Deputy Commissioner Kup-wara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today visited Municipal Committees of Handwara and Langate to participate in the concluding functions of My Town My Pride programme.

The visiting officer for Handwara MC, Mission Director Dairy Development, Narender Singh Bali and visiting officer MC Langate, Special Secretary Education Department, Naseer Ahmad Wani were present in the respective Municipalities. SP Handwara, Sheema Nabi; Presidents of Municipal Committee Handwara, Masroor Banday and Shahnawaz Abdullah were also present, besides. officers. council ors, senior citizens, traders, transporters etc.

Handwara At Deputy Commissioner the and Visiting Officer, Mission Director inspected the stalls established by various departments at Town Hall Handwara. They interacted with the stall holders and enquired about the services being provided. They also interacted with various public delegations and heard their issues



Addressing the function at Town Hall Hand wara, the DC Kupwara and Mission Director highlighted the aim of holding the ambi tious My Town My Pride programme during which people living in towns were provid ed mass awareness about different government wel fare schemes and sanitation drives were held to beautify the towns.

The DC said that during the week long Jan Abhiyan various activities

Mayor of Srinagar reviews activities taken under 'My Town My Pride' & SCP

SRINAGAR, DECEM-BER 06: A meeting was convened today by Mayor of Srinagar at Corporate Hall, Srinagar Municipal Corporation to review the myriad of activities undertaken under 'My Town My Pride' programme and the projects being developed under Smart City Project (SCP).

The meeting was attended by Corporators, Principal Secretary JKHUDD, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Commission-SMC (Additional er Charge)/Vice Chairman LCMA, Director Industries Kashmir, Director Tourism Kashmir, Dy. Director SDA, Superintendent of Police, CEO/ Secretary J&K Buildings and Others Construction Works Welfare Board, Mission Director ICDS Kashmir, Joint Commissioner's SMC, Secretary SMC, Assistant Controller Legal Meteorology, Consumer Protection Srinagar, FA/CAO SMC, Superintendent Engineer Drainage Circle SMC, SDPO Shaheed Gunj, Ex-ecutive Engineer I&FC



bour Commissioner Kashmir, All Executive Engineers of SMC and other Senior Officials

The Nodal officer desig-

beautification of the city. Later a question answer session was held between the Corporators and officials from various departments.

interaction among dignitaries in the meeting, the Mayor assured the timely response and fulfillment of queries raised by the Corporators.

Dheeraj Gupta, Princi-pal Secretary H&UDD was chief guest on the oc-During the threadbare

nated for 'My Town My Pride' 2.0 presented a detailed report on various

from SMC. casion.

cultural programmes. The dignitaries inaugurated My Town My Pride: DC Shopian chairs



DC Kupwara reviews arrangements

for Winter Carnival-2022

KUPWARA, DECEM BER 6: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review arrangements for conduct of Winter Carnival-2022 in Kupwara district. The meeting held threadbare discussion regarding the successful conduct of the Winter Carnival across the district which shall be held during the ending week of this month. The Deputy Commissioner asked the concerned officers and entrepreneurs for holding a preparatory tour for identification of feasible locations for conducting of the Winter

Carnival activities. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with different entrepreneurs for offering ETV, Snow Mobile and Ice Skating facilities in various identified locations including Bangus valley during the week of Winter Carnival. He asked them to provide adequate number of snow mobiles and ice skating machines so that maximum visitors can take benefit of the recreation facilities. ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; OC BEACON 109 RCC, ACD, ACP, entrepreneurs and other concerned attended the meeting.

joint meeting of ULB Members, Officers

SHOPIAN, DECEM BER 06: As part of 'My Town My Pride' (MTMP) programme, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a joint meeting of the ULB members and officers to discuss the issues confronting the Urban Local Bodies.President MC Shopian, Subash Koul; Joint Director Planning, Khursheed Ahmad Khatana, besides Councilors and district officers attended the meeting.Addressing the meeting, Vaishya said that the UT Government is committed to providing all basic facilities at the doorsteps of the general public and best possible measures are being taken in this regard.

relating to beautification,

were held in all the 3 towns of

the Kupwara district. Later, the digni-taries visited Girls Higher

wara and BHSS Handwara

during which the students

presented cultural variety

programmes. They inaugu-

rated Library at BHSS Hand-

wara. They appreciated the students for performing the

and awareness

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Highlighting the objective of the 'My Town My Pride program', the DC said that the program aims to deliver public services at doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, cooper-



ation and participation from people and strengthen strong and vibrant local self-governance.

He added that the program runs on three main objectives like inclining public outreach in towns, strengthening grassroots democracy and service delivery at doorsteps.

The DC laid emphasised officers for maintaining close coordination with the public representatives so that public issues

are addressed timely. He asked them to ensure synergized efforts for cent percent saturation of all government schemes and effective delivery of varied online services of the government on ground. Vaishya instructed the concerned to display the benefits of schemes through hoardings and electronic platforms. Addressing the meeting, Vaishya said that the UT

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ted to providing all basic facilities at the doorsteps of the general public and best possible measures are being taken in this regard.

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people were apprised of government schemes and beneficiaries were also registered on spot. The two day event witnessed huge public participation and the town remained abuzz with the festivities of the Government's outreach programme 'My Town My Pride' phase 2.

Deputy Mayor Srinagar, Director Tourism attend 'My Town My Pride' programme at Baba Demb, Srinagar

SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 06: The Deputy Mayor Srinagar, Parvaiz Ahmad Qadri along with Director Tourism Kashmir, Fazl Ul Haseeb today attended the 'My Town My Pride' programme at Baghwanpora Baba Demb, Srinagar.

The Deputy Mayor along with the Visiting Officer inspected the ongoing renovation works of Marriage Hall Sokulipora and Lavatory Block at Maharaj Gunj Srinagar.

He directed all the departments for early redressal of public grievances



Chief Justice e-inaugurates new court complex D H Pora, Kulgam

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KULGAM, DECEMBER 06: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, accompanied by Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, (Administrative Judge for District Kulgam), e-inaugurated New Court Complex D H Por in presence of Registrar General, Sanjeev Gupta, Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Anoop Sharma Registrar Computers, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh from conference room of High Court of J&K and Ladakh. Chief Justice, speaking on the oc-

casion, said that this court will cater to the legal requirements of his native village, Wattoo.

During e-inauguration of Court complex at D H Pora, Chief Justice said hat best court infra-structure will serve the needs of the litigants who approach the court for getting Justice. The new court complex would provide a comfortable and conducive environment to the advocates to work with added efficiency for the cause of justice.

Rajnesh Oswal, administrative Judge for District Kulgam, appreciated Chief Justice for evincing keen interest towards streamlining infra- structural development of courts across the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He said that advance infrastructure will pave way for timely justice dispensation.

Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kulgam, maintained that people of D.H Pora are proud of Chief Justice for holding top position in the Judicial hierarchy of J&K.

He emphasized that Munsiff Court D H Pora though established in the year 1984 has never had an occasion to have a permanent place of work till date. But it is because of the persistent endeavours of Chief Justice that the dream of having a Court building, and of this magnitude, has come true.



President Bar Association D.H.Po-

ra, Advocate Syed Rouf Geelani,

appreciated the role of all the Pre-

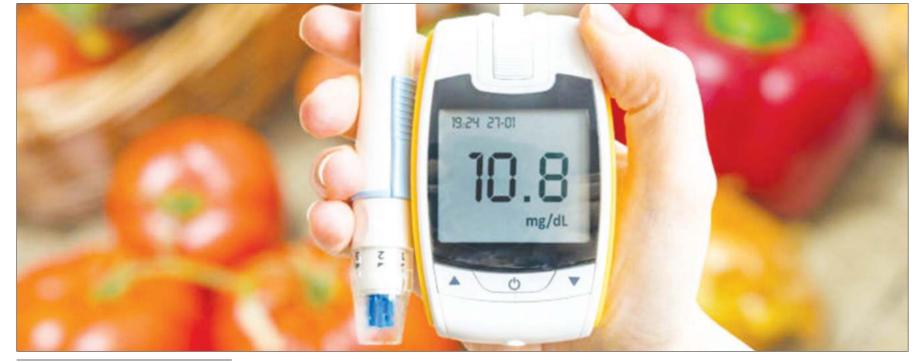
The efforts put in by Chief Justice in justice delivery system, whether it is access to justice or infrastructural development, can never be

siding Officers and the Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kulgam, towards timely justice dispensation.

The inauguration function was at-tended by Dr. G.V. Sundeep Chakravarthy, SSP Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather, Additional District Development Commissioner, Kulgam, Bashir-ul-Haq, Sub Divisional Magistrate, D.H.Pora, Assistant Executive Engineer, Housing Board Srinagar and Bar President, Kulgam.

Mir Wajahat Hussain, Incharge Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Kulgam presented vote of thanks

HEALTH



HIRAL PATEL

"NO, I cannot eat that. I have sugar" is a our daily lives. Having sugar in the blood is normal. However, when the blood sugar

levels are not in balance, it becomes a cause of concern. This imbalance of blood glucose levels

is diabetes. Diabetes is a chronic condition that can not be cured but can get controlled through the proper diet and consumption of certain foods.

Here the team at HealthifyMe tells you what diabetes is and what you can eat to keep it under control so you can turn your "I cannot have it because of my sugar" to "I have sugar, but I can have this!"

Understanding Diabetes

Diabetes is a chronic condition resulting from your body's inability to utilise or produce insulin. Insulin is a hormone that helps break down glucose to release energy. In this condition, when cells do not have enough insulin, excess sugar remains in the body.

As per research, if untreated and undiagnosed, diabetes can lead to severe heart conditions, kidney problems and, in some cases, vision loss

Types of Diabetes Type 1 Diabetes

This form is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks itself. It stops the body from producing insulin. This form of diabetes presents itself in children and young adults. There is no cure for this, and the patient needs to take insulin daily to keep it under control.

Type 2 Diabetes

In type 2 diabetes, the body does not use insulin properly. It is the most common type of diabetes and has developed over many years. This type is straightforward to delay or prevent with the correct diet and regular exercise

Gestational Diabetes

Gestational diabetes develops in pregnant women. It also puts the baby at a higher risk

Regular Testing

Testing regularly helps you by keeping general statement that we come across in a check on your insulin levels and gaining insight into insulin highs and lows

Weigh out food proportions

Consuming the same foods may show different results on different days. Therefore, you must weigh your food proportions, especially for carbohydrates like rice and potato.

Stick to a routine

Checking your insulin levels regularly and working on how to contain body insulin levels daily in a routine fashion helps keep it under control considerably.

Gestational Diabetes

The most important way to regulate gestational diabetes is to record all foods consumed during the day strictly. It helps to monitor sugar levels and maintain a balance. Incorporating healthy habits into the lifestyle is also essential for controlling ges-

tational diabetes. For example, it can be difficult to do exercises during pregnancy, but walking is better. The most crucial part is to consult your

doctor constantly. Ask before switching up the diet, and share your meal records with your doctor. Verify any new resources you may come across while researching with your doctor.

Type-2 Diabetes

There are multiple ways in which you can bring type 2 diabetes under control. The primary aim is to have a healthy, balanced lifestvle

The American Heart Association makes the following recommendations. Managing healthy weight Eating a nutritious diet Getting regular exercise Stopping smoking

Reducing stress Foods that Help Manage Diabetes

Cinnamon

Cinnamon helps lower insulin resistance among diabetes patients and reduces cho-

that these vegetables heighten insulin sensitivity and, in relation, help in maintaining the blood glucose level

Pulses

Lentils, peas, and beans have low calories and are rich in fibre and protein. Consuming foods like this lowers the rate at which glucose will be absorbed in the blood, reducing the glycemic load.

Oatmeal

According to the Harvard study, oatmeal is exceptionally high in fibre and helps control blood glucose levels. Oatmeal also contains Vitamin B, vitamin E and antioxidants. In 2018, a study demonstrated that oatmeal reduces the need for insulin in the body. The study, which included people with type 2 diabetes, had one group consume an oatmeal-rich diet and the other without oatmeal. The people who had an oatmeal-rich diet required less insulin in contrast to those that did not.

Red Apples

A medical study found that people who ate red apples had a 20% less chance of fatality from diabetes-related heart conditions and complications. The chemical responsible for this is quercetin.

Other foods rich in this chemical are grapes, tomatoes and onions.

Vitamin C-rich food

Vitamin C-rich food such as lemons, oranges, kiwis and tomatoes are full of antioxidants

In addition, studies show that diabetic people tend to have lower amounts of Vitamin C in their blood. Therefore, adding Vitamin C-rich foods to the diet is an excellent choice and aids in better support for treating type 2 diabetes.

Apple Cider Vinegar

Apple Cider Vinegar is one of the best ingredients for reducing blood sugar levels for people with diabetes. It claims that apple cider vinegar is the most promising food item. Apple cider vinegar has an anti-glyce-

flower. In addition, research has also found blood sugar levels in people actively without having to rely on insulin.

The way to consume this root is raw, powdered, or extracted oils in the form of supplements. Ginger also helps with nausea, heartburn and menstrual symptoms.

Garlic

Studies have shown that taking garlic supplements daily improves blood glucose control over 1-2 weeks

Other studies show that taking tablets of dry garlic powder reduces symptoms of type 2 diabetes. The same applies to garlic tablets that use allicin.

Managing Diabetes like a Pro

The best and most feasible way to keep diabetes under control is through a healthy and well-balanced diet. A diet with lots of fibre is suggested, with a heavy emphasis on green leafy vegetables like cabbage, spinach and lettuce.

In addition, a diet with antioxidants containing citrus fruits and green tea, along with food containing Vitamin C, helps maintain blood glucose levels in the body.

HealthifyMe PRO 2.0 helps you understand the body's response to food and activity levels. Unfortunately, the blood glucose fluctuations throughout a stipulated period showcase your propensity to have a metabolic disorder.

A CGM device BIOS, part of the offering, enables you to understand the reason behind the spikes in your blood glucose levels. The coaches study these data points and offer a plan that eradicates the spikes in your blood glucose levels and, thus, brings your metabolic health in order.

The best part is you also look like a million bucks because you lose all the unnecessary weight in the process. Also, obesity is usually the starting point for a metabolic condition. Therefore, even if you do not have diabetes, you must track your blood glucose levels through HealthifyPRO 2.0.

Conclusion

Diabetes is India's most common chronic condition, plaguing 1 in 11 people. Although there is less that one can do to prevent or

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Aging in eye can predict kidney failure risk, finds study

Very one-year increase in retinal age has now been linked with a 10 per cent higher risk of incident kidney failure over 11 years of follow-up, a UK study involving 35,864 residents has revealed.

The one-year increase in retinal age was assessed by retinal microvasculature changes, according to the study published in the Peer-reviewed American Journal of Kidney Diseases (AJKD).

"There is a pressing need to identify early predictive biomarkers of kidney failure, given its associated substantial morbidity and mortality. Ageing biomarkers have been associated with kidney failure but their clinical application has been challenging," the researchers reported.

The incidence of end stage kidney disease (ESKD) is known to increase with age.

"We have previously developed and validated retinal age based on fundus images used as a biomarker of ageing. However, the association of retinal age with ESKD is not clear. We investigated the association of the difference between retinal age and chronological age, the retinal age gap, and the future risk of ESKD," said researchers.

In the study, retinal age gap (retina-predicted age minus chronological age), a clinically validated and artificial intelligence powered ageing biomarker based on retinal imaging, was associated with the future risk of kidney failure among UK residents.

This non-invasive and ageing biomarker may hold promise to assist in the identification of people at elevated risk for kidney failure, said the researchers.

Pandemic has hit kids' ability to perform physical activities

he activity restrictions during the pandemic have led to a decrease in children's ability L to perform physical activities and maintain body balance, new research has found.

A team of researchers from Nagoya University in central Japan investigated how restrictions on children's activities during the pandemic affected their life habits and their abilities to perform physical activities

By comparing medical examination data before and after the onset of the pandemic, they found that the physical functions among adolescents deteriorated, including their dynamic balance.

The study, published in International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, also found that the children had higher body fat levels and worse life habits. Rather than a lack of exercise time, this may have been because of a lack of quality exercise due to activity restrictions.

