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# HEADLINES TODAY

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Man arrested with narcotics in Karnah

Kupwara, 11-Jan; In its continuous efforts to tighten the noose against drug peddlers in the district, Kupwara Police has arrested another narcotics smuggler from Hajitra area of Karnah and recovered narcotics from him. In a statement issued, Police spokesman said that during the preceding night, acting upon specific information regarding presence of narcotics in the possession of one Fareed Ahmad Sheikh son of Ab Rehman Sheikh a resident of Hajitra Taad, a search was conducted in the house of Fareed in the presence of Executive Magistrate Ist class Tangdhar. "During search, one packet containing Heroin like narcotics substance weighing about 580 grams was recovered from the house", he said. Meanwhile, the accused has been arrested and case under relevant sections of NDPS Act registered and investigation taken up by Police Station Karnah.

### Student hangs himself to death in Anantnag

Srinagar, 11 Jan: A 20-year-old boy allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself to death in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Wednesday morning. As per reports to CNS, boy (name withheld) a resident of Khani-pora Utrasoo Anantnag hanged himself to death at his home. Meanwhile, police has registered a case in this regard and investigations set into motion.

### ACB arrests Patwari from Udhampur for accepting bribe

Srinagar, Jan 11: Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Wednesday said that a Patwari from Halqa Rasli Gandhera, Basantgarh, Udhampur was trapped and subsequently arrested for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 for issuance of Fard. As per a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), ACB received a complaint alleging therein that he wanted to sell his piece of land and the concerned Patwari, Halqa Rasli Gandhera, Udhampur namely Darbinder Singh is demanding bribe of Rs 50,000 for issuance of Fard. "On receipt of the complaint, a case under FIR number 01/2023 under section 7 PC Act 1988 in Police Station ACB Udhampur and investigation taken up," the statement said. "During the course of investigation a trap team was constituted. The team caught the accused officer Darbinder Singh along with his driver while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000 in presence of independent witnesses. Both of them were arrested on spot after completing necessary legal formalities. The bribe amount was also recovered in the presence of the independent witnesses," ACB said.

### Man held with heroin-like substance in Sopore

Sopore, Jan 11: Sopore Police on Wednesday arrested a drug peddler along with heroin-like substance during a Naka at Wagub crossing in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a drug peddler was arrested along with 15 grams of Heroin-like substance during a checkpoint at Wagub crossing by the party of PP Putkha under the jurisdiction of Police Station Amargrah/Tarzo. The arrested drug peddler as per the officials disclosed his identity as Ashiq Elahi Parray, son of Abdul Razaq Parray of Lawaypora Zainkote in Srinagar. Meanwhile, a case under FIR number 03/2023 under section 8/21, 29 of NDPS Act has been lodged at Police Station Amargrah and further investigation has been taken up—(KNO)

### J&K BJP in poll mode after crucial meet in Jammu

Jammu, Jan 11: Jammu and Kashmir, which is under President's rule since 2018, is likely to see the fresh elections, as ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu & Kashmir in its crucial meeting on Wednesday directed the J&K leaders to switch into poll mode and get ready for elections. As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), BJP convened a crucial meet in Jammu that was chaired by BJP National General Secretary (Organization) BL Santhosh along with BJP National General Secretary and Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh. J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul, Union MoS Dr. Jitendra Singh, J&K BJP Seh-Prabhari Ashish Sood, MP (Lok Sabha)

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## Moderate to Heavy Snowfall Across Higher Reaches in Kashmir Rains Lash Kashmir Plains and Across Jammu Region

### Major Highways, Roads Closed for Vehicular Movement : Weatherman Predicts more Rain, Snow till 13th January

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 11 (UNI) Higher reaches of Kashmir valley including tourist resorts of Gulmarg and Sonamarg received a fresh snowfall while plains including Srinagar were lashed by rains on Wednesday. Meteorological Centre Srinagar said that it was currently snowing at Sonamarg, Gulmarg and other higher reaches of Kashmir valley while light rain in plains of North & central Kashmir coupled with cloudy and fog in plains of Jammu. The MeT forecast of Gradual increase in Intensity

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secutive day due to dense blanket of fog gripped Jammu on Wednesday.

"The foggy weather conditions will prevail for few more days while the chilling weather conditions continue," a MeT official said adding that the weather is expected to improve after January 15.

Sun played hide and seek but foggy and chilly conditions disrupted normal life in the winter capital by affecting road, air and rail traffic.

"Due to fog, flight operation also remained affected," the Jammu Airport official said.

He added that no flight took off in the morning due to poor visibility.

Meanwhile a senior railway official said

that the trains are arriving 3 to 4 hours late from their scheduled time as the rail operation is badly affected due to dense fog in northern parts of the country.

However, a weatherman said that snowing at Sonmarg, Gulmarg and other higher reaches of Kashmir, light rain in plains of North and Central Kashmir and cloudy and fog in plains of Jammu.

"There will be a gradual increase in intensity and distribution of snow and rain as the day progresses with main activity towards evening and night. Some places, mainly higher reaches may receive heavy snowfall," he said and forecast widespread light to moderate rain in plains of

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### Dense Fog throws Life out of Gears in Jammu, affecting Air, Rail Services

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Jan 11 (UNI) The normal life was thrown out of gear while air and rail operation remained hit on the fourth con-

### No surge in COVID-19 reported in J&K: Officials Say no positive patient admitted in hospital so far

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 11: Despite the surge in Covid-19 cases worldwide, the situation in J&K so far is well under control as no surge has been reported here, officials said Wednesday. Officials while talking to news agency—said that the surge in Covid-19 cases was reported in different countries but situation J&K is better as no surge has been reported. They said that people in J&K have hybrid immunity because of a combination of widespread natural infection and vaccination. They said that people with hybrid immunity developed by both vaccination and previous infections have significant protection against future Covid infections. Almost everyone has contracted the virus more than once during three Covid-19 waves besides that above 12 years of age whole population is vaccinated, so there are very little chances that any variant can trigger fresh wave as of now here, he said

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### Budget 2023-24 to incorporate ideals of Viksit J&K, Women Empowerment, RCB, Skill Development: CS to Adm Secys

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, JANUARY 11: In the aftermath of the 2nd Chief Secretaries Conference chaired by Prime Minister recently the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta took a detailed review of way forward for achieving different objectives set out during the conference. The meeting was attended by all the Administrative Secretaries, DG Budget, Directors of Finance of different departments and other concerned officers. Dr Mehta stressed on including all themes mentioned by the Prime Minister in the upcoming budget. He maintained that



all of these form the guiding principles for us to be earnestly followed and achieved in a time bound manner. He directed for making necessary inclusions in the budget 2023-24 for implementing these ideals set for the UT. It was set out that the agenda of this year's conference was based upon the broad counters of Viksit Bharat