"Since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, children have not been able to engage in sufficient physical education, sports activities, and outdoor play at school. It became clear that balance ability during movement was easily affected, lifestyle habits were disrupted, and the percentage of body fat was likely to increase," explained visiting researcher Tadashi Ito.

"This may have been because of shorter outdoor playtime and club activities, which impeded children's ability to learn the motor skills necessary to balance during movement," Ito added.

During the pandemic, children, like adults, increased the time they spent looking at television, smartphone, and computer screens, exercised less, and slept less.

Such changes in lifestyle can harm adolescent bodies, leading to weight gain and health problems.

Ito and his team conducted a study of Japanese children and students in elementary and junior high schools, aged 9-15, by analysing data from physical examinations before and during the pandemic. They evaluated the children's muscle strength, dynamic balance functions, walking speed, body fat percentage, screen time, sleep time, quality of life, and physical activity time. The researchers found that after the onset of the pandemic, children were more likely to have decreased balance ability when moving, larger body fat percentage, report spending more time looking at TV, computers or smartphones, and sleep less. "Limitations on children's opportunities for physical activity because of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus have had a significant impact on the development of physical function and lifestyle and may cause physical deterioration and health problems in the future," warned Ito.



of contracting health problems. However,

Unfortunately, it increases the chances of developing type 2 diabetes later. It also results in obesity among children and puts them at risk of developing type 2 diabetes later in life.

Ways to Control and Manage Diabetes **Type 1 Diabetes**

Since the body cannot produce insulin, it is crucial to check your insulin levels at all given moments. There are multiple ways to do this:

lesterol levels. There are multiple ways to this usually goes away once the baby is born. consume cinnamon. One can consume cinnamon as a powder or take it as a supplement.

The nutritionist at HealthifyMe recommends that the best cinnamon is Ceylon Cinnamon and sprinkle it in soups or beverages.

Green Vegetables

A study has shown leafy vegetables like lettuce, cabbage, spinach, parsley, and turmeric is as a spice in food and golden others, be they frozen, fresh, or steamed, milk, essentially warm milk with turmeric contain hormones that reduce appetite and make the person feel more full.

This list of vegetables also extends to Ginger cucumbers, celery, green beans, and cauli-

mic effect that helps maintain and control blood sugar levels.

Turmeric

Research suggests that turmeric can help control type 2 diabetes. The element curcumin is present in turmeric boosts liver function and prevents developing diabetes. The most common way of consuming powder.

A 2012 study found that ginger reduces

cure type 1 diabetes, there is a lot you can do to keep type 2 diabetes under control. Type 2 diabetes is directly affected by lifestyle. Building a healthy routine through exercise and diet can help significantly reduce its symptoms.

Besides the medication, lifestyle management is the best way to reduce and keep the symptoms under check. For example, certain foods can help you lower diabetes symptoms naturally. These foods should be a part of your daily meal, be it oranges and apples for breakfast to leafy salads for lunches or dinners.

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Does PCOS Affect Pregnancy? Here are the Facts

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regnancy is a beautiful part of every woman's life. However, PCOS impacts 1 in 5 women in India, impacting their PCOS and Pregnancy - The Confertility and reproductive health, nection especially during child-bearing ages

PCOS, its impact on one's fertility and lifestyle modifications can is the first thought. Most people assume that pregnancy is not possible with PCOS. But is it correct?

take a little longer to get pregnant, but it's not impossible. The sad part is that most women are unaware that they have PCOS until they face difficulties getting **Obesity** pregnant

PCOS – An Overview

PCOS, or Polycystic ovarian syndrome, is a hormonal and metabolic disorder that involves the disruption of ovarian function. It is due to irregular periods Imbalanced Hormones and increased secretion of male hormones, testosterone. It will prevent the expected growth of and excess insulin level. Androthe uterine lining and release of the eggs, causing cyst formation excess hair growth and acne, in the overv

released during ovulation, fere with ovulation and fertility. decreasing the probability of natural pregnancy. However, even Irregular Ovulation

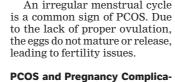
though it makes pregnancy and childbirth difficult, it is possible to attain parenthood with some preventive measures

Having PCOS does not mean that you are infertile. Women After being diagnosed with who follow medical guidance bolster their fertility.

A timely and proper diagnosis can help women combat the prob-Some women with PCOS may lem more healthily, ensuring to remain physically and emotionally stable. Here's how PCOS can affect your pregnancy,

Women who are obese or have the excess weight due to PCOS find it difficult to achieve pregnancy. In addition, the extra weight can also lead to other health complications

PCOS involves two hormonal imbalances – excess androgen gen, a male hormone, causes while insulin resistance causes With PCOS, eggs do not get high insulin levels. It can inter-



tions makes women more susceptible to various complications as well such as:

Preeclampsia Preeclampsia is a condition when a sudden onset of high

An irregular menstrual cycle weeks of pregnancy. It can affect other organs, such as the kidney and the liver. If left unnoticed, it can harm both mother and the fetus

While affecting fertility, PCOS

blood pressure occurs after 20

Miscarriage

Miscarriage or early pregnancy loss is more likely in women with PCOS. It is due to the excess male hormones and high insulin levels that affect the uterus.

Gestational Diabetes

Women with PCOS are likely to develop treatable diabetes a Healthy Pregnancy with PCOS during pregnancy. However, if

sugar, it might lead to stillbirth.

Preterm Birth

Due to high blood pressure, er the baby before term, which is before 37 weeks of gestation. Premature babies can face various health concerns, including breathing and heart problems.

PCOS Inheritance

If the woman with PCOS delivers a baby girl, the baby can also have PCOS. In addition, research shows that daughters of women with PCOS have a high chance of being diagnosed with the syndrome

Note

Obese or overweight women may have a higher chance of PCOS, leading to pregnancyrelated issues. The syndrome also leads to diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and stroke. Therefore it is vital to follow a diet rich in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, and lentils. The thumb rule is to go for a low-carb diet, a fair quantity of proteinrich foods, good fats, and ade-

quate fibre. Lifestyle Changes to Ensure

The first step in improving a **De-stress**

with PCOS and having a healthy baby is adapting to a healthy lifestvle.

Here's a list of easy and practi-PCOS may make women deliv- cal tips to help you overcome the PCOS challenge.

Dietary Changes To increase the chance of getting pregnant, switching to a

PCOS-friendly diet is critical. A well-balanced and nutritious diet, including fresh fruits, whole grains, green vegetables, lean proteins, beans and nuts, can help

a healthy pregnancy by maintaining normal hormone levels. On the other hand, avoid eating red meat, cheese, milk. sugar and carb-rich foods and fried foods, which worsen the symptoms.

Exercise Regime

A simple exercise regime can help aid in living an active life, especially for women with PCOS. It can help you to manage excess weight and release happy hormones and endorphins to give you a relaxed sensation. In addition, regular exercise

can facilitate proper menstrual cycle regulation by controlling

the concerning hormones

vou do not address the high blood woman's chances of pregnancy

pregnant, stress can affect your mental health. Research shows that stress can exacerbate PCOS symptoms in pregnancy. Hence it is essential to de-

stress your mind by developing healthy hobbies. Practising yoga or meditation also has a positive impact in such situations.

While you are struggling to get

Quit Smoking and Drinking

Smoking and drinking can negatively affect your efforts to achieve a healthy pregnancy, especially when you have PCOS Therefore, it is critical to avoid tobacco and alcohol to acquire beneficial results.

Conclusion

A PCOS diagnosis is not the end of the world. Even though women with PCOS struggle with fertility, having PCOS doesn't mean one cannot get pregnant.

It is just a label indicating that you have to experience a specific factor that hinders your pregnancy. Hence it is crucial to keep one's BMI, BMR, and calorie intake in check, consume a balanced diet and engage in exercise.

In a nutshell, consulting your nutritionist and making specific lifestyle changes will optimise the chance of having a healthy pregnancy.

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Curb Stubble Burning

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No letup in Human-Wild **Animal Encounters**

requently we receives reports of leopards or bears being spotted in residential areas of Kashmir Valley. The entire population living near the Woods of Kashmir Valley is in distress after these incidents.

Encroachment of forest areas by man leads wild animals (in search of food during the winter) to residential areas. The frightened people attack these animals. The department is short of manpower and infrastructure to save the man and the beast. In the trouble-torn Kashmir valley people not only have to put up with roaring guns but those of them who live close to forests have to put up with the destruction wrought by wild animals. Now the residential areas which have come up at the cost of encroachment over the forests are bearing the brunt. The Wildlife Department has come under severe criticism from all quarters, however the we need to understand the fact that when we try to encroach on wildlife habitats, it definitely comes at a very heavy cost. According to an impartial analysis, more than 60 incidents of man-animal conflict have taken place during last six months, in which three people died and more than twenty-five injured including some children. Fear and panic has gripped a majority of the villages and even some of the urban areas falling in and around Srinagar City, in the Shopian area of South Kashmir and some areas of the Kupwara district after leopards repeatedly entered residential areas and attacked villagers. In retaliation angry mobs killed some leopards. Although the wildlife department is working as tirelessly to prevent these man - wild animal encounters however when there is any loss of human life people throw onus on the wildlife department as they alledege that as if the Wildlife department does not even exist in the UT of J&K.

In some areas we can't negate the alligations of common masses that taking advantage of the continuous turmoil in the state, officials and workers of the wildlife department are sleeping over this grave issue, leading to gross violation of animal rights and loss of human life as well. Several incidents of wild animals attacking people in villages and some urban areas of Kashmir in which a number of people were injured have been reported. Leopard attacks on children have been reported and just during last one month two minor children were attacked and killed in leopard attacks. In wake of heart wrenching incident of leopard killing little adda, a five year old little heart, the people of these areas are too scared to venture out of their houses. Several leopard attacks over the past few weeks have injured a number of people in these areas. There is fear among residents of mountainous areas and forest belts after leopard attacks occurred at different places in the area. The officials concerned on the conditions of annoyamity expressed their helplessness in controlling leopard attacks, citing lack of infrastructure to capture the animals. It is pertinent to mention here that an angry mob ruthlessly beat a leopard to death some months back in Shopian district of South Kashmir when it entered into a residential area. Inside sources depict that the department is short of basic infrastructure like nets and tranquilizer guns; which can save the villagers and the wild animals as well. In fact, killing the animal is strictly prohibited according to the Act and punishable up to six years of imprisonment. The law provides that permission can be given to kill a leopard once it turns into a man-eater. Officials of the Wildlife department also plead helplessness. Owing to shortage of manpower, they could not cover the entire area where wild animals roam.

The encroachment of forest areas by the people is the major cause of these incidents that these wild animals enter residential areas in search of food and the frightened people attack these animals.

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lthough the air of Delhi and neighboring areas of Hary-А ana and Punjab continues to remain toxic due to stubble burning by the farmers of Punjab and Haryana, there is a good news that this time stubble burning has come down by 26 percent in Haryana, whereas in Punjab, it continues unabated. The pictures taken by the satelites and the scientific information collected, otherwise, are all pointing to the fact that Harvana is inching towards solution of stubble burning.

In the month of November 2019, the Supreme Court had lambasted the Government of Harvana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, as to why they were not taking adequate measures to stop stubble burning. The court had also asked these state governments to give an incentive of Rs 100 per quintal of crop to encourage farmers, not to burn stubble.

How much the Supreme Court's advice was heeded to, can be a matter of enquiry, but it is certain that this year, according to the American Space Agency 'NASA', between October 23 and October 30, incidents of stubble burning in the state of Haryana were much less as compared to Punjab. According to the data of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), between October 1 and November 3, there were 29,780 incidents of stubble burning in Punjab, while this number was only 4,414 in Haryana. The Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority has also informed the Supreme Court that while Haryana has largely controlled stubble burning incidents, Punjab's situation in this regard is very poor.



The news of control of stubble burning by Haryana is a big relief but the important question is that how Harvana has been able to solve this problem and why Punjab has failed? In this regard we need to learn about the steps taken by Haryana to curb stubble burning, which Punjab should also follow. Efforts on technology front

The Haryana government, this year distributed machines named 'Super sms', 'Rotavator', 'Happy Seeder' and 'Zero Till Seed Drill' in large numbers, so that farmers avoid the practice of stubble burning. The farmers who used these machines last year benefitted significantly from this and their yields also increased. Due to this experience, now more farmers have started using these machines, although some farmers believe that they are not able to use these machines due to the high rent (Rs 2000 per acre).

But it is true that Government efforts towards educating farmers about these machines and increasing awareness among farmers about alternative uses of stubble, has started bearing fruits.

Cash incentives

The Haryana Government has already been giving an incentive of Rs 1000 per hectare to the farmers for collecting the stubble after harvesting and baling, now the amount of Rs 1000 per hectare has been started from this year for in-situ stubble management on the farm itself. The State Government is also giving Rs 10 lakh as incentive to the panchayats of red zone, for burning stubble. Every year the budget of different types of incentives is also increasing.

Penal provision

Not only incentive, but also the provision of punishment, has been seen in the state of Haryana. Till the last week of October this year, 1041 challans were issued against stubble burning, in which a fine of Rs 26 lakh was slapped. Due to all kinds of provisions of incentives, technology, experiments and penal action, a situation has been created that where in 2021 till October 26 there were 2010 cases of stubble burning, this year till that time only 1495 cases were registered (a decline of 26 percent).

It is true that the policy of 'stick and carrot' of the Harvana Government seems to be successful now. stubble in Haryana was not so effective previously. If we look at the figures, it is known that before 2021, there was a continuous increase in these incidents in Haryana. But only after 2021, there is a decline in these incidents. This may mean that the Haryana government is now taking this problem seriously. But on the other hand, the Punjab Government, which was earlier doing a better job than Haryana regarding the problem of stubble burning, is now lagging behind in this battle. Significantly, according to the press release issued by the Central Government on 7 April 2022, 82533 cases of stubble burning were registered in 2021 in Punjab, Harvana, and Uttar Pradesh. which was 7.7 percent less than in 2020. The best performance in this was from Punjab, where only 71304 cases were reported in 2021 as compared to 83002 cases in 2020 According to the NASA's satel-

lite images, stubble burning was

seen in 354 thousand hectares in Haryana in 2021 as compared to 216 hectares in 2020. During the same period, stubble was burnt in 15.9 lakh hectare as compared to 16.6 lakh hectare in Punjab. Solution is possible

While Haryana is moving towards solution of the menace of stubble burning, the Punjab government has not only been failing, it seems to be in the denial mode too, citing the helplessness of the farmers. But the example of Haryana is indicating that the problem of stubble burning is not insurmountable. All that is needed is a strong political will. The people of India have always been adept at finding opportunity out of crisis. Farmers of Haryana are experi but the solution to the problem of encing increase in production amidst reduction in incidents of stubble burning through better management. With the increase in production by the use of suitable machines, the income of the farmers is also increasing. Earlier it was thought by the farmers that there is no solution except burning the stubble, as its management is expensive, but now they are realizing that by managing the stubble in the field, their cost of fertilizers, pesticides and weedicides can be reduced. Sugar and ethanol can also be produced from the stubble. According to a study conducted by the Punjab Government, Government's cooperation for stubble management can be beneficial for the farmers and the society both. This calls for support of the farmers and their training.

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Time for ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine

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kraine war that started in February this year has already resulted in far reaching consequences for world peace, stability and security. Whole world stands witness to horrible atrocities being perpetrated on people in Ukraine but to no avail. It has already resulted in enormous human misery and mass displacements. These are bound to increase during the ensuing winter season because of disruption in energy,food and even drinking water supplies. Though attempts have been made and are underway at different levels and in different fora to change the situation but there have been no tangible results so far. Some favourable atmosphere has been created for smoothing geopolitical factors behind the war, but geopolitics itself still continues to be under regression with horrible

cal aspects of the text of the declaration. The near universal nuclear non-proliferation treaty with one threat.

hundred ninety one states as parties was extended indefinitely in 1995 and is reviewed every five years. It aims to prevent spread of nuclear weapons, promote complete disarmament and encourage co-operation in the peaceful uses of energy. Russia was opposed in particular to the paragraph in the declaration concerning the Ukranian power plant in Zaporizhzhia which is occupied by Russian army. The declaration expressed concern over military activities around Ukranian power plants with negative impact on safety. Earlier various nuclear arms limitation treaties between USA and Russia except one such treaty were allowed to lapse. This almost washed away the good work done during last over five decades towards disar-

approve of what it termed as politi- Russia has postponed talks to shore leaders had made a serious effort for the world as to how it was saved up the treaty. The whole world has been exposed further to nuclear

> Ukraine war was also under focus at the G-20 Summit held at Bali island of Indonesia during last month. It was the first meeting of the grouping since Russia sent its forces in Ukraine in February. Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed that it is causing immense human suffering. In its joint declaration G-20 leaders voiced their serious concern about worldwide economic difficulties and insecurity and termed the threat of using nuclear weapons in the war as inadmissible. The joint declaration expressed serious concern that the war is exacerbating existing fragilities in global economy, constraining growth, heightening energy and food security and elevating financial stability risks. Leaders of the

to follow the path of peace after is our turn. The onus of creating a new world order for the post-Covid period lies on our shoulders. The need of the hour is to show concrete and collective resolve to ensure peace, harmony and security in the world. G-20 should not hesitate to acknowledge that multilateral institutions such as the UN have been unsuccessful in dealing with the global problems associated with climate change, the Covid 19 pandemic and the developments in Ukraine adding that we have all failed in making suitable reforms in the multilateral institutions." Taking cognisance of the pres-

ent somewhat regressive phase of geo-political development, world leaders need to draw suitable lessons from the Cuban Missile crisis rethought. Much later in 1987 the of 1962 which is considered the same spirit prevailed when the most dangerous crisis in recorded G-20 grouping said it was essential human history. The crisis erupted nuclear weapons. The lone existing to uphold international law and the sixty two years ago in October, 1962 when it came to light that erstwhile Soviet Union had secretly which could well have been preplaced missiles in a base in Cuba. What occurred later during the thirteen day crisis with John F war heads and delivery systems by to find a way to return to the path Kennedy at the helm in USA and while Soviet Union, has a lesson

from blowing up. US officials were world war two he added "Now it aware where the missiles and the launchers were but were not sure whether the nuclear war heads had reached Cuba. To put it in the few words.had JFK bombed the mis sile sites instead of using naval blockades and creative diplomacy he might have unleashed what he was trying to prevent.

The thirteen day crisis ended when Khrushchev withdrew the missiles after JFK had admitted that Bay of Pigs was a mistake and repeatedly promised that Cuba will not be invaded. He secretly also promised that USA will withdraw its missiles from Turkey. Later after about eight months,John F Kennedy revealed in a speech that the crisis had convinced him that the entire cold war must be then US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Michael Gor bachev signed the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces Treaty cursor to complete nuclear disarmament.

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impact on people of Ukraine and immense problems throughout the world

War in Ukraine has even thrown security of the planet into jeopardy. In August this year Russia prevented adoption of a joint declaration at the end of four week UN conference to review the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. It did not

mament and final elimination of crucial nuclear arms control treaty

was to expire on 5th February,2021 but was extended until 2026. Its demise would have ended all limits Minister Narendra Modi said "I on deployment of strategic nuclear paused owing to Covid-19. But now

multilateral system as today`s era must not be of war.

Addressing the Summit Prime have repeatedly told that we have USA and Russia. The treaty had got of ceasefire and diplomacy in Nikita Khrushchev in the ersth-Ukraine".Observing that world

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position and counter false propa-

ganda from across the border.. The

RNU has gained immense popular-

ity among the people not only in

the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir

but also even across the borders in

Pak occupied Jammu and Kashmir

(PoJK) and Pakistan, influencing

Radio network in various regional

languages across the country. It

may be mentioned that presently

eight news- bulletins in Dogri and

two in Gojri are put out at optimal

timings in the morning, afternoon

and evening every day with maxi-

The staff celebrated the Founda-

tion Day of RNU and highlighted the

proud modernization and success

story of Dogri and Gojri news bul-

letins broadcasts from first Radio

Station at Jammu and recalled its

unique importance and national

service as well as contribution.

It is one of 50 RNUs of All India

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he Dogri Regional News Unit the true facts and clear the environ-(RNU) of AIR Station, Jammu ment of rumours, infuse confidence has come of age and celebratand also counter poisonous propaganda from across our borders. ing its 51st Foundation Day today (December 6). This Dogri News

The first bulletin in Dogri went unit was set up on December 6, on air on December 9, 1971 while 1971 during the troubled time of the Gojri bulletin was also intro-Indo-Pak conflict to project factual duced during 1980 and steadily now growing in popularity among largest segment of our population with the passing time.

An eminent writer, Thakur Poonchi was the founding editor of Dogri News Unit, who worked single-handedly and put in his best efforts. It may be recalled that noted editors of Regional News Unit of Jammu included among others: D R Kiran, Kashmiri , Ajit Singh, A K Handoo, Mohd Yussuf Ganai, M.K. Wangoo, Balwant Singh, Vijay Saqi, Sanjit Khajuria, Neha Jalali and presently headed by R. K Raina . The News-casters connected with RNU, Jammu are : Lajya Manhas, Narendra Bhasin, Joginderpal Chhatarpal, , Dr. Veena Gupta, Vijay Sharma, Chanchal Bhasin,

Sudershan Prashar, Parveen Kesar, Kuldeep Singh Jandriya, Nirmal Vinod, Jagmohan Sharma, Vijay Bajaj, Shruti Khajuria, Naresh Kumar Sharma and others. Fair Reporting

Over the years, these bulletins "To start with, in 1971, the news bulletins: twice-a-day in Dogri lancreated wide-spread awakening and

educate the general masses about public. The basic objective of these news-casts has been to give out all factual picture and gain public trust. In the past the work in the Dogri news section was manual with very limited staff members and few infrastructural facilities for efficient working with accuracy, speed and suitable space but now computers and digital equipment are deployed. Now modern equipments are used for speed and on spot reporting.

But it is noteworthy that the Dogri bulletins are listened with due attention and also discussed and debated."It is worthwhile to mention that the news broadcasts by the RNU of AIR, Jammu are rated authentic and has gained popularity, credibility among the common masses. The modernization of reporting has taken place with introduction of professionals and adoption of modern technology and equipments.

Marching Forward

In an exclusive interview, present overall in charge of Dogri, RNU, R K Raina told me " while Dogri news bulletins has gone now up to eight daily and two in Gojri, one community center also on-the spot reporting, sound bites and instant reporting of some important functions and few events. While bulletins have gone up, listenership shot

guage were aimed to inform and are always appreciated by general high with rising credibility". The with great impact. It is a fact that RNU of AIR, Jammu is regularly broadcasting PM Modi's "Mann Ki Baat" and also important feature programs in Dogri language "Azadi Ka Mahotsav" with highest listenership and appreciation.

it was Maharaja Hari Singh who inaugurated on December 1, 1947 the Radio Station. Jammu to enlist active public participation in virulent anti-India propaganda .It a part of Prasar Bharati, a national then operated from three classrooms of the Government Ranbir Higher School, Parade, Jammu with address at 6.30 pm by Mahawriter Rajinder Singh Bedi was its officer-in charge from January 3, 1948. This Radio Station has played a crucial role in the dissemination of news , views, educational and entertainment programes as also promotion and preservation of Dogri and other local languages as also our distinct rich Dogra cultural heritage."In the recent years, there affairs, further upgrade, digitalise has been a great leap forward in the RNU with modernization and upgradation of news gathering, editing in the News Room, high speed, transmission, with latest presentation and broadcasting technique by qualified and trained-specialised personal at district and other levels

radio broadcasting is very effective and efficient medium of communication. It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi rightly choose the Radio medium for his choicest "Mann Ke Baat" "It needs to be mentioned that message nation-wide and now through all channels in various languages for much wider listenership.

AIR, Jammu is playing a pivotal role in the presentation of objective. development process and also to true, accurate and authentic news effectively counter the Pakistan's and views to the general public as public broadcasting service and upholding the standards of journalism. It is expected that the Regional Dogri News Unit AIR of Jammu will raja Hari Singh. well-known Urdu grow steadily in status and strength winning the full confidence of the people in Jammu and Kashmir as also across the entire country.

I urge that the present head of AIR, Jammu, DDR, Er Ravi Kant Babu and also RK Raina of RNU must make redoubled endeavours to re-introduce commentary in Dogri (Samiskha) on current and modernise professionally this premier and crucial broadcasting AIR Station Jammu as one of the best in the country.

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Indian elections have lost level playing field due to faulty system of political funding

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he ongoing slugfest between the BJP and opposition parties over the serial raids on can raise funds for party. opposition leaders may or may not have merits of witch-hunt. But one uncomfortable fact which is coming up before public eyes is that the Indian political system has been thrived on cash economy. Much of it, is to be blamed to the opaque political funding system in India since independence. In the veil of this opacity the personal wealth creation takes place. The fault line lies on the very fact that political parties repose responsibilities to their leaders to raise parties, fund raising is a decenfund in a decentralized model by earmarking territory like a state or a region or even a district. This creates a fiefdom of power of the Fund-Raising-Responsible leaders and along the way some unscrupulous leaders also generate amass wealth. This system of political funding has been practiced and performed over the decades. This is the ultimate mother of all corruptions in India.

political parties need funds for enced much radical changes and it election campaigns and also to remained in the cage of old practicmobilize workers and cadres. It is es with a major focus to raise fund another side of democracy where from corporate. Though few check mass mobilization needs on-ground and balances had been implement-

inevitable to make a way to power. So, the darlings are the leaders who

Fund raising is an important skill, equivalent to mass leadership skill. At this situation, the leaders also feel that they also must have money power to staying afloat in the crocodile pond of Intra-Party politics. Needless to say, these attract the generation of wealth through quid-pro-quo practices, unholy nexus of Business and Politics, selling of party election tickets; all in the name of funding for the Party. As most of the political tralized mechanism depending on multiple layers at leadership leyel. from district to state level. A sure way to rise to the top is to attach Funding nozzle to the party's war chest. So, it become a free run for 'corrupt but competent' leaders who also make few hundred crores in the way. Party supremos know it all, but need to put blind eyes, as its 'Power Ka Mamla Hai'.

Since independence, Indian There is no denying that that Political Funding has not experiinterventions through money, ed but those were mainly motivat-

Political parties feel that money is in Power. The recent development Since these are areas which are was Electoral Bond Scheme introduced by Finance Act 2017 which cretionary power of states and allows anyone including corporate donate Political parties where the doner name is not mentioned in the bond, a promissory note. Along with amendment of Foreign Contribution Registration Act, 2010 in March 2018 pave way foreign financing. The local level politicompanies having office in India to fund Indian Political party.

These changes may augur well for the parties which wish to cut middle man for funding by uniting the donors to its central exchequer. BJP was fast to adopt this system by shunning away the dependency on the marginal leaders for funds. These further helped them to wipe out the multiple power centres in party due to fund consolidation at the Central Exchequer of the party. Obviously, BJP has an advantage of being 'The Party in Power'. But others parties seem slow to adopt the changes which aimed to get contribution through banking channel and relied on the old mechanism.

For a very long time, the political financing was largely dominated by Land, Liquor and Mining where the state's revenue was doled out in exchange of favours like Change of Land Use (CLU), forgoing revenue on excise duty In-Power remains its main bene-

very much in the ambit of disquid-pro-quo actions were prevalent, mostly before election. It has been observed that this kind of funding usually happens through cash which usually got used in a systematic manner for campaign cal involvement was crucial as all these business verticals are based on local geography. It is quite obvious that when money comes in cash mode in an unaccounted manner, only a part of it reaches to party. Many a time, the rest can get pocketed by fund raiser leaders. Needless to say, this is the very entry -gate of criminals in politics and unscrupulous political practices. Keeping a hawk eve on these businesses by enforcement agencies along with improved regulatory business framework has reduced these quid-pro-quo practices. Nonetheless, this kind of cash still exists in Political funding

It was expected that the introduction of Electoral Bonds would reduce this menace of opacity of political funding. But due to its nature and issuance modalities, it failed to create equitable fund distributions amongst the political parties and largely the Party-

idealism alone can't bring result. ed by the convenience of the Party or royalties on Liquor and mines. factor, be in State or in Centre. The problem lies in its Disclosure norms. Electoral bond is a promissory instrument where the donor, be it individual or corporate, can be anonymous and the donee is a political party which can encashed it through its Bank Account. It's a matter of great concern for the corporate that these bonds are issued by the State-owned bank like SBI and government can access the data, if it wishes so. It is largely feared that this anonymity is infructuous as the Party in Power become vindictive to a corporate donating to opposition parties and can push the corporate to the corner, if it resorts to cut the fund flow to the opposition parties.

India has a large electoral base and that's why Corporates remain the biggest source of political funding since independence. Unless the issuance of electoral bonds happens through an independent and empowered agency which guarantee the anonymity of the donors to the last mile, the cash economy in political funding will not be wiped out completely. Further to it, political fund contribution under the government eye will lead to Plutocracy where large corporate can influence the public policy. This is not good news for world's largest democracy

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Propagating myths and beliefs as truths by official bodies is common now

DR ARUN MITRA

with Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) to study India's contribution to science and to establish that India has been 'Vishwa Guru' (World leader) in the advancement of science have to be viewed with caution. As reportand ISRO will shortly sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to take up the project titled "History of Indian Science and Technology". The project will cost Rs.1.5 crore. The information about India's rich history of science and technology will be collected from the ancient religious scriptures. RSS outfit Vijnana Bharati, which promotes "swadeshi science, had conceived the idea of "Akash Tatva," conference with the aim to introduce the youth to the 'wisdom of ancient science along with modern scientific there was huge controversy when

advancements'. It is always a matter of pride to

nationalist feelings.

In a society where belief system ecent reports that Indian is very powerful, it is not diffi-Space Research Institute cult to mobilize people on myths. (ISRO) is collaborating A very authoritative example of this is when in 1995 the statues of Lord Ganesha suddenly started drinking milk. There was mad rush outside the temples to offer the Lord's statue with milk to earn favours and blessings. Before the whole story could be unfolded, the ed in Hindustan Times, the ICHR statues stopped drinking milk in a few hours. Who conceived this idea, is still not known? But message is that in blind belief people get swayed away even by an idea like this which on the very thought appears to be unscientific and absurd.

Many controversial papers have been presented at the Indian Science Congresses (ISC) - the largest gathering of its kind in the country in the recent years. In 2015, the first ISC held after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, one speaker invited to the plenary claimed that "planes were invented

of unfounded claims, including that the Kauravas were "born with the help of stem cell and test tube technologies"; Ravana had "24 types of aircraft and airports in Lanka"; and that "guided missiles were present in India thousands of years ago". The promoters of these ideas mince no words. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also said that the science in India was so much developed in the past that we could transplant the head of an elephant on the human body. No wonder Gaumutra and cow dung were promoted as cure for the COVID and non-evidence based Coronil of Ramdev was promoted by the former health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan.

That some scientists and educa tionists subscribe to such ideas is a matter of serious concern. Astrophysicst Jayant Narlikar, has criticised these Indian scientists who have made outlandish claims about scientific knowledge that ancient in the ancient times were considthe respect for achievements that our scientists have achieved in the er atomic particles form the basis knowledge of mathematics held by the universe. Indians. If we start making outlandish claims, the scientific com-

K.J. Krishnan also made a series us as it does now," he said in 2015. labour. Every step forward taken We all are proud of the contributions of our scientists in the ancient times. We have on record the contribution of Aryabhatta (476 to 550 AD) author of several treatises on mathematics and astronomy; Charak, the physician around 100 BCE; Sushruta, the surgeon around 800 BCE. The concept of Zero which Indian mathematician gave to the world is a matter to be proud of. The civilizations of Harappa and Moheniedaro are amazing. We have marvellous archaeological monuments. The paintings in Ajanta Ellora are a big scientific feat in addition to the art they exhibit. One gets astonished how at the time when we had very little technology, all this happened.

Science is a dynamic process. It has taught us that everything is in motion. Science is never dogmatic and amenable to accept newer ideas, thoughts and developments. For example the smallest particles

by the human society from the primitive time is based on contemporary scientific work. Primitive man used stone as the basic tool. He learnt to kill the animal with that tool which he had to do earlier with hands. He learnt to light the fire by striking two stones against each other. The process never stopped. Much of scientific developments occurred during the period of renaissance in Europe. The speed of scientific developments changed from time to time. With the present technology of microchips this speed has increased in multiples.