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### 3 Soldiers Including a JCO Lost their lives After they Slipped into a deep Gorge in Machil Sector along LoC



HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 11 (UNI) Three soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer were killed after they slipped into a deep gorge near Line of Control in Machil sector of Kupwara district in Jammu and Kashmir, Army said on Wednesday. They said the incident took place last evening in a forward area during a regular

operational task. "A routine operational task was undertaken on January 10, at about 5:30 pm in the Sector, along a narrow winter track. While moving towards the forward post, snow along the narrow track broke, leading to slipping of one JCO and two Jawaans into a deep gorge," a statement issued by the Army said. Immediately a

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### Rajouri killings: VDG's get training to handle modern weapons

Jammu, Jan 11: In a significant decision to ensure the security of hinterland, Army has started to train Village Defence Guards (VDGs) in Jammu region with modern weapons. As per news agency—the fresh developments came in wake of recent terrorist strikes in Dhangri village of Rajouri district that killed seven people and injured nearly 15. As per officials, Army Crossed Swords Division which is headquarters at Akhnoor and looking after the security of Rajouri sector organised an Interaction with VDC members and personnel of Jammu Kashmir Police in Sunderbani to discuss various issues pertaining to hinterland

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### CS for branding of products produced by KVIB Clusters

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, JANUARY 11: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today urged the Khadi & Village Industries Board (KVIB) to identify certain products, give them a brand name and promote these in the market.

He expressed these ideas in the 106th Board Meeting held today under his chairmanship. The meeting was at-

tended by the board members including Vice Chairperson, KVIB; Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; DG, I&C, Jammu; Director, I&C, Kashmir; CEO/Secretary, KVIB and many other concerned officers and officials. Dr Mehta impressed upon the Board to certify their products so that were decided after extensive

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### Amid renewed focus on UAPA cases, 6 special courts set up in Kashmir for trial of offences under law

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 11: In a move aimed at speedy trial of militancy-related cases in Jammu & Kashmir, the administration of Union Territory on Thursday constituted six special courts of trial of offences under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act -1967 in Kashmir Valley. The Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs today notified six courts as special courts for the trial of offences under the UAPA in 10 districts of Kashmir Valley where only three courts were designated so far for such cas-

es. The notification has been issued under the powers vested with the Union Territory administration under the National Investigation Act-2008.

Under section 22 of the NIA Act, the State Government is empowered to constitute one or more Special Courts for the trial of offences under any or all the enactments specified in the schedule.

The UAPA is among the laws specified in the schedule of the NIA Act. In a notification, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—Kashmir

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### Rising Accidents in city: 48 people killed in 2022

HT NEWS NETWORK (KNO)

Srinagar, Jan 11: Authorities on Wednesday said that they have identified some black spots in Srinagar where frequent accidents are taking place and that the efforts will be made to ensure the graph of accidents within the summer capital is reduced this year.

Talking to the media persons, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic, City, Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, as per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that around 48 people have lost their lives in the accidents in Srinagar last year and through a study, which will culminate shortly, it has come to the fore that most of the accidents have occurred on Bypass road.

"We have identified a few black spots like from Shalteng-Parimpira and Pantha Chowk stretch where most of the lives out of 48 in 2022 have been lost. As soon as the study culminates, we will provide the report to

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### Govt invokes Civil Service Rule 30 to 'censure' college principal over misconduct

HT NEWS NETWORK (KNO)

Srinagar, Jan 11 The Jammu and Kashmir higher education department has invoked Civil Service Rule 30 to 'censure' college principals over misconduct.

According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Higher Education Department (HED) has reprimanded the college Principal and issued a strict warning against the Principal of Government Degree College (GDC) Pattan Prof Tariq Ashai under Rule 30 (i) "censure" of the civil service (classification, Control, and Appeal) Rules 1956."

As already reported by KNO, the JK HED had attached the in-charge Principal Government Degree College (GDC) Pattan over serious allegations leveled against him for his misbehavior at Cluster University Srinagar (CUS).

The attachment order was issued by HED after a written complaint was submitted by the dean of Academic Affairs of Cluster University Srinagar (CUS).

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### Progressing J&K...

### JK Govt's. ATDP, URIF to encourage, incentivize best performing Municipalities in J&K

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 11: The Jammu and Kashmir Government



will encourage and incentivize best performing Municipalities through additional grant-in-aid in the form of Urban Reform Incentive Fund (URIF) under Aspirational Towns Development Programme (ATDP). The ranking of the Municipalities across J&K will be based on the performance as per the benchmarks prescribed under Jammu &

Kashmir Municipal Development Index-2022 (J&K MDI-2022). Special funds will also be provided for building capacities and covering gaps in these Municipalities.

J&K MDI-2022 is a tool to assess the development of Urban Local Bodies across the Union Territory of J&K against the normative development benchmarks. While J&K MDI will act as a guide to evidence-based policy making, catalyse action to achieve broader developmental outcomes, including the Sustainable Development Goals, assess and compare the outcomes achieved by municipal bodies, give citizens an insight into the functioning of local bodies and build a dialogue between the stakeholders, the URIF will provide necessary financial incentive to Municipalities to undertake reforms, in their journey of becoming

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Advertisement for 'Tazkiyat-i-Ajlas' (تعزیتی اجلاس) featuring Prof. Feroz Raza (پروفیسر رحمن راہی) (1925-2023). The event is a memorial gathering for the late professor, organized by the Jammu and Kashmir Sahitya Akademi. It will be held on January 12, 2023, at 11:30 AM at the Jammu Sahitya Akademi. The event is free of charge and open to all. The advertisement includes the name of the organizing committee, 'Adabi Markaz Mirza Ghalib' (ادبی مرکز کمراز جموں و کشمیر), and the location, 'Jammu Sahitya Akademi' (جموں و کشمیر).



## 33rd Road Safety Week commences at Kulgam DC flags-off car rally to spread awareness about traffic rules

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 11: The 33rd Road Safety Week commenced today at Kulgam with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat flagging-off a car rally from the premises of mini-secretariat Kulgam.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Viqar Ahmed Giri; Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Abrar Ahmad and other officers and officials of ARTO office were present on the occasion. The aim of the



week is to inculcate traffic education and awareness among motorists, commuters, pedestrians including college and school going children

and to make them aware about safety measures to be taken while on road. Meanwhile ARTO Kulgam said that during this road safety week being

observed under Swachhata Pakhwada from 11 to 17 January with a theme 'Sadak Suraksha Jeevan Raksha' multifarious activities will be carried out across the district including rallies, awareness camps and campaigns regarding safety of passengers and pedestrians, awareness regarding NDPS ACT 1985, Enforcement drives and other related programs.

These activities will be held to spread awareness about traffic rules and to promote safe driving to minimize road accidents.

## Men & machinery geared up in view of Snow forecasts

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 11: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Bashir Ahmad Wani inspected the functioning of control rooms of various departments yesterday night.