Spreading falsehood persistently will make the upcoming generations to believe in these things as truth. More so because opposite ideas will be made to disappear from the discourse in the media or even scientific gatherings.

Scientists have lot many challenges in the present times and have to make a louder voice to call spade a spade and expose the Indians had. This only diminishes ered to be Panchbhuta (Earth, subtle designs of these forces. It is Water, Fire, Air and Space). This unfortunate that even several doctrace one's history in every field in the Vedic Age by a sage". Even are backed by evidence. "But we means that are the elements which tors and scientists were out in the including in science. But all such before the speaker delivered the shouldn't claim things of which form the life system. But with the streets to 'clap' and 'bang thalies' in there is no evidence or proof as advancement of science we have the belief to quell the Novel Corona it reduces the credibility of what come to know that the much small-virus at a call given by the Prime Minister. This was probably yet past. Even the West recognizes the of whole living and non-living in another test of people's mind-set after the incident of statues drink-

What makes FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 different

SHEIKH AATIF

n the 2nd of December 2010, it was announced that Qatar will host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. After beating United States and Australia in bidding race for hosting the big game, Qatar became the first Arab state and the smallest country to host the World Cup. Qatar went ahead with full pride and colossal amount of money to host this World Cup and vowed to set apart Qatar 2022 from all the previous world cups. It is estimated that Qatar splurged more than \$220 billion in the dozen years since being chosen as the host, this amount being 15 times more than what previous host Russia spent for the 2018 event (\$14 billion).

Qatar being the only nation from the Middle East to host the biggest football party with such jumbo expenditure marks the first anomaly of the event. Qatar built seven new soccer stadiums and it's reported that after the event, sections of the stadiums will be deconstructed and donated to other countries and the buildings repurposed into community space for schools, shops, cafes, sporting facilities and health clinics. One venue, Stadium 974, was built using recycled shipping containers and will be entirely dismantled and removed. Stadium 974 is the first temporary venue in FIFA World Cup History.

Another fascinating thing about these stadiums is that all of the stadiums are within a 55-kilometre radius of central Doha, meaning that teams and fans will not have to fly between matches as in other tournaments.

In Qatar World Cup 2022 it will be seen for the first time that female referees will officiate in men's World Cup matches. Of 36 referees, three - Yamashita Yoshimi, Salima Mukansanga and Stephanie Frappart - are female. Former English professional footballer David Beckham serves as an Ambassador of this World Cup, charging a whopping amount of \$277 million from the host country. With the harsh summer temperature at Qatar, World

Cup 2022 is held in winter, breaking the traditional streak as no previous World Cup was played in winters.

Advanced technology is one more in the surprising list of Qatar WC 2022. The World Cup 2022 is having a brand new technology called 'SEMI-AUTOMATED OFFSIDE TECHNOLOGY', which is being used for the first time in a world cup. This new technology will detect the position of the ball with an 'inertial measurement unit sensor' inside the ball. This will also collect and track the player position during a possible offside chance.

Another allure for the fans in this World Cup is the enthralling appearance of two great football legends of this era: Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) and Lionel Messi (Argentina), both of whom are playing the last Word Cup of their career

Another side to this World Cup is the cultural differences between Qatar and past host countries of Europe and America. There is a wide gap between Middle-East and Europe, and this World cup is somehow bridging the gulf between them. A few controversies arose over the stern laws of Qatar which were not to the liking of Western nations playing the game, along with the death of many migrant labourers since the preparation began in 2010, for which Qatar faced severe criticism. Curbs on alcohol and LGBT rights were two concerns for many supporters as well as competing nations. Qatar World Cup is the first to be held in a Muslim country and both these are strictly prohibited under Islamic Law. After FIFA announced that no alcohol or beer will be sold at the stadiums, it presented challenges for the organisers of an event sponsored by a beer brand and often associated with beer-drinking fans.

FIFA also rejected the Belgium team's arm band because of the word "Love" on the collar combined with a rainbow-coloured trim on the shirt which shows a support to the LGBT community. According to FIFA rules, team equipment must not have any political, religious or personal slogans, statements or images, and during FIFA Final Competitions, the captain of each team "must wear the armband provided by FIFA". This came after the captains of England, Wales, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and Denmark had planned to wear "OneLove" armbands designed to convey a message against discrimination but were told by FIFA they would be booked if they did so.

This isn't the first time a World Cup has been caught up in geopolitical controversies. The 2018 tournament in Russia raised questions about FIFA's cozy relationship with authoritarian leaders like Russian President Vladimir Putin, and the 2014 World Cup in Brazil sparked an international outcry over the forced removal of tens of thousands of poor and working-class Brazilians to make room for new tournament related infrastructure. Notwithstanding the ruckus, Qatar World Cup has not been marred by the controversies before the Kick Off. Instead, Qatar is hosting the big event with meticulous care and great honour. At the inaugural ceremony of this Worid Cup Quranic verses were recited by 20-year-old Quran reciter Ghanim Al Muftah, who is also a FIFA World Cup ambassador. "Oh mankind, indeed we have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another," Ghanim said. This is probably the first time that a FIFA World Cup opened with Quranic verses. Ghanim, born with a rare condition that impairs the development of the lower spine, appeared alongside Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman. The American actor sat on the pitch beside Ghanim at the inaugural ceremony. Jungkook, a member of K-Pop band BTS, also performed at the opening ceremony which received love and appreciation from music lovers and football fans alike. The writer is a student at Aligarh Muslim University. sheikhaatiff055@gmail.com

work has to be based on evidence talk, an online petition endorsed by and not on prejudiced beliefs. Look- 200 had demanded that the scheding at the track record of those who uled lecture should be cancelled as are out to promote such ideas, one it "mixes mythology with science wonders whether such an exer- and misleads people" cise will be purely scientific as is being said or only to eulogise our

In 2019, Andhra University vice-chancellor G. Nageshwara past with the aim to arouse ultra Rao and independent researcher

Mankind has progressed from ing milk. the primitive times to the modern munity of world will not look up to human society through human

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FIRE BILAL AHMAD SOFI

The poet is from Khushipora, HMT, Srinagar Looking at the fire of the world gives me the sign of the Hereafter. From the warmth of body to the coldness of soul, Is undoubtedly a source of galore to every soul. To set one's property on fire Is to shatter all in the blink of an eye. To rehabilitate all burnt things from debris to mansion Lingers in papers all the time. Indeed, it is fire which renders us hapless after its devastation of everything, But on the other side, it is lucrative after its requirement of daily life. Sometimes it appears to have utmost hostility when it causes damage, While sometimes it sounds to have unflinching love While sometimes it sounds to nace any when it gives wage. Now, could I get it scathing boon or soothing bloom? But at the end , beholding it constantly on this tran-sient earth makes me remind of that fire which is full of fright.

CAPITAL CAMEO not caring for the immediate **BY KALYANI SHANKAR**

as Congress President Rahul Gandhi's low-Lprofile poll gamble worked? Rahul skipped the campaign in Himachal one or both states help him momentum. when victory is at a striking distance.

Senior Congress leaders close to Rahul claim it was a conscious decision. They say that he was looking ahead and preparing for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, which he would lead. He was fighting a much bigger battle of would pay the party a much- record if it wins one or both needed dividend in future. states.

The real enemy was the RSS

assembly election results in Gujarat and Himachal to be announced on December 8.. He is preparing the party to fight a long term ideological

battle Traditionally the two states which went for assem-Pradesh and canvassed bly elections, had witnessed barely in Gujarat while con- a direct fight between the centrating on his Bharat BJP and Congress. With Jodi yatra. Was it part of Himachal's history of not a strategy, or was it an ill- repeating the same party, advised move? Could Rahul's it is the turn of Congress to strategy be to save the party's snatch power now. It will ammunition for more signifi- give the sagging morale of cant battles? What is intrigu- the party a definite boost ing is how could a defeat in and enable it to build on its

high-stakes battle for PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, as both hail from Gujarat. They have been campaigning in the state, not leaving anything to that the BJP is far ahead of taking on the RSS, which So, the BJP will create a

For the Congress, which the Congress votes. and not the BJP. Rahul is has been out of power in



CONGRESS LEADERS ARE UNEASY AT

Gujarat for 27 years, anoth- appeared on the national er defeat will further demorits chances in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. With the BJP

Of the two, Gujarat is a facing indiscipline, Congress the leaders but because of the workers.

AAP is upbeat after win-Congress in a tight contest. ning Punjab last year. The entry of the AAP may further weaken the Congress as the AAP would only take away

From 2014, since Modi and Chhattisgarh. Both state known only after the 2024

scene, Congress faced a alise the cadre and affect continuous electoral slide and lost state after state. Since then, the party's successes or failures in eleccould still win not because of tions have been attributed to Rahul Gandhi, who became the party chief in 2017. He The ambitious Aam resigned in 2019 but contin-Aadmi Party has also ued to take decisions. Conentered the fray, making it gress and its allies governed chance. All surveys predict a three-cornered contest. 13 states, with nine ruled by a Congress-led government in 2014. Even those states that Congress won legitimately had fallen, allowing the BJP to form the government. er, even if the yatra becomes Now it has only Rajasthan a success, the effect will be

Congress parties suffer from polls.

infighting and indiscipline Despite anti-incumbency. Rahul can not see that winning one or both states would the BJP depends on Modi's boost the morale of the workmagic to regain power. Both narties needed to build stroners and the party can prepare ger state leaders. In the past, for the 2024 polls with more Congress and the BJP had enthusiasm. Rahul Gandhi strong leaders like Veerabshould have organised the hadra Singh and Sukh Ram yatra after the Himachal (Congress) and Dhumal and Guiarat elections. Also. (BJP). momentum until 2024

Congress is weak in Gujarat because of the absence of the late Ahmed Patel. Youth icons like Alpesh Thakur

and Hardik Patel, who were part of the 2017 Congress contest, have also left the party. Though the rebel Group of 23 has been dismantled, senior Congress leaders from the Group feel neglected. Former minister Anand Sharma is on record that senior leaders had yet to be utilised

adequately. Rahul and his advisors are confident that the impact

of the Bharat Jodo Yatra can improve the party's performance in the future. Howev-

from the campaign to show that Congress needed the Gandhis. The new party President Mallikarjun Kharge required more time to come to grips. The irony is that Gandhis would get the credit for winning either or both states, but Kharge would face the blame for the losses

One is intrigued why

Rahul has to sustain the

Perhaps Rahul kept away

The poll results on December 8 will show which way the wind blows. Poll pundits say that Congress could still bag Himachal. Had Congress worked to a winning strategy in both the states, the chances would have been much better. IPA SERVICE

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BRIEFLY NEWS

Amazon miniTV to air 'Physics Wallah' on Dec 15

mazon miniTV on Tuesday announced that their upcoming series 'Physics Wallah' will be released on December 15. The six episodic series revolves around the journey of Alakh Pandey, the Founder & CEO of unicorn EdTech company Physics Wallah. Shree-

dhar Dubey will be seen in and as Alakh. Created by About Films and produced & directed by Abhishek Dhandharia, Amazon miniTV to stream their exciting new show starting December 15.

Akshay Kumar's first look as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj out

ollywood superstar Akshay Kumar on Tuesday unveiled his first look video as B Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, from his upcoming period drama 'Vedat Marathe Veer Daudle Saat'.

The actor's Marathi debut has build immense amount of anticipation amongst the movie goers and have increased the excitement level at a new high.

Sharing the look teaser on social media, Akshay wrote in Hindi, "Jai Bhavani Jai Shivaji". The post has garnered four million views.

The movie is about the story of seven valiant warriors who had the sole aim of bringing Shivaji Maharaj's dream of Swarajya to reality, writing one of the most glorious pages of history is all set to release in cinemas in 2023.

'Vedat Marathe Veer Daudle Saat', is directed by Mahesh Manjrekar and Produced by Vaseem Qureshi - The film is a Qureshi Production presentation and is all set to release in cinemas on Diwali 2023 in Marathi, Hindi, Tamil & Telugu.

Thousands of fans in Kolkata left mesmerized with Prateek Kuhad's magical performance

olkata's music aficionados had yet another reason to celebrate the festive fervour this month as Prateek Kuhad made a quick stop in the 'City of Joy' as part of the India leg of 'The Way That Lovers Do' World Tour, produced and presented by BookMyShow, India's leading entertainment destination.

Prateek Kuhad fans across India and Asia can catch him live next after this tour, at the first ever edition of Lollapalooza India 2023, the global music festival at Mahalaxmi Race Course, Mumbai on January 28 to 29, 2023

Geared up for a magical performance on a global stage, Prateek will perform live alongside other massively popular artists including Imagine Dragons, AP Dhillon, Cigarettes After Sex, Divine, Diplo, The Strokes and more.

Prateek Kuhad's live performance in Kolkata at Aquatica saw thousands of fans across a diverse mix of age groups locked into Prateek's performance, connecting with his music and enjoying the vibe of the concert in a trance.

The Prateek Kuhad 'The Way That Lovers Do' Tour in Kolkata saw a magical audience response, with hands swaying in the air as Prateek performed his hot new favourite tracks such as 'Just A

Word' and 'Favourite Peeps' along with his evergreen radio hits including 'cold/mess' and 'Kasoor'

Raising the bar for live entertainment production. BookMyShow transported the audience into

SRK's 'Pathaan' look both alpha and machismo: **Siddharth Anand** Rilmmaker Aditya Chopra and ace direc-tor Siddborth

ories of people and it won't tor Siddharth Anand be wrong to say that he has are trying to make 'Pathaan', made India more fashionable through his style in India's biggest ever action spectacle for audiences. films. So, it was a task and a The visually spectacular big challenge to craft a look Yash Raj Films' (YRF) action that is extremely different extravaganza, 'Pathaan', is for SRK, who is playing a part of Chopra's ambitious daredevil spy in Pathaan!

spy universe and has the "We wanted to capture biggest superstars of the the essence of his characcountry Shah Rukh Khan, ter which is inherently Deepika Padukone and John cool through what he wears and also his hairstyle.

The adrenaline pump-We wanted to make SRK ing, visually extravagant the symbol of alpha and film presents SRK as a gun machismo, someone who is effortlessly cool and hot at totting spy with a license of kill. Siddharth talks about the same time, through his the vision for the superstar's look." he shared.

uber cool look in 'Pathaan' "Going by the reaction his look is getting, I think that has become a rage with we have done the job of Siddharth said in a stategiving his millions of fans ment, "Shah Rukh Khan has worldwide yet another look sported countless looks that that they can be proud of have shaped the pop-culture and shower love upon," he of our country and inspired added

'Pathaan' is set to release generations of youngsters to dress like the king of Bollyon January 25, 2023 in Hindi, wood. His looks are associat-Tamil and Telugu.



'Bigg Boss' tops list of most-liked 'Hindi TV Shows' of the week

For the second s India's most loved TV reality show, 'Bigg Boss' in 2010, its popularity has only boosted with every season.

Abraham in it.

people already.

Well-studded with a lot of entertainment, now the show has topped the list of most-liked Hindi TV Shows of the week as per the report by Ormax media.

Salman has been the face of India's most loved nonfiction reality show, 'Bigg Boss' for 13 years now. The superstar has truly created a rage with his presence in the show that today the show is constantly achieving great heights and better every year, it's now receiving great love from the audience.

While the show is constantly getting bigger and

to the top in the Ormax power running in its 16th season and rating and excelled ahead of is still maintaining its posiall the non-fiction reality tion at the top. This is well shows, in the list of most-liked justified when it made its way Hindi TV Shows of the week.

'Jaa Ne Jaa' from Tusshar Kanoor's 'Maarrich' out

Barfi', 'Panga', and is now all set to deliver yet another cinematic wonder with her upcoming web series

'Faadu' masses and is a product of her love and labour.

"Every time I choose to what's my purpose and why do I want to tell a particular kitty. story. With Faadu, I wanted

ndian powerhouse film- in the absolute meaning of maker Ashwiny Iyer love between a man and Tiwari has time and woman, their ideologies again delivered major Bol- and their thought processes lywood hits like 'Bareilly Ki which has many dimensions," Ashwiny said in a statement.