The ADDC inspected the functioning of Pukaar Control room and R&B Control Room for Snow Clearance at Dak Bungalow. He took stock of the grievances received at Pukaar Control Room and directed the staff to remain vigilant in view of the Snow advisory.

He also inspected the functioning of the control room at BMO Office Mattan. He also inspected the control room at MC Mattan and directed the staff to remain alert in case of snowfall.

The control rooms at MC Anantnag, Mechanical Division Anantnag and Workshop of KPDC at Lazibal were also inspected.

Executive Engineer Mechanical assured the ADDC of complete readiness to tackle snowfall. He said that men and machinery are deployed and snow clearance will be taken up on P1 roads without any delay.

## DLC approves 04 cases for change of land use at Kulgam

KULGAM, JANUARY 11: To discuss and dispose-off applications submitted for change of land use, a meeting of District Committee on change of land use was today held at mini-secretariat here under the chairmanship of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Giri. Officers present in the meeting were ACR (Member Secretary), CAO, CHO, Tehsildars, officers from Pollution Control, R&B, NH44, Irrigation besides other concerned. After threadbare discussion, the chair approved four cases for change of land use out of six cases tabled before the Committee. Moreover the ADC instructed concerned to ensure timely issuance of NOCs to the applicants after proper verification.

## SVEEP awareness programme held at Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 11: To create momentum and enhance the pace of enrollment of new voters in the voter list and to inculcate democratic values in the general public of the district, a SVEEP awareness programme was today organized by the District Nodal Officer SVEEP (Chief Education Officer Budgam) in collaboration with District Election Office Budgam at Sheikh-ul-Alam Hall, here. The awareness program was attended by the general public, PRI members, Anganwadi Workers and Asha Workers. During the awareness programme, Sr. District Level Master Trainers (senior lecturer) Mir Firdous Ahmad and Gowhar Rasool (teacher) delivered the lecture regarding importance.

## ARE YOU A REAL HUMAN



Penned by Yasmeeen Ahad

If your heart is filled with love,  
Then you're a human.  
If you want to quit hatred now,  
Then you're a human.

If you are sober and thankful,  
Then you're a human.  
If you are caring and thoughtful,  
Then you're a human.

If you are strong but gentle,  
Then you're a human.  
If you have power but are against the battle,  
Then you're a human.

If you are educated but humble,  
Then you're a human.  
If you are royal but noble,  
Then you're a human.

If your etiquette is high,  
Then you're a human.  
If you have no wings but want to fly,  
Then you're a human.

If your dreams and goals are formative,  
Then you're a human.  
If you're hardworking and creative,  
Then you're a human.

If you know how to control the anger,  
Then you're a human.  
If you desire to arrange the langar,  
Then you're a human.

If you know to show respect,  
Then you're a human.  
If you are a giver and not an expectant  
Then you're a human.

If you are capable of being a good friend,  
Then you're a human.  
If you are gentle and obedient,  
Then you're a human.

If you are poor but generous,  
then you're a human.  
If you are literate but still curious,  
Then you're a human.

## Director RDD reviews functioning of department at Shopian



SHOPIAN, JANUARY 11: The Director, Rural Development Department (RDD) Kashmir, Khalid Majid today presided over a meeting of departmental Officers at Meeting Hall of Mini-Secretariat, here to take a comprehensive review of all activities and works.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Hilal Ahmad apprised the chair about the current status of different works undertaken by RDD Shopian. He presented a detailed report about the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored schemes including 14th FC, MGNREGA, SBM and other related schemes through a powerpoint presentation. The meeting also discussed the physical and financial status of projects targeted for completion in the current fiscal. It was given out in the meeting that under 14th FC, out of 1763 works, 1528 works have been completed and 367 works taken up during Back to Village are almost nearing its completion. On the occasion, the Director emphasised on the concerned officers to take immediate measures to accelerate the pace of the ongoing works for their time-bound completion and directed for regular monitoring of works. Directions were also passed for clearance of Material and labour payments within days to the extent of releases made till date. Director exhorted upon the concerned officers to achieve the set targets under different schemes within a stipulated time frame with a focus on the creation of durable assets. The Director, after taking stock of works in the district directed all the officers to keep a close liaison and coordination with PRIs so that implementation of developmental activities is ensured in a hassle free manner and people can realize the actual and intended benefits of work.

## An online condolence meeting was organized by the literary center Kamraz

Srinagar, Literary Center Kamraz Jammu and Kashmir organized an online condolence meeting today on Zoomapp on the death of late Professor Rehman Rahi. The meeting was presided over by eminent writer, researcher, critic and scholar Professor Muhammad Zaman Azada. In the condolence meeting, there were prominent and influential writers, intellectuals, poets, scholars and writers of the state of Jammu and Kashmir. The leading personalities who paid tribute to Professor Rehman Rahi in wonderful words included Mr. Waheed Jilani, Mr. Asir Kishtwari, Mr. Brijnath Betab, Ms. Rukhsana Jabben, Mr. Saaduddin Saadi, Mr. Ahmad Ali Khan, Dr. Rafiq Masoudi, Patron of Kamraz Literary Center and representatives of the units affiliated to Kamraz Literary Center and Prof. Muhammad Zaman Azada are included. Due to lack of time, all the writers could not keep their words. However, on this occasion, Mr. Muhammad Amin Butt, President of Literary Center Kamraz, Jammu and Kashmir, requested the writers, poets and writers to visit the tomb of the late Bazaz House tomorrow. Mr. Khawaja-japura came to Nowshera Srinagar where a condolence meeting will be organized by Kamraz Literary Center tomorrow. Today's online meeting was organized by the General Secretary of Kamraz Literary Center Mr. Shabnam Tala Gami. Thanks to all the guests.

## The Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education Branch Office Sumbal

The candidate who's Photograph is published in this Notice is claiming to have lost his original Marks Card of Class 10th issued by the Board of School Education with following particulars:

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Class: 10th  
Year: 2007  
Session: Annual Regular



Now the candidate has applied for its duplicate. If anybody having any objection, may file the same before undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this Notice. Besides the original Marks Card is treated as cancelled.

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This is to inform the general Public That my medicine retail license is under DL. No. BR/05/2137/38 Mir Medicate Kreeri District Baramulla got damaged somehow. Now I am applying for the duplicate, If anybody has any objection regarding this He/She may contact Drug Control Office Baramulla within seven days after that no objection will be entertained.

Mir Medicate  
R/o Kreeri District Baramulla

## Swachhata Pakhwada-2023: Road Safety Week kick-started with Awareness Rally at Shopian

DC emphasizes on taking concerted measures to reduce accidents

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 11: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya and SSP, Tanushree today flagged-off a massive Rally, organised by Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Shopian, here.

The Rally marked the start of week-long celebrations under Swachhata Pakhwada, which is Ministry of Road Transport and Highways concept to make Road Safety Activities concern of everyone or everyone's business.

A large number of transporters, drivers, and officials took part in the rally, which started from Mini Secretariat. The



participating drivers were asked to be messengers for the Safe Roads initiative by following all road safety norms. DC emphasized on the need to disseminate information about the gravity of road accidents.

In view of the deaths occurring due to rash, over speeding, negligent and unsafe driving, he asked all stakeholders to spearhead a massive orientation and awareness on the issue. He also enjoined upon the concerned departments to carry out activities throughout the

year so that the message becomes fully effective for the purpose of reducing road accidents by 50% in next 10 years. The weeklong celebrations shall witness a number of activities by all concerned departments in furtherance.

## Orientation/ Training programme under holistic development of Agri & allied sectors held at Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 11: A divisional level orientation cum training programme titled 'Production of designer plants for promotion of high density plantation and rejuvenation of orchids' was today held at Directorate of Agriculture Lalmandi, here.

The programme was jointly inaugurated by Director Agriculture Kashmir and Director Horticulture Kashmir.

The programme was attended by Deputy Director Horticulture Shafeeqa Khalid, HOD Fruit Science SKUAST-K Prof. Dr. S.A Simnani, Chief Horticulture Officers of Kashmir division, and district resource personnel from the department of horticulture Kashmir and KYKS.

Addressing the inaugural session, Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal said that the 29 projects approved under the holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors will be a game changer in the overall agriculture scenario of the region. He said the projects have been designed in consonance with the available resources, opportunities, technological interventions and desirable targets.



Speaking to the participants of the orientation cum training programme, Director Horticulture Kashmir G.R Mir marked the importance of self-sufficiency in quality plant material. He said under the holistic development programme we have to endeavor not only to become self-sufficient in quality plant material but also to explore the opportunities for export of plant material to other fruit growing countries of the world.

He said that 390 hectares of area is to be covered under production of designer plantation with 429 crores of budget and this will help produce planting material to cover

5500 hectares under HDP of 12 fruit crops during the next five years. He further said that 2000 hectares of orchards will also be rejuvenated under the programme.

Director Horticulture highlighted the importance of capacity building of stakeholders in the form of National and international training. He said that with the implementation of approved projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors the economic potential of the horticulture sector will rise from 10000 Cr. to 15000 Cr. and it will increase the farmer's income by 1 lakh rupees per kanal.

He said the effective implementation of the programmes will also generate employment opportunities for the young farmers and other stakeholders.

Later, thread bare discussions were held on the implementation of the projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors wherein stakeholders provided feedback and suggestions on various aspects of the programmes.

On this occasion Director Horticulture said that district level training will also be held for which the schedule has already been issued.

## In Langate dozen natural water sources 'turn into dumping sites.

Concern Authorities Unmoved

DR. AB QAYOOM  
HTNEWS-NETWORK

Langate, Jan 11: Almost all the natural water sources of Langate Tehsil are dying a fast death with majority of streams turning into dumping sites in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, which once was known as the place bestowed with the nature's bounty—springs and gushing streams. An environment is the natural world that surrounds us. It is very important to keep it clean in order to live healthy and peaceful life. However, the environmental pollution has become one of the biggest threats for Earth. It can affect our future one day. People suffer from their own mistakes. Pollution endangers our existence and destroys our living environment. The future will either be green or not at all.

Water pollution is one of the pivotal problems nowadays. A lot of garbage is thrown directly into the water. Water is also polluted by fertilizations and pesticides which are widely used in agriculture. The contamination of the living environment leads to the deaths of the entire natural ecosystems. There are many approaches to garbage utilization but most of the poor countries just don't have enough money to introduce such up-to-date technologies. Langate area was being known for two things, Fish of Nallah Mawar (Langate Mawari-hanz-GAAD) Fish of Nallah Pharou (Pharouich GAAD) and Natural Water Kagi-Nag but now the drinking water seems to be running away from the people as most parts of these water bodies have been turned dumping sites either people have illegally raised constructions over it in most areas of the Pharou and Langate. The water channels in several ar-



eaes including, Langate town, Khan Tulwari Kharou, Gund Kharou, Guloor, Kultoor, Yaroo, Kachri, Hanjishart, Pharou, Bungam, Haripora, Wahipora, Unsoo, Babagund, Khanu have now turned into dumping sites as the villagers put all garbage of their households into these water channels choking not only them but becoming a man made disaster for further generations. Dumping of garbage, including plastic and continue to affect the 200 years-old streams like Douh-Gam Koul (Mawar-Unsoo), Lal-Koul (Kupwara-Zangair) and Dam-Koul (Guloor-Kultoor) Shaba Batie Koul (Kharou- Guloor), in these concern areas locals should take effective steps so that the glory of the streams gets restored. "Apart from dumping waste, rotten food items, garlands, plastic bottles, obsolete items are dumped in the streams", said Nasser Ah(25), a local resident Kultoor whose family was frequently using its water. While most of the garbage gets submerged, plastic bottles and other waste keeps floating into it and block the flow of water at few places from Kharou to Kultoor. The rising pollution and high-nutrient load continues to flow and gather on the surface of the water, which locals used for drinking decades ago. "The water bodies are

vanishing in Langate and are no more treat to eyes," said Javid Ah, an elderly man from Wahipora. The locals said that many streams in the Langate area, some of them more than 200 years old, are wallowing in neglect owing to the apathy of the relevant authorities as the oldest Streams becomes garbage dumping sites earlier the water of these streams was used by the locals for domestic purpose. "Concerned authorities like (heads of Panchayat Raj) (Municipal committee) and concerned departments have been making tall claims from last many years that the water bodies will be cleaned and preserved, but it is only getting worse each passing day," a local resident of Pharou, told. He said authorities are yet to take precautionary steps. "No appropriate steps have been initiated to clean water sources, check the overflow of sewage, contamination of water channels, dumping of garbage in rivers and streams in Langate so far," he said. Bilal Ah, a local resident of Langate town said that a 100 year old spring in Patpora of Langate has now completely dried up which leads the people to go a long distance to fetch drinking water. "Similarly, another oldest spring in Guloor also denying to provide water as it has been also dried," he said. Reports of turning bright springs and huge water bodies into garbage dumping sites are not only reported from Langate adjacent villages but the condition of the springs and water channels of other areas are not different from Langate. In Handwara Town, Chogal, Gund Chogal, Gonipora, Rajwar, Ramhal, Mawar, and Qaziabad, the plight of water bodies is the same ironically, which continues to fall in government negligence, residents of several villages of Handwara said.

## National Road Safety Week-2023; Swachhata Pakhwara commences in District Kishtwar

MVD organises sensitisation campaign for Drivers

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 11: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, is observing the Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January 2023, under "Swachhata Pakhwada" to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

A range of activities are being organised throughout the Country to create awareness among the general public and to give an opportunity to all stakeholders to contribute to the cause of road safety.