"We have explored a new way of narrating a story in the web-series space that Ashwiny's upcoming inspires the young fear-project 'Faadu', an inter- less, motivated generation esting story that is all set of India who has their own to touch the hearts of the unique story to say," she

added. Meanwhile, on the work front Ashwiny has films like tell a story I ask my self Tarla, Bus Karo Aunty and Bawaal (co-produced) in her

'Faadu' will be released to explore a new dimension on December 9.

Ranveer Singh graces cover of Esquire Singapore

he maverick superstar, Ranveer Singh, who is undisputedly India's Finest actor today, is also a huge pop culture Icon.

Esquire Singapore acknowledges his unparalleled appeal and impact among Indians globally as he becomes the first Indian to grace the cover of this prestigious magazine.

Talking about being a global icon, Ranveer said in a statement, "I think anybody expressing themselves in an authentic way, appeals to anybody. Regardless of the culture, they heal from it. Authenticity, sincerity and honesty: these things transcend boundaries.'

On the work front, Ranveer will be seen in Rohit Shetty's 'Cirkus' and Karan Johar's 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani'.

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Apart from this, Salman has kept the excitement of the audience intact about his upcoming 'Kisi Ka Bhai, Kisi Ki Jaan' and 'Tiger 3'.

BookMyShow brings Jay Shetty to India as part of his first world tour

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'Faadu' explores new dimension of love: **Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari**





a world of love with a soulful visual experience complimenting the critically acclaimed singersongwriter's relatable and beautiful music. The stage aesthetics were minimal, contemporary yet spellbinding much like Kuhad's signature style.

The tour follows the release of Kuhad's latest 11-track studio album 'The Way That Lovers Do' that released in May 2022 via Elektra Records and spoke about human love, friendship, and connectivity.

After a tremendous and mesmerizing show in Kolkata, Prateek is set to perform in Indore on December 10 at Phoenix Citadel. The people of Kolkata caught a glimpse of Prateek Kuhad's live performances ahead of his much-awaited performance at Lollapalooza India 2023 to be held in Mumbai in January 2023.

American actress Kirstie Alley dies at 71 after cancer diagnosis

merican actress and TV personality Kirstie Alley has died following a recently detected cancer diagnosis, her family announced late Monday. She was 71.

"To all our friends, far and wide around the world... We are sad to inform you that our incredible, fierce and loving mother has passed away after a battle with cancer, only recently discovered," her adopted children who signed the message as True and Lillie Parker.

"She was surrounded by her closest family and fought with great strength, leaving us with a certainty of her never-ending joy of living and whatever adventures lie ahead. As iconic as she was on screen, she was an even more amazing mother and grandmother."

Alley appeared in various films and TV shows including the 1999 film "Drop Dead Gorgeous" and in the 1984 film "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" and starred alongside actor John Travolta in the film series "Look Who's Talking."

Travolta paid tribute to the actress on Instagram writing: "Kirstie was one of the most special relationships I've ever had. I love you Kirstie. I know we will see each other again.'

Alley received a Golden Glove for best actress and an Emmy for outstanding lead actress in 1991 for her role in "Cheers." She won a second Emmy for her role as Sally Goodson in the 1994 TV drama film "David's Mother."

he makers of Tusshar Kapoor and Seerat Kapoor starrer crime thriller 'Maarrich' on Tuesdav released a new song from the movie, titled 'Jaa Ne Jaa'.

The song is composed by 'King of Melody' Amaal Malik and sung by supremely talented Sunidhi Chauhan.

Talking about the song, Amaal shared, "I hope that Jaa Ne Jaa will be loved by people across the country. This composition is such that people of all age group will be able to relate to it. It was a great experience collaborating with Sunidhi and we hope this track receives a great response from the audience.'

The music of 'Jaa Ne Jaa' is composed by Amaal Malik and lyrics are penned by Rashmi Virag. Apart from spine-chilling sequences and Tusshar's powerful badass role of a Police officer, another highlight of the film is Tusshar's reunion with

till its end.

actress Anita Hassanandani, House Presents, in associa-

tion with NH Studios, 'Maarrich' is written and directed by Dhruv Lather, produced by Tusshar Kapoor, Narendra Hirawat, Shreyans Hirawat and co-produced by Girish Johar, Priyank V

Jain The film will release the-Tusshar Entertainment atrically on December 9.

lobal bestselling author and awardwinning podcast host, Jay Shetty, has announced his first ever world tour, 'Jay Shetty: Love Rules', which will travel to India across Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bangalore, in May 2023

BookMvShow (BMS) is the producer and co-promoter of the Indian leg of the 'Jay Shetty: Love Rules' World Tour along with global promotor TEG Dainty.

In a 90-minute experience, Jay will take Indian audiences on a journey of finding, keeping, and even letting go of love, with his muchsought after live meditation sessions, experiments and demonstrations.

"I have waited for this ing practice in which we moment for years. I am so excited to be headed on tour to connect with my incredible community in person, to share space and energy. I promise you it will be an unforgettable experience," said Jay ahead of his India tour

"To me, love is truly a universal language and evolv- kicks off after the release of

his second book, '8 RULES OF LOVE: How to Find It, Keep It, and Let It Go' which will be out on January 31, 2023. In the book, Jay, the author of global bestseller 'Think Like A Monk', offers a revelatory guide to every stage of love, drawing on ancient wisdom and modern

Jay's first ever live tour

grateful for," he added. science.

can all learn and grow from together. The opportunity to share what I've learned about love from my studies in ancient wisdoms, modern science, and personal experiences is something I am very

Samantha's Yashoda set for digital premiere on Prime Video on Dec 9

rime Video on Tuesday announced the dubs from Friday. exclusive global digital premiere of L Telugu blockbuster Yashoda, starring Samantha Ruth Prabhu, on Friday.

The thriller narrates the story of a woman the movie has seen so far, Yashoda (Samantha), who agrees to join a surrogate program out of desperation to find her missing sister.

Things start to go haywire when revelations about the high-end surrogate facility come to light.

A sci-fi survival thriller, Yashoda also stars Unni Mukundan, Varalakshmi Sarathkumar, Sampath Raj and Murali Sharma in pivotal roles.

Prime members in India and across 240 countries and territories can stream Yashoda exclusively on Prime Video in Telugu. with Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malavalam

"Yashoda is the story of female grit and power. We are humbled by the love with audiences across the country appreciating the film's phenomenal story and Samatha's powerful performance." said Producer Sivalenka Krishna

Prasad Samantha's performance, and the incredible work done by the team has all paid off well. We are extremely thrilled with the response that the film has gotten across the



country and cannot wait for the response of the global audience, said Director Hareesh Naravan.

Co-director K. Hari Shankar said, "Yashoda is a rare masterpiece in India's Sci-Fi genre, and a lot of exemplary minds have come together to bring the story to screen. Such stories from the south indian film industry are doing wonders pan-India, and that in itself is a matter of great pride for the team. We are thankful to Prime Video for allowing us the global platform that this film deserves.



after almost two decades The edge-of-the-seat thriller gets gripping and enthralling at every step, unveiling various truths and evil sides of every suspect involved in

the case that will keep the viewers hooked to the film

HT - PIRPANCHAL/ JAMMU HEADLINES TODAY **Chief Justice addresses Judicial Officers Advisor Bhatnagar participates in MTMP** programme at Hiranagar Kathua

KATHUA, DECEMBER 06: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar today remarked that the Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing tremendous development and the Administration is developing the Union Territory in a transparent manner with active participation of the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Advisor made these comments while addressing a large gathering at Hiranagar in the ongoing festival of development 'My Town My Pride' programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the MTMP programme is a very unique initiative and reflects the policy of government for participative development. He highlighted that the benefits of MTMP programme needs to be percolated down to the intended persons besides the programme will also pave way for faster development of urban areas.

The Advisor also said that this initiative will be a continuous affair and the visiting officers will continue to be the mentors (Prabharis) of their assigned wards from now on .He added that the locals need to participate in this developmental festival and interact with their Prabhari officer as and when they have any kind of grievance

Reflecting on various objec-

tives of the MTMP programme, Advisor Bhatnagar said that the programme aims to deliver pub-



lic services at doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, cooperation and participation of people and strengthen strong and vibrant local self-governance. He added that people should be made aware about the services available for their socio-economic development.

The Advisor also maintained that the MTMP is focused to provide self- employment avenues to the unemployed youth and several departments are providing handholding to such persons who are interested to start their own employment ventures. He urged upon the youth to come forward and avail the benefits of such self employment schemes.

In his address, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized upon the visiting officers, officers of line

the Advisor. departments of district administration and representatives of

Municipal wards that the town plan should be drafted in consultation and synergy with each other. Highlighting that the Administration is monitoring the programme at all levels, the Advisor said that the Lieutenant Governor is very keen on public service delivery and he closely monitors the grievance redressal mechanism of UT. He added that it is due to the commitment and vision of Lieutenant Governor that the administration is involved in development process from Panchayats to Cities and Towns through Back to Village and My Town My Pride programmes.

During the visit, Advisor Bhatnagar also took round of stalls established by various departments in the premises of MC Hiranagar. The Advisor interacted with the officials of these stalls and aske them to generate maximum awareness among the public about different government beneficiary schemes.

At the event, MC Hiranagar presented developmental profile of Hiranagar Town and also highlighted issues concerning the development of Hiranagar before

Prabhari officer MC, Hiranagar, Indu Kanwal Chib also spoke on the occasion and briefed the gathering about the town plan and other broad contours of MTMP. During the visit, the Advisor also took round of CHC Hiranagar and enquired about the facilities given to the people and also inspected infrastructure of the facility. He also participated in Greh Parvesh ceremony of PMAY-II beneficiary.

The Advisor witnessed sports activities at Mini Stadium Hiranagar and also Planted saplings at Mini Stadium Hiranagar. Meanwhile, Advisor Bhatnagar also visited Government High-

er Secondary School, Hiranagar and participated in MTMP programme.

JAMMU. DECEMBER 6: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey, today addressed the Judicial Officers of both the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on the occasion of his laying down the robes on 07-12-2022.

The address was virtually delivered from Jammu Wing of the High Court and all the Judicial Officers joined the event online from their respective places of posting.

On behalf of the Judicial Officers, Principal District and Sessions Judge Leh, Yash Pal Sharma, Principal District and Sessions Judge Srinagar, Jawad Ahmed, Principal District and Sessions Judge Jammu, Sanjay Parihar and Member Secretary, J&K Legal Service Authority, M K Sharma, delivered the farewell address.

The Judicial Officers described Justice Magrey to be the epitome of Justice and compassion.

The speakers lauded the innings of Justice Magrey as High Court Judge as well as the Chief Justice of the High Court to be remarkable period, the memories of which will be cherished for all ond to none in the entire



on occasion of laying down of robes

country rather are far ahead of many.

The contribution of Justice Magrey in the field Justice Magrey acknowlof Judicial dispensation, edged the contribution and the support rendered legal services, infrastructural upliftment and conby the entire institution tribution to IT related inito him during his tenure tiatives in the High Court as Judge as well as Chief Justice of the High Court and District Judiciary was acknowledge by all the speakers. The Judicial Officers wished good health and

happy post retirement

life to Chief Justice and

conveyed him that he

by one and all.

of J&K and Ladakh. He emphasized that the Judicial Officers must carry on the mission of Justice delivery adhering to oath and canons of the Judicial Institution. Justice Magrey high-

would be dearly missed lighted many areas of Chief Justice, in his achievements made emotional address, appreduring his tenure which ciated the Judicial Offihe contributed to the cers of both UTs for their Judicial Officers, as achievement of such tarcompetence, integrity, gets in judicial dispenhard work, commitment and compassion towards sation, legal services or their judicial work. He IT related field could not stressed that Judicial Ofhave been accomplished ficers of UT of J&K and without the active support of officers and their UT of Ladakh are seccommitment towards.

Principal Secretary PDD visits Doda, on the final day of MTMP 2.0

DODA, DECEMBER 6: Prestigious second edition of 'My Town My Pride' programme concluded here today in all the three MCs of the district on an optimistic note. All the three towns of Doda wit-

nessed a gleeful day and people participated with great interest and enthusiasm. At Doda, Principal Secretary

PDD, H. Rajesh Prasad, along with Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan and President MC Doda, Ved Prakash Gupta took stock of various activities, inspected stalls of all the service delivery departments where public got their issues settled on the spot at concerned departmental stalls. He also chaired a meeting on proposed Capex Budget 2023-24.

Principal Secretary inaugurated and dedicated to the public, Truck Terminal at Akram Abad Doda. He laid foundation stone of MRF at Akram Abad Doda. He distributed certificates and sanction letters of financial assistance among aspiring entrepreneurs, small vendors and street hawkers of MC Doda.

Principal Secretary, accompanied by DC, SSP and President MC Doda, attended the Greh Parvesh ceremonies of newly constructed houses under PMAY Urban scheme. They also participated in a plantation drive held near Ganpat Bridge.

On the occasion, Principal Secretary released a book written by local writer Sana Khan.

A cultural programme and skits organised by Social Welfare and JKAACL departments were also presented on the occasion.

Principal Secretary also interacted with students and staff at Government Higher Secondary School Boys and inaugurated



ULB members and public at a volley ball match there. He stressed on the students to bring in conceptual clarity in all subjects to achieve the desired suc-Cess

Public's eye, Consciousness & Participation are prerequisite for model Towns, said Pr. Sec. PDD while his interaction with

Community Hall Doda. The entire programme of MTMP was held in all three MCs under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Maha-

jan. At Bhaderwah, the function was held at Community Hall Bhaderwah where visiting officer, Raj Kumar Katoch, member, J&K Special Tribunal Jammu Branch, along with ADC Bhaderwah, Chowdhary Dil Mir and MC President, Dr Shahid Mughal, interacted with ULB members and conducted other scheduled activities.

At Thathri town, Visiting Officer, Dr Khalid Hussain Malik, Joint Director Employment Jammu, along with SDM Thathri, Athar Amin Zargar and President MC Thathri, Mansoor Ahmed Batt inspected stalls, met different people and inspected various government offices in the town.It is pertinent to mention here that 'My Town My Pride' programme is an ambitious and innovative initiative of the government to reach out to the people at the grassroots level and strengthen the Urban Local Bodies which inturn

My Town My Pride'Sanjeev Verma approves 7 plans for the development of Ramban town

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 06: Commissioner Secretary Forests, Ecology, and Environment, Sanjeev Verma and visiting officer to district Ramban on 2nd Day of the 'My Town My Pride' today finalized the plans for the overall development of the Ramban town.

dent MC Ramban, Sunita Sumbria and Councillors of MC. Deputy Ramban

Commissioner, Mussarat Isalm, ADC, Harbans Lal Sharma, ACR, Giasul-Haq, CPO Kasturi lal, DFO Ramban, Dr Rajan Singh, DFO Batote Kuldeep Singh, Tehsildar Rafig self-governance,"."Population of the Ramban town is growing at a rapid pace and it is a central place between Jammu and Kashmir as there is a need for smart and sustainable solutions to urban challenges. The officers must involve people in various initiatives like decongestion,

tration to link the local productions with tourism besides developing heritage sites, and religious places of the district to attract tourists to boost the local economy

During second day of "My town My Pride" all the scheduled activities were

Ghora Gali at Gool

Commissioner

Secretary Forest visits

RAMBAN, DECEMBER 06: Commissioner Secretary Forests, Ecology, and Environment, Sanjeev Verma today visited Ghora Gali which is an ancient sculptural stone marvel in Sub-Division Gool of district Ramban.

He said these sites have huge tourism potential and the government has initiated various steps to promote tourist infrastructure and other logistic facilities in the area.

The Commissioner Secretary inspected the site and evinced keen interest in the antique valuables and said that every effort will be made to preserve the site as a cultural heritage. He also interacted with PRIs and the general public there. The Commissioner Secretary directed the concerned authorities to use funds available for executing the project to rejuvenate the Goragali stone sculptures and beautification to develop the area as a tourist destination.

Chief Conservator of Forest, BM Sharma, Additional Secretary Forest, Dhanatar Singh, ADC Harbans Lal, SDM Gool, Tanveer-Ul-Majid, DFO Ramban Dr. Rajan Singh, DFO Batote Kuldeep Singh, DFO SF, Mahesh Thakur and other officers also accompanied the Commissioner Secretary.