On the day first, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Kishtwar under the supervision of ARTO Romesh

Samotra, organised a sensitisation programme here at various traffic laden spots including the Thathri Check Naka on NH-244 for the driver community.

The sensitisation programme aimed to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

A total of 40 to 50 bus and truck drivers were imparted awareness about the number of hours of driving, safe driving etiquettes, sleeping hours, resting hours etc running on the highway.

During the program, the drivers were made aware about the road

safety measures like putting on seat belts, avoiding overtaking, stopping use of mobile phones while driving, heeding to red signals and shunning unnecessary honking.

They were educated about common traffic violations such as over speeding, jumping traffic signals, drunken driving, unnecessary honking, violations of designated traffic zones, not wearing seat belts, riding without helmets, modification of two-wheelers and the use of mobile phones while driving, among others are the main causes of mishaps.



# GeM onboarding for Walnut (ODOP) by JKTPPO concluded at Kupwara

KUPWARA, JANUARY 11: Jammu & Kashmir Trade Promotion Organisation (JKTPPO) in collaboration with Invest India and District Administration Kupwara successfully concluded the onboarding drive of ODOP products on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for walnut exporters, FPO, entrepreneurs, traders of district Kupwara at DC office complex, Kupwara today.

On the directions of Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, JKTPPO is engaging with all the districts of UT to promote local ODOP products and create awareness regarding advantages of selling their products on the Government's e-Marketplace and other e-commerce platforms.

Walnut is the ODOP of district Kupwara under District as Ex-



port Hub Scheme/ODOP initiative. Jammu and Kashmir accounts for more than 98% of walnut production in India. Locally known as "Doen", Walnuts of Kupwara are naturally organic as no sprays and fertilizers are used in their cultivation. The onboarding will open

Government market for ODOP products especially for gifting/souvenir purpose during major government events, conferences, summits especially in view of various G20 meetings to be held across the country in 2023. During the drive all the participants were made aware

regarding the benefits of GeM onboarding was given by industrial experts from JKTPPO and Invest India. Around 20 participants attended this onboarding drive. Participants who were onboarded on GeM platform won't be charged any caution/security money.

Event was also graced by the officers of DIC and officers from DC office, Kupwara. This is the third district level drive for onboarding of ODOP product on GeM platform organised by JKTPPO in a row after Ganderbal and Budgam.

This drive is the result of the initiative taken by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce who have informed all States/UTS in that "ODOP Products" are to be onboarded

on GeM portal and "District Collectors" have been designated as OEMs to facilitate the GeM portal onboarding drive at district level. Artisans/Farmers/FPOs/Artisan Organizations/SHGS/Small entrepreneurs of "ODOP Products" can get onboarded on GeM portal without any fees and GST.

Pertinently, GeM was launched by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is the national public procurement portal for an online, end-to-end marketplace for open, efficient and transparent procurement of goods and services by central and state government organisations

Among those onboarded on spot were Safaan Dry fruits, Athwas Hortified producer company, Adnan Dry fruits etc.

## PHC Rathsun made operational in new building

BUDGAM, JANUARY 11: Primary Health Centre Rathsun was made functional in a newly completed building during a function presided over by Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan.

The new building has been constructed by SICOP at the cost of 1.89 crores and was languishing since long due to the lack of funds.

Nazir Ahmad Khan on the occasion expressed gratitude to the entire administration led by Lieutenant Governor J&K for taking concrete steps in making this building functional and highlighted the role of strengthening the primary health care system in the rural areas.

Chairman DDC Budgam has been highlighting the issue of languishing projects in the district for a long time. "I hope with the active support of administration all languishing projects would be completed in a time bound manner", Nazir Ahmad Khan added.

ADDC Budgam, Member DDC Rathsun, BDC Rathsun, Senior officers of the health department, local PRI members and senior citizens of the area were also present.

## DC Anantnag inaugurates National Road Safety Week-2023

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 11: To build awareness about road safety and reduce road accidents, a week-long National Road Safety Week 2023 awareness drive titled 'Swachatha Pakhwada' was today inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom, here.

On the occasion, the DC flagged-off a Magic Rally on Road Safety Awareness from Dak Bunglow Khanabal to Mattan Chowk in presence of officers of District Administration, Traffic Police and representatives of driving institutions, auto unions, automobile dealers which after passing through different areas of the district culminated at the starting point.

Addressing the gathering, the DC said that Road Safety Week is a national event aimed at raising public awareness about traffic rules and ultimately to reduce casualties due to road accidents.

Millions lose their life and millions get injured in road accidents globally; mainly, due to lack of awareness about traffic rules or behaviour of flouting them. Therefore, to make people more aware of the traffic rules and to persuade them to follow rules while on road; the Road Safety Week is observed annually, he explained.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo said that the basic essence of celebrating Road Safety Week from 11th to 17th January is to propagate the cause of safer roads for all.

He further said that during the week, various activities are being organised throughout the district to create awareness among the general public and to give an opportunity to all stakeholders to contribute to the cause of road safety. This includes various awareness campaigns related to causes of road accidents and measures to prevent them.

Various activities with School/college students, drivers and all other road users have also been planned. He added that free pollution checks for vehicles at select outlets will also be available during the week.

Further, Essay writing and Poster making competition for school students by NGOs actively working in the field of road safety will also be held. The department will also conduct special drives related to compliance of traffic rules and regulation, pedestrian safety, eye check-up camps for drivers and other road engineering related initiatives throughout the district.

Later, the MVD official along with Traffic department also conducted on road awareness campaign with regard to use of Safety Seat belt, overloading of Passengers and use of helmet by two wheelers at Bijbehara, Dooru, Kokernag and Khanabal Chowk for creating mass awareness.

## Budding writer Sabahat Qayoom calls on DC Budgam



BUDGAM, JANUARY 11: Sabahat Qayoom, a budding writer from Parnewa village of Budgam district today called on Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, S F Hamid at DC Office, here. During a brief interaction, the DC assured all possible support from the District Administration for her future endeavours. Qayoom, a 10th standard student has written a book titled "Don't Die Before Your Death" and made a documentary on orphanages. The DC appreciated the budding writer for her writing skills and excellent work in film making and extended his best wishes for her future. On the occasion, Qayoom also presented her book to the DC and urged for screening of her documentary at proper platform.

## Mega Block Diwas camps held at 03 blocks of Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 11: In order to take first hand appraisal of public issues and grievances at the door steps of people, the District Administration Kulgam today organized mega grievance redressal camps in three blocks of the district viz. Devsar, Kulgam and D.H.Pora.

The programme was attended by PRIs and general public who highlighted issues and grievances confronting their areas for early redressal.

Meanwhile, to take first hand appraisal of public grievances and demands, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat remained available at the new conference hall of the mini-secretariat Kulgam.