Commissioner Secretary approved the action plans finalized by the Municipal Council Ramban for City Resource Mobilization, Finance Plan, City Livelihood Plan, City Smart Vending Plan, Green City Plan, City Tourism & Culture Plan, City Beautiful Plan and Plan for Encroachment Cit presence of the PresiAhmed, CEO MC Surdashan Kumar and other concerned.

After detailed deliberation on the plans, Verma said that "our focus is to deliver public services at doorsteps, build developmental initiatives on the feedback, cooperation and participation from people and strengthen strong and vibrant local

rejuvenation and beautification of the towns. Together, with the active participation of the public, we can transform towns into the vibrant urban market," Sanjeev Verma said.

Verma suggested various measures for the development and beautification of the town and asked the district adminisconducted in the all the three towns by visiting officers wherein number of people participated and gave a message that administration is persistently making efforts to reach at the door steps of people and people are expressing satisfaction by seeing the positive change in the governance.

My Town My Pride 2.0 concludes in Rajouri; Plethora of activities carried

RAJOURI, DECEMBER 06: The second edition of ambitious 'My Town My Pride' program today concluded in Rajouri with plethora of activities carried out on its final day across all the ULBs.

People in large numbers from all sections of the society participated in the program with great enthusiasm

At Municipal Council Rajouri, a mega program was organized here at Sports Stadium Kheora which was presided over by the Principal Secretary, ARI and Training Department, Ashok Parmar

A number of activities including sports activities, cultural programs and other activities were carried out on the occasion.

Principal Secretary inspected the stalls set up by different departments including Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Banks, Handloom and Handicrafts, Agriculture Production Department, JKRLM etc at the venue depicting their schemes and programs. While interacting with the of-ficers and field functionaries during the inspection of stalls, Principal Secretary asked them to make dedicated efforts to ensure that the benefits of the government schemes and programs reach to the last beneficiary in



queue. Ashok Parmar also asked them to educate the public about various schemes and programs launched by the Government for the welfare of the public and motivate them to avail the benefits of the same.Principal Secretary also handed over keys of commercial vehicles under the MUMKIN scheme and sanction letters to beneficiaries under Day NULM. He also distributed sanction letters to the street vendors under SVANidhi scheme and ag-

riculture machinery to farmers. While interacting with the beneficiaries, the Principal Secretary said that a number of livelihood generation schemes have been introduced by the Government for the benefit of the public and advised them to avail the benefits of the same. Some Sarpanches were also felicitated by the Visiting Officer

Later, Principal Secretary also inspected a number of developmental projects and Govt institutions of Rajouri town including Bus Stand and Material Recovery Facility at Bella Colony, houses completed under PMAY-U, pump room at town and tehsil office etc.

Among others who accompa-nied the Principal Secretary were ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; Tehsildar Rajouri, Varinder Sharma; EO MC Rajouri, Mohammad Yaqoob and other officers.

President MC Rajouri, Mohammad Arief; Councillors including Pushpinder Gupta; Rajesh Gupta; Sanjay Sharma; Rajinder Gupta and Mamta Dutt also accompanied the Visiting Officer. It is pertinent to mention here that similar overwhelming response has been received from the general public in all the other ULBs including Sunderbani. Kalakote, Nowshera and Thanamandi where people in large numbers from all sections of the society took part in My Town My Pride activities

The festival of development has been celebrated with gaiety and the public has also acknowledged the tireless endeavors of the LG Administration to strengthen the democratic set up at grass root level and assured for full cooperation in making this initiative a grand success in the district.

'My Town My Pride' progm concludes at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, DECEMBER 06: The government public interface programme 'My Town My Pride' today concluded in the district with visiting officers reaching the people at their doorsteps amid massive response from ULB members and local people.On second day of the programme, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Kumar, visited Government Girls High School, Udhampur, where he inaugurated District Level 30th children Science Congress exhibition and Youth awareness campaign on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan.During the exhibition, students participated and showcased their science models. Principal Secretary along with Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur had round of the exhibition to inspect the models exhibited by the students.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Secretary congratulated the students and applauded the efforts of the teachers for their support and guidance. He impressed upon the need to boost and promote scientific temper and understanding among the students. He wished them good luck for their future endeavours.

Principal Secretary highlighted the harmful effects of drug addiction and urged upon the students to stay away from this evil and focus on future plans and career opportunities in order to excel in academics and sports. He emphasized on adopting a healthy lifestyle which will ultimately evolve a healthier society.Principal Secretary also visited Shaheed Inspector Kamal Singh Government Model Higher Secondary School Boys Udhampur.A mega Cultural Programme was organized by Education department in which students of different schools presented scintillating performances on the second day of my town my pride 2.0 programme.Principal Secretary said that the objective of this MTMP programme is to see the implementation and impact of government schemes on ground besides empowerment of Urban Local Bodies. He said that UT administration is committed to fulfill all the demands of public on priority. He added that My town My pride is a unique programme of UT administration with the efforts of public, government and administration for resolution of demands.

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reflect aspirations & needs of common man and the poor families living in the slums.

Jammu Master Plan must focus on housing for poor, new business centers to decongest old cities, besides planned townships for state & all India service officials, he added. Mentoring officers should work with elected public representatives, local ward members for successful execution of urban development plans, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor observed that Hon'ble Prime Minister has transformed Jammu into the city of educational institutions. Jammu known as the city of temples world over has also become a hub of educational Institutions as it is the only place in the country which has AIIMS, IIM, IIT and Central University, he added.

The Lt Governor maintained that resource mobilization is the need of the hour and it must become part of our action plan.

Seamless online public service delivery and efforts for improved infrastructure, decongestion plan, transportation, creation of new public space, streamlining & simplification of processes to avail public services; brand positioning of the cities; One District One Product; City Livelihood Mission; beautification of cities, preservation and rejuvenation of rivers, lakes & parks are some of the important aspects of public outreach that needs focused attention, said the Lt Governor.

The 'My Town My Pride' public outreach programme lays special focus on Self-employment generation and skill development to empower youth. During MTMP Abhiyan, 25 youth from each ward are being identified for self-employment assistance and skill training.

It is also being ensured that the schemes meant for the welfare of street vendors must reach the eligible beneficiaries, the Lt Governor said.

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erstwhile state.

The budget for 2019-20 was approved by the Governor as head of the State Administrative Council.

After J&K was downgraded into a UT in October 2019, its all budgets were presented in the Parliament due to the absence of an elected Government in UT—(KNO)

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groups which have been targeting India.

The meeting also strongly called for an early adoption of the UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism to effectively deal with the menace. It also reiterated that greater connectivity could be a force multiplier for enhancing trade and commerce as

source multiplier for enhancing trade and commerce as well as for ensuring closer interactions between India and Central Asian countries.

DIV COM

mation Education and Communication (IEC) material and documentary screenings.

Apart from the information on the unsung heroes of the Indian National Movement, the exhibition also provides information about different public welfare schemes of the government focusing on flagship schemes like Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY, PM-KISAN, NEP-2020, POSHAN Abhiyan and SVEEP. Special stalls have been installed by the nodal departments of the UT Administration for public awareness.

Addressing the gathering, Div Com lauded the CBC, J&K and Ladakh for organizing the exhibition for awareness of the masses. He impressed upon the masses to cherish and value the freedom our nation has got after sacrifices by our freedom fighters.

He said we have read the stories of the sacrifices by these heroes but Amrit Mahotsav is an opportunity to feel the emotion and we as citizens need to do our duties honestly.

Chairman Municipal Council, Anantnag said that the Amrit Mahotsav is a festival to celebrate freedom and an opportunity for people to be part of the governance. He said that the My Town My Pride initiative of the J&K administration is a step towards bringing government to the doorsteps of the people. Mohammad Rouf Rehman has been appointed as enquiry officer to conduct a "full dress enquiry in the matter." "Now, therefore, till completion of enquiry the teacher shown working as teacher in Boys High School Barthana is hereby placed under suspension," the order reads.

The teacher will remain attached with the Directorate with immediate effect, the order reads.

Notably the probe has been launched to ascertain the authenticity of the appointment after the passage of 13 years.

"A detailed inquiry will be done in this matter. All the aspects will be considered before issuing any final order in this regard. It has to be seen how the teacher in question managed his services in these 13 years," a top official said.

Earlier, in October, a female teacher was terminated after 18 years of her service in the department—(KNO)

REHMAT LANE

just before the weather changes for the worst and all of us are thankful to the City Roads Division Srinagar of R&B Department for Repairing the Rehmat Lane Road on time and ahead of Winter.

Through a statement issued to the press, Rehmat Lane Mohalla Welfare Committee fully expressed satisfaction over the speedy work done for the repairing of Rehmat Lane road after long wait of 6 Years. Statement also read that one individual a Police Inspec-

tor had tried to create unnecessary hiccups in this public service. Through the statement the Mohalla Welfare Committee assured the Entire team of City Roads department PWD that the individual is always in the habit of creating trouble due to some unknown personal problems.

The Statement read as follows :-One Mohammad Amin Malik, Inspector working in CID risiding at Rehmatlane Umarabad Zainakote has become a nuisance for residents of the Mohalla Comprising of 80 households. He is always interfering in development works by misusing his Police service to create pressure on engineering staff. This time he has even misquoted his posting in Vigilance . The interior road is being upgraded in mohalla on public demand but out of 80 households only this person is creating obstacles and fuss unnecessarily on the pretext of his official position. The residents of Rehmat Lane have appealed the Additional DGP CID to Kindly look into the matter as to why Mohd Amin is indulging in creating law and order problems in Mohalla and interfering in developmental works of public interest.

terfering in developmental works of public interest. Finally Mohalla Committee also Express gratitude to entire administration, Especially EXEN Muzaffar Qureshi, His Team AEE Imtiyaz Mir JE Syed Shafiq and Contractor's Yasir Bhatt & Sheikh Shakeel.

Residents of Rehmat Lane, HMT have also demanded the Construction of proper drainage system in the colony at an earliest. Last time Mayor of the Srinagar City Junaid Azim Matoo has assured that the drainage system of Rehmat Lane shall be taken up in the next session. Mohalla welfare Committee are looking forward to see the drainage system being put in place on time.

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Ganie resident of Samboora and killed militant Majid Nazir (Al-Badr) son of Nazir Ahmad Wani resident of Ladhoo Pampore.

Besides, challan against two juvenile accused (name withheld) was produced before the court of Juvenile Justice Board Pulwama for their involvement in the instant case, the statement said.

"During the course of investigation, various suspects were called for questioning from time to time and on 24/06/2022 one suspect namely Owais Mushtaq Ganie son of Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie resident of Samboora confessed his involvement in the commission of crime," the statement added.

It said that on his disclosure, two juveniles (name withheld) were held for their active involvement and role in the killing of the police officer Farooq Ahmad along with one active militant of Al-Badr namely Majid Nazir son of Nazir Ahmad Wani resident of Ladhoo Pampore.

During the course of investigation, it came to forth that all the three accused were active militant associates of Al-Badar and were in constant touch with the said active militant Majid Nazir Wani, who gave them arms and ammunition to carry out the attacks on soft

Drone Like Object Spotted Along LoC In Poonch

M S Nazki

Poonch, Dec 6 A drone like object was spotted along the Line of Control in Baloni Sonagali area of Mendhar in Poonch this afternoon and it went back, officials said. They said that the drone like object was spotted at around 1740 hours and it later moved back towards Pakistan. Further investigations into the matter is underway, the official told HT.

BADC demands Panchayat Level Computer Training Centres in Border Areas

Jammu,,06-Dec; Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK-BADC) a registered organization working for the welfare of J & K has demanded setting up of computer and Information Technology training centres in each Panchayat of Border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to familiarize the youth of border areas with the computer and IT and to make them skilful and employable.

In a statement issued to CNS, BADC asked the Jammu and Kashmir government to establish as many computer and IT training centres in rural & border areas of J & K as possible, as this would ultimately help the youth of J & K to learn skills and becoming self employable as present ly the government is unable to provide jobs to the youth and there is almost negligible private sector in far flung areas of J&K.Expressing disappointment, Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor said it is sad and unfortunate that in comparison to the glorious experience and success story of rest of India in Information Technology Sector, Jammu and Kashmir and especially the people of border areas of J & K could not become part of this IT success saga of India. Making humble submission to the Union home minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to establish village level computer centres in border areas of J & K, the former VC also assured that his organization (JKBADC) would provide all possible help to the government in this mission as and when asked.(CNS)

My Town My Pride Saurabh Bhagat inspects departmental stalls at Devi Park. Katra

REASI, DECEMBER 06: Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurabh Bhagat, today inspected stalls set up by various line departments at Devi Park, Banganga road, Katra on concluding day of ambitious 'My Town My Pride' 2.0 programme.

Commissioner Secretary enquired about deliverables being delivered by various departments during week long Jan Abhiyan Programme that culminated with MTMP 2.0.Further, the visiting officer held a formal meeting with the Sub Divisional Officers and elected ward members apart from other stake holders on the agenda as per MTMP 2.0.The visiting officer gave a patient hearing to the grievances raised by all the stakeholders and elected ward members. He apprised the gathering about the significance of MTMP 2.0.Later, seven plans prepared for ULB were unanimously adopted and works under Capex for FY 2023 2024 were adopted during the meeting held in this regard.

MTMP-II concludes successfully in Kishtwar



NEWS HEADLINES TODAY Electric wires hanging on trees

pose risk in Salawh villages

M S Nazki



MENDHAR Residents of Choki Salwah in Mendhàr Tehasil of Sub Divsion Mendhar in Poonch district are up in arms against PDD for failing to install iron electric poles and new wires in the villages thereby putting the lives of the residents at risk as the wires in several areas are hanging on trees.

Locals of Choki Salwah said that the absence of concrete electric poles and standard wire poses risk to their lives and property as most wires are hanging on the trees. They said that there is a possibility that due to the hanging wires the current may also flow nearby which can put the human lives at risk. At times the excessive flow of current can generate enough heat to ignite wooden logs that are in shape of electric poles, particularly where there is contact between the wood and metal surfaces of power pole in residential areas, said a local resident. The people appealed to the concerned department that they should install the new poles, so that the people feel safe and secure.

Girls Higher Secondary School Bhadarwah Organises Program On "Girl Education And Gender Issues

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Dec 06: A program on "Girls Education and Gender issues" was organised by Girls Higher Secondary School Bhadarwah today. The DDC Chairperson Doda Dhanantar Singh Kotwal was the chief guest on this occasion. The program was organised under the supervision of CEO Doda, DEPO Doda and ZEO Bhaderwah. Master trainer DKR Rakesh Shavan threw light on Gender issues and their remedies. While highlighting the issues concerning gender education, he also said that the main focus should be to bring equality, equity and inclusivity in all institutions and in society as well.Other speakers who delivered their lectures on the subject include Alka Sharma District Co-convener, Sajad Malik District coordinator, Asma Pervez Zonal convener, Shiva Padha Zonel co- convenor, Rashmi Kotwal, Gousia Malik and others

Master trainer DKR Rakesh Shavan and DEPO Doda Ayaz Moghal appreciated all the teams of Zone Bhaderwah for organising the event successfully.

They appreciated Alka Sharma Co-convener for her role in making this important component effective across District Doda.

All Zonal team of NCERT Component of "Girl Education and Gender issues" including Manjeet Singh Bloria

, Bhupinder Singh, Sachin Bhan, Ramjee Kak, Arshad Butt, Asma Pervez, Shiva Padha, along with dignitaries expressed their gratitude to the Principal Girls HSS Bhaderwah Bharat Bhushan Sharma and his staff for cooperation and coordination.

Setup IT Training Centers in Each Panchayat of Border Areas: Dr Shazad

Jammu, 06/Dec/2022: Jammu and Kashmir Border Area Development Conference (JK-BADC) a registered organization working for the welfare of J & K has demanded setting up of computer and Information Technology training centers in each Panchayat of Border areas of Jammu and Kashmir to familiarize the youth of border areas with the computer and IT and to make them skillful and employable.

BADC asked the Jammu and Kashmir government to

The DC in his address said that the multimedia exhibition is a step towards providing information about the schemes of the government to the masses so that the development reaches the last person in the queue. He urged the people to visit the exhibition to get insight into the freedom struggle.

Dr. Basharat said that the multi-media exhibition complements the My Town My Pride and Back to Village campaigns of the UT administration which also aim for awareness among masses.

Others present in the event were Dr. M.Y Zagoo, Chief Medical Officer; Mohammad Khalil Ganie, Chief Education Officer and other officers and officials from CBC and district administration.

Earlier, in his welcome address Joint Director, CBC, Regional Office Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh briefed the guests about the mandate and activities of the CBC in Jammu and Kashmir. He informed that CBC's field offices are engaged in the mass awareness about the public welfare schemes of the government in remote rural and border areas of the UT.

He said that people have to be informed for empowerment of the society and the success of these schemes is dependent on the public awareness.

On the occasion Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC informed that over the next four days people will be informed about different welfare schemes, the expert lectures, cultural programmes, activities for students, film screening and distribution of awareness material by the bureau. He said officers and experts from various nodal departments have been invited to be part of the event.

Prior to this, the Div Com accompanied by DC, SSP and President MC Anantnag visited Town Hall Anantnag where they inspected the stalls setup by various departments for the My Town My Pride programme. A cultural show as well as a skit was also presented on the occasion. Pole said that the aim of organizing the My Town My Pride program is to create a sense of belonging among the citizens so that they play a constructive role in the development of towns. He said that rights are accompanied by duties and the citizens must ensure that they keep their surroundings clean, use electricity and water judiciously and act as advocates for the planned development of town areas without indulging in haywire constructions.

DESK

 $\mathrm{SSB}/\mathrm{Secy}/09/1772\text{-}76$ dated May 20 of 2009, appearing at serial number 10.

The CEO Srinagar has further stated that on verification of the list it was found that neither his name exists in the selection list nor in appointment order issued on June 12 of 2009.

"The case was forwarded to the Directorate for further necessary action," the DSEK order reads.

In wake of the communication received from CEO Srinagar, the DSEK has ordered an inquiry into the matter. The Joint Director (Central) School Education Kashmir targets.

It is pertinent to mention that said militant Majid Nazir involved in the commission of instant crime was eliminated by Police/SF in an encounter at Tujan area of Pulwama on 21-06-2022.

"On the basis of evidence gathered prima-facie offences punishable under relevant sections of law for commission of instant crime have been established. The investigation of the case concluded with chargesheet against four accused persons including two juveniles, one neutralized militant and an accused person before the competent court of law," the statement said— (KNO)

CRIME BRANCH

was registered upon an information received through reliable sources that the officials of Education Department Kupwara, in league with officials of J&K BOSE sub-office Kupwara, were indulging in establishing examination centres for class 12th examination, after preparing fake and forged documents so as to enable undeserving candidates to appear in the examination.

"It was also alleged they have allowed Arts candidates to appear in Science subjects, thereby managing their success with a high percentage of marks. On the basis of said certificates they have not only obtained admissions in professional colleges, but have also secured appointments in various Govt. Departments etc," it reads.

It reads subsequently an enquiry was ordered to be conducted into the matter which culminated into registration of case FIR No 65/2005 of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir.

"During the course of Investigation, commission of offences under section 420, 467, 468, 471, 201, 120-B RPC were established against the accused persons and accordingly challan has been produced before the court of Additional Special Mobile Magistrate Kupwara," it reads—(KNO)

CHEIF JUSTICE

of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to perform the duties of the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, with effect from 08.12.2022 consequent upon the retirement of Shri Justice Ali Mohd Magrey, Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh," reads the notification—(KNO)

DRUG

Abdul Razzaq Dar both residents of Sheer Colony Sopore. They have been arrested and shifted to a police station where they remain in custody," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).Similarly in Ganderbal, a police party led by incharge PP Shadipora under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal during patrolling at Zazuna arrested a suspicious person. During search, Codeine Phosphate bottles were recovered from his possession, KISHTWAR, DECEMBER 6: My Town My Pride edition two programme concluded successfully today here in Kishtwar District.

During the two-day programme various activities were carried out by the district administration in collaboration with Municipal Council members Kishtwar and under the supervision of the Visiting Officer of MTMP-2 for Municipal Council Kishtwar, Secretary Health & Medical Education (H&ME), Bhupinder Kumar.

A meeting of the all the Senior Officers, District Officers and the Municipal Councillors and concerned authorities was held today here at the Conference Hall DC Office Kishtwar under the chairmanship of Secretary H&ME wherein a detailed discussion on the draft Master plan of Kishtwar Town was held.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav; ADC Inderjeet Singh Parihar; President Municipal Council Kishtwar, Sajjad Ahmed Najjar; PO ICDS, Dr Rishi Kumar; Joint Director Planning Mohammad Iqbal, ASP Rajinder Singh, ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak, ACD Atul Dutt Sharma, DPO Sunil Bhutyal, Tehsildar Kishtwar Umar Muneeb, Executive Officer MC Tariq Balwan, all Councillors besides District Officers of Key line departments.

During the meeting, the Secretary was apprised about the core developmental issues of Kishtwar town with special focus on the drainage system, lightening of streets, development of Municipal infrastructure and other functionals, rationalisation of town plans, beautification of town, extension of Bus stand, implementation of Self Employment Schemes under Mission Youth, PMAY-U, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and other welfare Schemes.

DC Kishtwar apprised the Secretary about various developmental initiative taken by district administration in collaboration with MC Kishtwar for accelerating the developmental tempo and service delivery in the Municipal limits. In the meeting, the Bhupinder Kumar stressed the officers to work in coordination with the councillors and take locals on board while devising plans so that the tangible results could be achieved.

He further suggested that Kishtwar MC must explore more options to enhance revenue generating sources for the Council and asked them to shift to online revenue collection mode.Councillors of MC Kishtwar also highlighted their grievances before Secretary.

He assured them that their grievances have been recorded besides necessary directions have been forwarded to concerned officers for immediate resolution.

Later, Secretary also felicitated the PMAY-U beneficiaries under Best House Category and also distributed cards under Ayushman Bharat and e-Shram scheme among the Municipal residents. establish as many computer and IT training centers in rural & border areas of J & K as possible, as this would ultimately help the youth of J & K to learn skills and becoming self employable as presently the government is unable to provide jobs to the youth and there is almost negligible private sector in far flung areas of J & K. Expressing disappointment, Dr Shazad Ahmed Malik, Chairman of the BADC and former Vice Chancellor said it is sad and unfortunate that in comparison to the glorious experience and success story of rest of India in Information Technology Sector, Jammu and Kashmir and especially the people of border areas of J & K could not become part of this IT success saga of India. He said Information Technology is Future of the world and we must make our youth and coming generations familiar with it to compete the world.

Nasir Hussain visits Ali Abad Arabal Shalimar area of srinagar to offer condolences to Jassm Muzaffar



Srinagar : NGO Helping Hands Care Foundation J &K. President Nasir Hussain Bhat on Tuesday visited the residence of the Renowned Social and Political Activist and the Chairman of the NGO Ali Asgar Blood Bank Care Foundation J&K, Jassm Muzaffar in Ali Abad Shalimar area of central Kashmir's Srinagar district to offer his condolences over the demise of Jassm's mother. On this occasion, Nasir Hussain also met the members of the bereaved family and expressed his solidarity with them. According to a statement issued here , on this occasion, Nasir Hussain said, "I am deeply sad-dened over the demise of Jassm Sahib's mother. In this hour of grief, I stand in solidarity with the bereaved and I pray Almighty Allah to give them strength to bear the pain of this irreparable loss.' While praying for the departed soul, Nasir said, "Life and death are always in the hands of Almighty Allah. who has said that 'every soul shall taste death.' It is painful to see our close relatives dying, but as Muslims, we are supposed to be submissive to His will all the time. May Allah rest the departed soul in eternal peace.' According to the family members of the deceased the Rasm-e-Chaharum will be observed on Thursday 8th December 2022 and Congressional Fateh Khwani will be offered at their Ancestral graveyard at Ali Abad Arabal Shalimar srinagar, at 8 am Sharp on the said day.

At least 7 killed in blast in north Afghanistan

A roadside bomb killed at least seven petroleum company employees aboard a bus in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, police said.

"Today at around 7am a blast took place in [...] Balkh on a bus which belonged to Hairatan oil employees," said Mohammad Asif Wazeri, police spokesman for northern province of Balkh, adding that at least six people were wounded.

He later said the explosion was caused by a bomb. "The bomb was placed in a cart by the roadside. It was detonated as the bus arrived."

Balkh province is home to one of Afghanistan's main dry ports in the town of Hairatan, near the border with Uzbekistan, which has rail and road links to Central Asia. It was not clear who the employees on the bus worked

Three killed in blasts at two **Russian airbases**

MOSCOW/KYIV: Russia rained long-range missiles on Ukraine on Monday, killing two people, destroying homes in the southeast and causing power outages, but Kyiv said its air defences had limited the damage.

Air raid sirens blared across the country and men, women and children huddled in the capital's cavernous metro system to take cover during the latest big wave of missile strikes since its Feb 24 invasion of Ukraine.

Moscow has been targeting Ukraine's power grid in intense waves of attacks since October, and state energy company Ukrenergo, which operates the national power grid, said more infrastructure had been hit on Monday Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal later said energy facilities had been hit in the regions of Kyiv, Vinnytsia in west-central Ukraine and Odesa in the south, but that Ukraine's energy system was still functioning.

The air force said that over 60 of the more than 70 missiles fired at Ukraine had been shot down.

"Our guys are awesome," Andriy Yermak, head of the Ukrainian presidential staff, wrote on Telegram.

Kyiv, a city of about 3 million people, appeared to have escaped serious damage although the Kyiv region's governor said 40pc of the region's residents had been left without power after unspecified infrastructure was hit. Ukraine says it downed over 60 of the 70 missiles fired at the country

After an hours-long air raid alert ended, Zelenskiy told Ukrainians that air defences had "shot down most of the missiles". Kyiv officials said that nine out of 10 missiles fired at the capital had been shot down. Kyrylo Tymoshenko, deputy head of the presidential office, said missiles had crashed into buildings in Zaporizhzhia in the southeast, destroying several houses and killing two people. Three people were wounded, including a small child, he said.

Water supply in Odesa region had been stopped as all pumping stations and reserve lines had lost power, the regional water company announced on Telegram.

The new attacks had been predicted for days. They finally came with the temperature in Kyiv -5 degrees Celsius (23Fahrenheit). Residents had just been told that emergency blackouts were over after earlier damage was repaired.

Military intelligence official Andriy Yusov said the attacks had mainly hit "civilian infrastructure, primarily energy infrastructure".Disruptions to the electricity supply in neighbouring Moldova were reported by the Moldelectrica electricity company.

Moldovan police found fragments of a missile that came down in a region of northern Moldova near the border with Ukraine, state information portal Prima Sursa quoted the police as saying. Three people were killed when a fuel tanker exploded at a Russian air base on Monday, a state news agency said, and a regional governor acknowledged reports of a blast at a separate base housing bombers that are part of Russia's strategic nuclear forces

State-owned RIA news agency said six others were injured in the tanker explosion in Ryazan, 185 km southeast of Moscow.

Roman Busargin, governor of the Saratov region further to the southeast, reassured residents after what he called reports on social media of a "loud bang and a flash" at the region's Engels air base.

"I want to assure you that no emergencies occurred in

"Come Back When...": Ukraine's Diwali **Invite To Indians Who Fled War**

New Delhi: War-hit Ukraine's foreign minister has sent out a heart-warming message to Indian students who had to flee the eastern European country in the aftermath of Russian invasion.

Addressing the Indi-an students during an exclusive interview to NDTV, Dmytro Kuleba said, "Come back when Ukraine wins. You were always an integral part of our society. We want to celebrate Diwali together in the city of Kharkiv in eastern Ukraine where Diwali became a part of the local tradition," he

said. "So come back when we win. In the meantime, pray for Ukraine and support Ukraine by all means available to you." Mr Kuleba added

Thousands of Indian students, most of them pursuing medical courses, had to flee Ukraine after Russia invaded the country in February this year. According to some estimates, about 18,000 students pursuing medical courses in Ukraine

Jakarta: Indonesia's parlia-

ment approved legislation

on Tuesday that would out-

law sex outside marriage

in a move critics said was

a huge setback to rights in

the world's most populous

After the new criminal

code was endorsed by all

nine parties in a sweep-

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A revision of Indonesia's

stretches back to the Dutch

colonial era, has been de-

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down on civil liberties and

political freedoms, as well

as a shift towards funda-

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returned after war broke out.

Prior to their escape from the war zone, Indian students faced a harrowing experience, taking shelter in bunkers as Russia pounded Ukraine with missiles. The students were eventually flown back in an extensive exercise launched by the centre. A student from Karnataka was, unfortunately, killed during shelling.

Months after their narrow escape from the war zone, these students have found themselves staring at an uncertain future as their education is now

Indonesia Bans Sex Outside Marriage,

Live-Ins By Unmarried Couples

paused. Many of them have sought help from authorities and also participated in protests.

Mr Kuleba spoke to NDTV on several other subjects, including India's decision to import Russian oil despite the West bringing a wave of sanctions against the Vladimir Putin-led dispensation.

Terming the Narendra Modi government's decision "morally inappropriate", the Ukraine for-eign minister said, "The opportunity for India to buy Russian oil at a cheap price comes from the fact that Ukrainians are suf-

If you benefit because of our suffering, it would be good to see more of your help addressed to us." Mr Kuleba was responding to Foreign Minister Dr S Jaishankar's statement that between February and November this year, the European Union has imported more fossil fuel from Russia than the next 10 countries combined. "It is not enough to point fingers at the European Union and say, 'Oh, they are doing the same thing." "India is a very important player in the global arena and the Prime Minister of India, with his voice, can make a change. We are waiting for the moment when Indian foreign policy will call spade a spade, and name the conflict - not war in Ukraine, but what it is, a Russian aggression against Ukraine," Mr Kuleba added. Terming the Narendra Modi government's decision "morally inappropriate", the Ukraine foreign minister said, "The opportunity

fering from Russian ag-

gression, dying every day.

HT NATIONAL /WORLD HEADLINES TODAY **Tripura Tribals Protest In** Delhi For Separate State, To **Meet Amit Shah**

New Delhi: Thousands of tribals from Tripura, including a large number of women, have begun their two-day demonstration at Jantar Mantar in the national capital, demanding greater autonomy and constitutional recognition. The sit-in demonstration, which started yesterday, is being led by Tripura's royal family scion Pradyot Manikya Debburman and includes members of his party, Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance (TIPRA).With ruling BJP on a sticky wicket, TIPRA has emerged as one of the most potent opposition entities in Tripura, where assembly elections are roughly two months away. TIPRA has raised the pitch for 'Greater Tipraland'

since last year, demanding more autonomy and political power for the tribals. The sit-in demonstration in New Delhi aims to draw the attention of the Central government and prominent leaders across the political spectrum towards the tribals' demands.

"We are not against any community. We want justice and more power for the backward and poor tribals. We had organised a similar two-day sit-in demonstration in Delhi in November last year," Mr Debburman told reporters.He added that this time too, his party would submit a memorandum to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, demanding a 'Greater Tipraland', he added. Political observers feel that TIPRA is likely to play a crucial role in the Assembly elections, scheduled to be held in February next year.

Days After AIIMS, **Hackers Attacked Top Medical Body Website 6,000 Times**

New Delhi: Days after a ransomware attack on the servers of AIIMS Delhi, a massive hacking attempt was made on the website of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), sources told NDTV today.

Sources added that 6,000 hacking attempts were made on India's top medical body's website on November 30. The IP address, a unique address that identifies a device on the internet, was traced to a blacklisted IP based in Hong Kong.

The ICMR website couldn't be hacked due to the updated firewall and enhanced security measures by the top medical body, sources said.

Beijing drops Covid testing burden as wider easing beckons



People in China's capital Beijing were allowed to enter parks, supermarkets, offices and airports without showing proof of a negative Covid-19 test on Tuesday, the latest in a mix of easing steps nationwide after last month's historic protests.

"Beijing readies itself for life again" read a headline in the government-owned China Daily newspaper, adding that people were "gradually embracing" their newfound freedoms.

Authorities have been loosening some of the world's toughest Covid-19 curbs to varying degrees and softening their tone on the threat of the virus, in what many hope could herald a more pronounced shift towards normalcy three years into the pandemic.