Officers from District Administration were also present during the Block Diwas who responded to the grievances flagged by people during this grievance redressal camp.

People from Daderkoot, Avil, D.H.Pora, Okey, Nil-



low, Srandoo, Sopat, Mirhama and various other areas participated in the grievance redressal camp and put up various issues of public importance and flagged developmental requirements of their areas.

The DC after giving patient hearing to the public addressed various issues of immediate nature on the spot.

Earlier, ACD Kulgam Mohammad Imran Khan briefed about the action taken on the grievances and issues raised during previous block diwas.

Meanwhile, Block Diwas functions were also held at Block Devsar and D.H.Pora where ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather and SDM, Bashir ul Hasaan listened to issues and grievances of people for redressal.

## DC Bandipora presides over public outreach programme at Sumbal; listens to public issues

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 11: The District Administration Bandipora on Wednesday organised a public outreach programme at Sumbal sub division of Bandipora.

The programme was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed and was attended by SDM Sumbal Amir Choudhary, Tehsildar Sumbal, DDC Members, PRIs and general public from Ganastan Sumbal and other adjacent areas.

The Public representatives and general public put forth various issues of public importance.

The DC after patiently listening to the public resolved various issues on the spot and also directed officers to resolve genuine public grievances on priority.

Dr. Owais on the occasion directed the departments to ensure redressal of public issues in a time bound manner and asked them to focus on Government sponsored schemes.

He asked the officers to ensure completion of all works in stipulated time



to benefit the general public.

He asked the PRIs and other concerned to focus on the improvement of infrastructure of schools and road connectivity.

Dr. Owais also appreciated the elected representatives of Block Ganastan for the construction of Block Development Office at Ganastan.

The DC on the occasion stressed on solid waste management at panchayat level and asked the

PRIs to identify the persons to be engaged for door to door collection of waste and its proper management.

He asked the BDOs to make efforts for the successful implementation of Solid Waste Management at panchayat level.

Dr. Owais exhorted officers to make concerted efforts to saturate individual beneficiary schemes and work in mission mode for empowerment of youth.

## Ring Road Project: DDC Budgam inspects pace, progress of work

BUDGAM, JANUARY 11: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, S F Hamid today visited ring road project wherein he took on spot review of pace and progress of the project in the district.

During the visit, the DDC instructed all concerned to augment the manpower and expedite the work process to ensure timely completion of all works and projects.

The DDC directed the concerned executing agency to speed up the pace of work so that the project is completed at the earliest. He asked the concerned to expedite the work on projects to ensure the movement of vehicular traffic around the area.

He said that the project is of immense public importance and is being strictly monitored by higher au-

thorities for the earliest completion. He said as soon as the projects are completed, the same will prove helpful towards overcoming traffic jams besides ensuring smooth plying of traffic on the highway.

The DDC further directed the concerned to ensure all facilities like Telecom and Transmission towers besides completion of basic connecting bridges.

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## Mission Youth: 170 Youth appear in interview for self-employment schemes at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 11: In an endeavour to empower youth, 170

benefits under Mission Youth to establish their units in manufacturing sector,

subsidy. He said District Administration is working in

departments have jointly carried out skill mapping of youth during Back To Village programme and 15 candidates from every panchayat have been Counseled for different entrepreneurship programmes.

The Project Manager urged youth to come forward and take benefits from youth oriented Government schemes to speed up their socio-economic development under Mission Youth.

He said District Administration is providing hand holding to youth from block level to district level and is committed to support youth on different platforms.

He further said implementation of Mission Youth has proved successful in fulfilling the dreams of unemployed educated youth.



unemployed youth today appeared in an interview process meant for selection of youth on the basis of merit under Mission Youth.

The interview was organised with the aim to select different eligible beneficiaries to avail ben-

service sector and other employment avenues.

Project Manager, District Industries Centre (DIC) Bandipora, Mehraj Wani said that under the scheme the eligible beneficiaries take loan from 2 lac to 20 lac with the facility of availing interest

mission mode to prioritise self-employment and self-empowerment of youth.

He said all the line departments dealing with individual schemes including DIC, KVIB, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and other de-

# Block Diwas: People brave biting cold to participate in public outreach program at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 11: As part of weekly Block Diwas, Public Outreach programmes were today held at 3 locations in Anantnag viz. Govt Polytechnic, Larkipora, Town Hall Qazigund and Block HQ Khoveripora.

At Govt Polytechnic, Larkipora, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom presided over the event.

The event witnessed massive public participation.

The DC while interacting with the public said that Block Diwas is a unique platform for people to raise their grievances and for the departments to redress these issues. He highlighted the importance of grievance redressal mechanisms in an

administrative setup and said that the large participation of people is a manifestation of their belief in the working of this grievance redressal mechanism.

Several grievances were aired by the participating people on the occasion. Among them, the main grievances include Animal Husbandry Unit at Kuchaypora, road widening, macadamisation of interior roads of Larkipora, macadamisation of A.K Pora link road, widening of road from main bazar to Bonpora, Kumar Mohalla road and Jamia masjid road, replacement of damaged electric poles, ambulance for NTPHC Larkipora, lady doctor at NTPHC Larkipora, full time NT for Larkipora and removal of encroachments around



Polytechnic College among others. The DC while listening keenly to the grievances of the people directed the

revenue officials for demarcation of land around the Govt Polytechnic College besides the KPDCCL were di-

rected to replace the damaged poles immediately. Later, the DC also visited NTPHC Fatehpura and took stock of the execution work. The concerned agency was directed to handover the building to the Health Department within a week. He also visited the hostel facility at GP Larkipora which is under construction and shall be completed prior to the stipulated timeline.

The DC was accompanied by JD Planning, SDM Dooru, CMO, ACD, ACP, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti and KPDCCL, Tehsildars, BDO among others. Block Diwas was also held at Town Hall Qazigund where Additional District Development Commissioner, Bashir Ahmad Wani listened to the grievances of the people.

The ADDC issued directions to the representatives of various departments present on the occasion for time bound redressal of grievances raised. The ADDC later inspected several works in Block Qazigund. He inquired about the progress of under execution works and was assured that all works will be completed before the end of the present fiscal.

Block Diwas was held at Block Headquarter Khoveripora where Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad Bhat presided over the event. People in large numbers had gathered to register their grievances and were assured by the ADC that their grievances will be redressed. He said that men and machinery have been deployed for snow clearance.



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## PLAYING WITH FITNESS

People have not only spoiled their health through their bad eating habits but they have also put their children's health at risk. Obesity invites deadly diseases. Recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the first part of the fifth report of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted in the year 2019-20, in which it has been revealed that malnutrition and obesity among children are increasing in our country. This report is a reference to a survey of about 22 states and it has been stated that obesity among children under 5 years of age is increasing rapidly in 20 states. This may be due to the lack of attention women pay to their own food and children's health. Even before this, it was revealed in the National Nutrition Survey that not only children from illiterate or poor families but also children from educated and rich families are getting away from nutritious food.