This might be the first step towards rec



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"However, it is time for - One year in prison us to make a historical decision on the penal code amendment and to leave the colonial criminal code the cohabitation of unmar-

The article criminalising sex outside marriage has been criticised by Indonesian business organisations as detrimental to tourism, though authorities insist foreigners travelling to Bali would not be months in jail.

ant issues and different The new code, which still opinions which were debat- needs to be approved by try defended the amend-

ments before the vote and said the law would protect marriage institutions.

marriage Sex outside could only be reported by a spouse, parents or children, drastically limiting the scope of the amendment, he said.

At a business conference before the vote on Tuesday, US ambassador to Indone sia Sung Yong Kim said he was concerned about "morality clauses" in the criminal code that can have "negative" impact on businesses.

drafts had planned to make homosexuality illegal, but this has disappeared from the final text. But the new rules on adul-

and cohabitation tery could also be used to "criminalise" the LGBTQ community in Indonesia said Andreas Harsono of Human Rights Watch, as the country does not acknowledge same-sex marriage.

'A step back' The new code also curtails some political rights, analvsts sav.

president Joko Widodo, Previous

Some of the most controversial articles in the new code criminalise extra-marital sex, as well as

ried couples. According to the text seen by AFP, sex outside of marriage will be punished with one year in prison while unmarried people living together could face six

Albert Aries from the Law and Human Rights Minis-

for India.

the residential areas of the city. There are no reasons for concern. No civilian infrastructure was damaged," Busargin wrote on Telegram..

"Unfair Gesture, Speculation": **China Rejects US Nuclear Weapons Report**



Beijing: China's defence ministry on Tuesday dismissed a Pentagon report about the pace of its nuclear weapons programme as unfair "gesticulation" and speculation. The Pentagon said in a report last month that China would likely have a stockpile of 1,500 nuclear warheads by 2035 if it continues with its current pace of its nuclear buildup. The figure underscores mounting U.S. concerns about China's intentions for its expanding nuclear arsenal, even though the projections do not suggest China is accelerating the pace of its already-brisk warhead development. Responding to the report, China's defence ministry said the United States was "gesticulating and absurdly guessing about the modernisation of China's nuclear forces". The United States should reflect on its own nuclear policy, especially as it has the world's largest nuclear arsenal, the ministry added. The United States was "vigorously" developing and seeking to deploy front-line tactical nuclear weapons, had reduced the threshold for deploying nuclear weapons and was conducting nuclear proliferation through its security partnership with Britain and Australia, it said. "It should be emphasised that China firmly pursues a self-defence nuclear strategy, always adheres to the policy of not being the first to use nuclear weapons at any time or under any circumstance, and maintains its nuclear forces at the lowest level required by national security."The United States has a stockpile of about 3,700 nuclear warheads, of which about 1,740 were deployed, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) think-tank. The Chinese ministry said it was the United States that was the "biggest trouble maker" when it came to global security."It has fanned the flames for its own self-interest, creating divisions and confrontation in the world, and bringing turmoil and disasters wherever it goes," the ministry said.

World urged to help Afghanistan deal with worst-ever food crisis

WASHINGTON: Experts blamed poor Taliban governance and international policies for the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan where more than 90 percent of the households go hungry, says a report published on Monday.

The UN World Food Programme (WFP) has already described this as "the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth" while the international community still ponders how to help Afghans without benefiting the Taliban. 'International donor assistance was reduced to a trickle when the Taliban seized power last year, and the cutoffs were economically devastating," says another report published by the Foreign Policy magazine.

But the Taliban regime too shares the blame as it "has more capacity to provide relief than it lets on. It is generating revenue, especially through border trade, but it blames the crisis on Western sanctions," the report adds.



In its latest report that sums up the food situation in Afghanistan till the end of November 2022, the WFP said it's now raising supplies to help more than 22 million people who are forced to "take desperate measures to get enough money to eat."

WFP's Executive Director David Beasley told BBC in a recent interview that the situation "is as bad as you possibly can imagine. In fact, we're now looking at the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth."

Commenting on the ever "worsening humanitarian crisis" in Afghanistan, a US-based rights group Human Rights Watch (HRW), warns that "acute malnutrition is now entrenched across the country. For nearly a year, over 90pc of households have not been able to get enough food." Other experts are predicting that, "if the weather is as poor as predicted this winter, millions of people including children are likely to face acute hunger and widespread famine.'

The latest WFP report notes that 19.9 million people — nearly half of the population — are projected to be acutely food insecure between November 2022 and March 2023.

Preliminary estimates collected by WFP show that 4.7 million children, pregnant and lactating women are at risk of acute malnutrition in 2022 and 3.9 million children are acutely malnourished.

this pandemic," Hu Dongxu, 27, told Reuters as he swiped his travel card to enter a train station in Beijing, which has also dropped the need for tests to ride the subway.

Both of the city's airports also no longer require people to test to enter the terminal, state media reported on Tuesday, although there was no indication of changes to rules requiring passengers to show negative tests prior to boarding.

But further loosening beckons after a string of protests last month that marked the biggest show of public discontent in mainland China since President Xi Jinping took power in 2012.

China may announce 10 new national easing mea-sures as early as Wednesday, two sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

The prospect of further relaxation of the rules has sparked optimism among investors that the worsecond-biggestggest economy would regather strength, and help to boost global growth.

The Chinese yuan has risen about five per cent against the dollar since early November on expectations of an eventual reopening of China's economy.

But on the ground, many people have been slow to adapt to the changing rules. Commuter traffic in major cities such as Beijing and Chongqing has remained at a fraction of normal levels.

Some people remain wary of catching the virus, especially the elderly, while there is concern about the strain the loosening could put on China's fragile health system.

Pak Poll Body Moves To Remove Imran Khan As Chairman of His Party

Commission today initiated the process to remove Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan from his post following his dis-qualification in the Toshakhana case

former prime minister and the case has been fixed for hearing on December 13, the Dawn newspaper reported, quoting a top ECP official

Mr Khan,70, is in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana and selling them for profit.

He was later disqualified by the

Islamabad: Pakistan's Election making "false statements and incorrect declaration."

According to the ECP records, the gifts were purchased from the Toshakhana -- the state de-pository established in 1974 -- for 21.5 million on the basis of their

A notice has been issued to the assessed value, while they were valued at around 108 million. There have been numerous allegations and counter-allegations between Pakistan's government and opposition since the news of the Toshakhana sale surfaced in the media.

According to Pakistani law, overseas presents need to be deposited in the Toshakhana or treasury for valuation before allowing a recipient to keep it.

Officials in the government are Election Commission of Pakistan required to report any gifts they be able to buy them back at a dis-(ECP) under Article 63 (i) (p) for receive, but they have a thresh- count of up to 50 per cent. PTI of-



old below which they don't have to disclose the full value.

Larger gifts are sent to Toshakhana, although the recipient may

ficials said no law bars a convict from becoming an office-bearer of a political party.

In 2018, however, a three-member bench of the Supreme Court, while hearing petitions against controversy for Tuesday.

the Elections Act, ruled that a person disqualified under Articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution could not head a political party. The ruling paved the way for Nawaz Sharif's ouster as the head of the PML-N following his disqualification by the apex court under Article 62(1)(f).

Pakistan's ousted prime minister Khan on Monday approached the Lahore High Court (LHC) against the government's inquiry into the audio leaks related to the US

cypher. The LHC Registrar's Office fixed the hearing of a petition of the Pa-kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman challenging a call-up notice by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in an inquiry into an audio leak regarding the US cypher

India denies Pakistan blind cricket team visas for T20 World Cup on 'political grounds': PBCC

India has turned down the visas of the Pakistan blind cricket team for the ongoing T20 World Cup on "political grounds", it emerged on Tuesday.

In a statement, the Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) said India had denied the team the visas for the tournament which is taking place in the neighbouring country from Dec 5 to 17.

"This unfortunate incident has left the Pakistan blind cricket team in the lurch," the council said, pointing out that the country had been runners-up in 2012 and 2017.

The statement comes days after the Indian Express reported that the Pakistani team would soon be issued visas in order to participate in the competition. The report quoted Cricket Association for the Blind in India President Mahantesh GK as saying the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) was working in this regard.

The official also expressed confidence that the team would receive their visas. According to the report, the two teams' clash was scheduled for December 7 (tomorrow).

In the statement issued today, the PBCC highlighted that Pakistan had beaten current T20 world champion India five times consecutively during two tri-nation competitions in 2021 and 2022, winning both the

Indian MEA had denied the players clearance on "political grounds". "The PBCC strongly [condemns] this discriminating act of India as



events."It was highly likely that Pakistan and India would have locked horns in the final of [the] ongoing World Cup and considering the current form of [the] Green Shirts, Pakistan had high chances to win the

World Cup," the statement said. The PBCC went on to say that as per the information available, the

sports should be above regional politics [...] Our counterpart Blind Cricket Association in India pleaded [with] their government for Pakistan's clearance but nothing was heard."The statement added that the Indian government's "hatred" of Pakistan had also violated the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. 'This discriminating act will have serious consequence[s] on global blind cricket as we at World Blind Cricket will take stern action against them and may not allow India to host future International events," the statement said.

In a statement, the Pakistan Blind Cricket Council (PBCC) said India had denied the team the visas for the tournament which is taking place in the neighbouring country from Dec 5 to 17. "This unfortunate incident has left the Pakistan blind cricket team in the lurch," the council said, pointing out that the country had been runners-up in 2012 and 2017. The statement comes days after the Indian Express reported that the Pakistani team would soon be issued visas in order to participate in the competition. The report quoted Cricket Association for the Blind in India President Mahantesh GK as saying the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) was working in this regard.

The official also expressed confidence that the team would receive their visas. According to the report, the two teams' clash was scheduled for December 7.

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Injured Haris Rauf ruled out of England series



Pace spearhead Haris Rauf has been ruled out of the remainder of the Test series against England due to an injury, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said in a statement on Tuesday."A grade-II strain in [the] right quad has ruled Haris out of the Test series against Ēngland," the cricket board said.The fast bowler underwent a MRI during the first day's play of the Rawalpindi Test after he "rolled over the ball while fielding," the PCB said. It added that scans and subsequent assessment by the medical staff concluded Haris had suffered a grade-II strain."Haris will now travel to Lahore where he will begin his rehabilitation at the National High Performance Centre.'

T20 Cricket tournament concludes in Poonch

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PoonchAs part of Op Sadbhavna, *SARLA Battalion* under the aegis of *Krishna Ghati Brigade* organised a Cricket Tournament *'GULPUR T-20' at GULPUR HELIPAD GROUND from 29 NOV to 06 DEC 22. The CRICKET TOURNAMENT being conducted with sole aim to generate sportsmanship and to provide an opportunity to the youth of POONCH District to display their skills. Overall ELEVEN teams took part in which NS Bedi Cricket Club from Poonch and Jhullas Cricket Club reached finals.After a thrilling Final match Jhullas Cricket Club Emerged victorious and lifted the GULPUR T20 Trophy. The winning team was presented a cheque of Rs 30000/- and 20000/- for the runner's up team. Chief Guests for the finals were Col Manjeent Singh Pathania, Deputy Commander 10 Brigade, Col Mohan Rao, CO 9 Sikh Li, Lt Col Kuldeep Sharma, 2ic 9 Sikh Li and Sayed Shah Aziz Vice Captain, Indian Divyang-Jan Cricket Team. The cricket tournament was widely appreciated by the local population and a large audience to support their respective area teams.Credits for the Smooth and wonderful conduct of Cricket Tournament goes to Sarla Battalion 9 Sikhli and Krishna Ghati Brigade.

ICC announces Player of Month nominees for **November**

Dubai, Dec 6 (UNI) The ICC Player of the Month nominees were announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday in celebration of the outstanding performances that took place across international cricket in November 2022. The shortlist for the ICC Men's Player of the Month for November features two stars of England's T20 World Cup winning campaign.Jos Buttler was in inspired form as his side surged to glory, providing a solid platform for success both as skipper, and at the top of the order. Adil Rashid joins him in contention for the Player of the Month crown thanks to a series of restrictive and impressive bowling displays in the latter stages of the tournament.

Hrishikesh Kanitkar appointed as Sr women's batting coach

Mumbai, Dec 6 (UNI) Hrishikesh Kanitkar has been appointed as the batting coach of the Sr Women's cricket team, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Tuesday

Kanitkar will join the team from the upcoming five-match T20I series against Australia starting 9th December in Mumbai

The BCCI also said that former Head Coach of the senior women's team, Ramesh Powar, will switch to men's cricket as part of the restructuring module of the BCCI and he will join VVS Laxman, Head Cricket, National Cricket Academy (NCA)

Commenting on his appointment, It is an honour to be appointed as the new Batting Coach of the Senior Women's team. I see tremendous prospects in this team and we have a good mix of youth and experience. I believe this team is



ready for the challenge ahead. We have a few marguee events coming up and it is going to be exciting for the team and myself as batting coach.

Powar said: With my new role at the NCA, I will be looking to take forward my experience over the years to help build talent for the future. I look forward to working in tandem with VVS Laxman for the further development of the game

Brazil turn on style to reach World Cup quarterfinals

Doha, Dec 6 (UNI) Fivetime champions Brazil scored four first-half goals as they advanced to the FIFA World Cup quarterfinals with an impressive 4-1 victory over South Korea here on Monday.Vinicius Junior put Brazil ahead with a cool finish and Neymar doubled the lead from the penalty spot. Richarlison and Lucas Paqueta extended the advantage before substitute Paik Seungho struck late for South Korea. Brazil will meet Croatia at Education City stadium on Friday (Dec. 9)



to the spot after consulting the video assistant Neymar sent goalkeeper Kim Seungeliminated from the tourgyu the wrong way before rolling his spot-kick into nament.It took just seven minutes for Brazil to the bottom right corner. take the lead as Raphinha Hwang Heechan went close to scoring for South caught Kim Jinsu napping with a dashing run Korea in the 16th minute to the right byline before with a dipping 25-vard drive that Alisson palmed away with his right hand. But it was a rare moment of discomfort for Brazil's defense. The South American giants were at their flamboyant best and their third goal will likely be remembered.

Ronaldo to join Saudi Club for \$210 mn?

Madrid, Dec 6 (UNI) star Cristiano Football Ronaldo, 37, who has quit Manchester United, is reported to have been offered a yearly salary of \$210 million a year with a Saudi club, according to a Madrid-based newspaper.

The contract amount is more than twice that of any of the highest paid athletes' salaries in 2022; including boxer Canelo Álvarez who earned \$84 million a year or the \$72 million earned by NFL quarterback Matthew Stafford.

The Saudi Pro League (SPL) is not considered to be one of the world's top football leagues, but Al Nassr -- the team reportedly looking to take Ronaldo under their wings, is one of the more successful clubs in Saudi Arabia.

In fact, the team is currently sitting at second place in the league after winning nine Premier League titles, six King's Cups, three Crown Prince's Cups, three Federation Cups and two Saudi Super Cups. The club is based in the Saudi capital Riyadh. While a number of clubs

have expressed interest



in signing Ronaldo, who is the top scoring international player with 819 goals and is a five-time Champions League winner, the football star has not addressed the rumoured offer yet. As news broke that Ron-

aldo may be receiving an offer to play for Al-Nassr, the athlete was also reported to have had a clash with football manager Fernando Santos.

Ronaldo fumed after he was subbed off of the team's final group stage game against South Korea for the FIFA World Santos didn't appreciate Ronaldo's demeanour during the game, but didn't seem too troubled by the fallout, adding: "It was sorted out this way and now we think about

the game." Ronaldo's contract with Manchester United was terminated last month after the football star openly criticized the club in an interview with Piers

Morgan. Ronaldo said he had "no respect" for manager Erik ten Hag, and that the Glazer family, who owned the team, did not

his cross bypassed Neymar and fell to Vinicius. The Real Madrid forward took one touch before calmly stroking his shot into the top far corner. Kim Moonhwan then clipped Richarlison with a stray boot and referee

Cup 2022. South Korea beat Portugal 2-1 on Friday. According to a New

York outlet, Ronaldo said he told a South Korean player Cho Gue-sung to 'shut up" after the player appeared to insult him.

care about the club The player still had about \$16 million left in his contract which was supposed to expire in June, but announced that he had "mutually agreed" with United to end their contract early.



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