In a country where educated women are reluctant to feed their newborns with their own nutritious milk, it cannot be expected that they will show seriousness in giving nutritious food to their children. There can be two main reasons for the lack of nutritious food for the children of poor people; one is poverty and the other is that some poor families produce more children. The reason why children of rich families stay away from nutrition is food, their mothers do not pay attention to their children's food and drink because parents are in a race to earn more money. In our country, nowadays people have started imitating other countries in food and drink, especially Chinese-fast food. People have forgotten to take care of their health. Some people also make their children eat fast food which has a negative impact on their health. Today, the health of children in India is deteriorating due to poor nutrition. Children have to fight eye, tooth, and stomach diseases at an early age. Some women do not feed their babies properly to save time; thus they become enemies of the health of their family members and children.

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## Book Review of "Dehleez" by Dr Gulzar Ahmad Wani

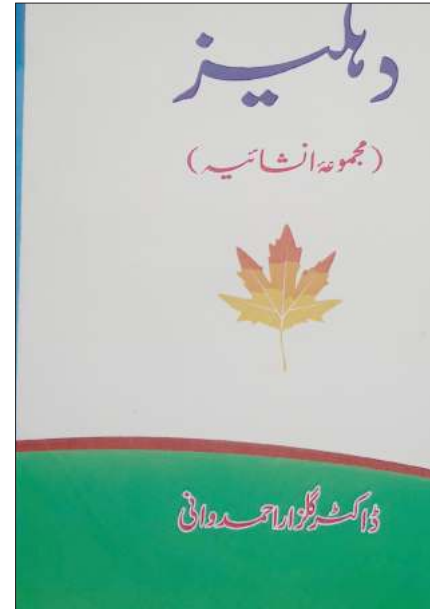


RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR

Dr Gulzar Ahmad Wani is a young litterateur of south Kashmir's Pulwama district who is silently moving ahead with his lovely and unique creations in Urdu. He is a Versatile and dynamic personality. He has authored many books on criticism. He is a poet, fiction writer as well as an essayist. He has already added a collection of essays "waadi imkaan" to the Urdu literature. Dehleez is his second and recent collection of essays/inshaaya. "Dehleez" a collection of twenty two inshaaya/ essays is spread over 128 pages. Its cover page a mix of green and creamy colour is eye catching. It's paper inside is of superior quality thus a reader and lover of Urdu literature considers it not less than a super gift while going through the pages of the book. Dr Gulzar has dedicated this pretty collection to Dr Mohd Ashraf who happens to be a well-known critic and a good writer. Akhtarul Iman's poem "Jamood" on it's page 4 has further beautified the book. In it's foreword Dr Wani is of the view "writer has written these inshaaya/ essays on different occasions but every title has wrapped many essays in it's chest. Thus a reader after going through these essays can think differently in order to reach a conclusion". He has lauded the role of few people who really have helped him in compiling this book. Prominent among those are Dr Manzar Hussain, Gh Hassan Talib, Dr Gh Nabi Kumar, Sheikh Gulzar and his nephew Mir Parvez. In his comments about the book under the title "few words" Dr Manzar Hussain writes "It isn't easy to write an inshaaya and to be an inshaaya nigaar but when we talk about Dr Gulzar Ahmad Wani, he is well versed in composing inshaaya and is a good inshaaya

nigaar". Dr Feroza Majeed says "reader of Dehleez not only reads a genre of literature but economic, social and political aspects of valley too get unveiled once he goes through the book". Dr Mohd Yaseen Ganie has written a long five page preface of the book in which he has deeply highlighted genres of inshaaya in literature. He also has mentioned a dozen of popular inshaaya writers of country. About Dr Gulzar Ahmad Wani he writes "Dr Gulzar Wani deserves bigger applause not for writing this book Dehleez or he is author of twelve other books or he is a favourite student of Prof Fareed Parbati but for being torch bearer for the novice young Urdu writers". Dr Gh Nabi Kumar has also written a page about this compilation. He says "Dr Wani is a dynamic litterateur who has proved his mettle in almost every genre of Urdu literature". The first inshaaya/ essay of the book is Gubare/balloons on page 20. In this inshaaya Dr Gulzar has skilfully shown how adults play with the balloons the way kids play. Children play with the balloons by filling air into them and sometimes when the air is filled beyond the carrying capacity of the balloon, it bursts. In the similar way man being too greedy for his material gains accumulates as much wealth as he can without caring for the paths of wealth gain. In another inshaaya/essay Chehra/Face on page 27 Dr Gulzar is of the view that the human face is like an open book. It displays our inner feelings and situations. Whether a person achieves success or he sails in a sinking ship, it is face which displays his feelings. Face can no longer hide his emotions and feelings. Takiya/Cushion page 34, cushions have an utmost importance in our homes. Whenever a guest arrives, first of all the cushion is searched and decorated. In markets cushions of varied designs and brands are purchased for beautifying our rooms and homes. In another one Kursi/Chair on page 46, Dr Gulzar has highlighted the importance of chair in an educational institution or in other offices. How embarrassing it is, when a chair is lacking in the school. He has cited an example of his own once

workplace. Headmaster's, Tehsildar's and a barber's every one's chair has it's own status and value. TV Antenna, this one on page 53 takes us back to our past times. When any movie or cricket match on old brand TV sets was enjoyed only at TV Antenna's mercy. How cumbersome it was to set the antenna on



rooftops to watch any serial or movie undisturbed. On page 57 Bijli ki Ankh Macholi/ Hide and Seek of electricity is fully relevant to our modern day times. Though we have progressed in many fields and we are developing by leaps and bounds but still the lack of electricity particularly during icy-winters is displeasing us most. Calendar page 66, calendar is used every where in homes, offices, places of worship and in educational institutions. From first week of January till last day of year, calendar remains hanged on walls till it's newer counterpart takes it's charge and place. Our special occasions and functions are particularly mentioned on the calendars by pen marks. Imtihan/Exam, this one beautifully crafted on page 70 explaining different exams a person undergoes in

life. From a school going kid to an adult, every one faces exam on different times. Prophet Ibrahim and Prophet Ismail too had to face an exam, who passed it successfully thereby pleasing their Lord. Shaam/Evening on page 86 meticulously explaining about an evening event, when dwellers spread the curtains of the windows and birds in flocks turn back to their nests. Working class and government servants wait for the evening to be back to their homes. Dehleez/Doorstep on page 97, the title inshaaya of the book. We spent huge amounts in building our homes. From base to it's roof materials of different varieties are chosen to make our homes adorable. The doorsteps are also designed and constructed either by laying marbles or precious tile floor to make it good-looking. After a days hardwork when we step back on our doorsteps we swiftly feel relaxed, energetic and potent. Infact the incoming guests too are welcomed at doorsteps and when they leave we again accompany them upto doorsteps. Namak/Salt on page 109 is one of the main ingredient of our cuisines. Our curries and tea can be tasteless if devoid of salt. Namak halal and namak haram we often use to refer a faithful and disloyal person. Moreover we use this special item during winters to overcome friction on icy and snowy roads. Mehroomi/Deprivation is the last and 22nd of the collection. It is a broader word and many meanings are extracted whenever a listener hears the word mehroomi. Dr Gulzar Wani has brilliantly crafted this one also to please a reader and develop his literary taste.

While reading and going through "Dehleez" reader comes to know about the skills, expertise and creative potential of author. It is really a great contribution and a huge addition to the literary world of Urdu. I suggest every literature lover to go through the book especially Urdu scholars who can be benefited more by it's varied contents.

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## Brother-Sister Relationship: A Pious Relationship



By: Mehvish Irfan

There are many relationships in this world. But one of the pious and beautiful relationships is the relationship between a brother and a sister. They fight and tease each other, but shed their differences in a jiffy. They miss no opportunity in irritating each other. In front of parents, they act like the innocent. But at other places, they are at war. However, it doesn't mean that they don't like each other. It means they know each other quite well and love to do these funny things.

For a sister, her elder brother is like the second father. She knows that apart from the main pillar, there is another strong pillar that will never let the building of our true love crumble down. It is the elder brother who, in the starting, understands that I have to go mature before maturity in order to take my younger sib-



lings on the path of the world. The sister also looks at

her brother through the eyes of respect. She imitates him in every good aspect and tries her best to prove to the world she has nothing to worry about, as her elder brother is there to support her. If the sister and brother live apart from each other, they still have affection and sympathy for each other which increases with distance.

In reality, having the elder brother is a blessing from God. He fulfils the sister's needs and tries his best to make them happy. He sometimes forgets himself to be there for his sister or sisters. He plays many roles to keep the boat of the family floating. When storms come, he single-handedly tries to fight them and don't let those hurt his family. He kills his desires and fulfils his sister's desires. Being unhappy, he becomes happy for his sister. The elder brother is like a true friend for me. We understand each other. He guides me to the truest path and rebukes me if I go wrong.

In short, the brother-sister relationship is a pious relationship. It needs understanding and then everything is serene. I pray for all elder brothers of the world. I want them to be happy. May Allah keep all the elder brothers healthy and contented!

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## Not everyone does charity for publicity

Some people make charity for gaining publicity, though. However, most people do not do charity for publicity. We highlight the shortcomings of society but we never appreciate the good of the society. We don't sense or see the humanity existing in most of the societies because

"Distribute your wealth amongst the poor, destitute and the needy, help others to the best of your ability and be kind and sympathetic to human beings".

I being a resident of Sopore town know the ground reality of how much of financial support is provided to the weaker

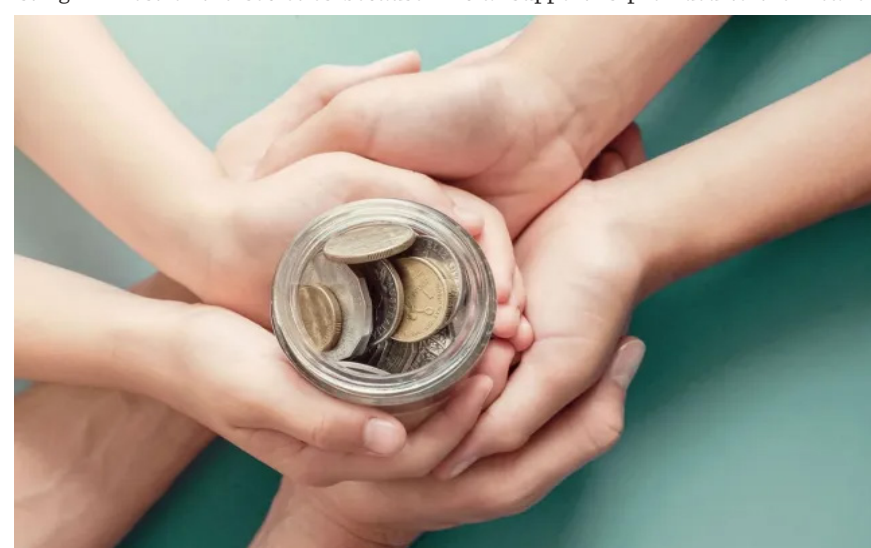
World Health Organization reveals that South Korea, which is a developed country, has a suicide rate of 28.6 persons per 1,00,000 persons, which is the fourth highest in the world. Russia, which is also a developed country, has a high suicide rate of 25.1 persons per 1,00,000 persons, while in developing or underdeveloped countries like Syria and Iraq, the suicide rates are only 2 and 3.6 persons per 1,00,000 persons respectively.

The data of 2019 shows that poverty is not the main reason of suicides. Also, the data of 2022 published by the World Health Organization reveals that 5% of people in the United States of America suffer from depression, while the percentage of depression cases in developing countries like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh is 4.10%, which is less than that in the United States of America.

Whenever a poor person commits suicide, the so-called intellectuals leave no stone unturned in blaming the society.

Without knowing the truth, social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc, are flooded with posts blaming the society for the suicide committed by the poor. Some people who post on social media platforms are ignorant about the situations, but many do it with the intention of gaining publicity. Whenever we upload posts to blame the society in which the incident occurs, without knowing the truth we forget that these incidents could happen in our own societies as well. We can't prove or disprove all the things on social media platforms. Everyone has the right to have his/her opinion about the incident, but no one has the right to tarnish the image of any society by spreading false propaganda for the sake of publicity.

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most of the people do help and provide support to the poor or persons in need without the intention of publicity, and they don't upload it on social media platforms.

Recently, a girl of Sopore town jumped into river Jhelum and her body is yet to be recovered. Since the time she has jumped into the river, I have seen a large number of posts from so-called journalists and intellectuals on social media platforms blaming the people of Sopore for not providing financial and moral support to the family of the girl when she was alive. The posts were like, "Wake Up Sopore", "Murder of Humanity". Citing Imam Ali, they said,

section of our society by people here, as per their abilities. Some find it easy to spread false information on social media platforms without knowing the truth. All those who spread false information should at least verify the truth. Charity should be done in such a way that it helps the needy persons. Doing charity for publicity can have negative impacts on the needy.

Poverty is not the lone reason of committing suicide as rich people commit more suicide than the poor do. There are various reasons of committing suicide, like neurological problems, being alcoholic, stress, mental illness, etc. The data on suicides published in 2019 by the



# PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA OR TRAUMATIC DEATH BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DRUG ABUSE IN OUR KASHMIR.



SHAHNAZA RAFIQ

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DRUG ABUSE:** It simply refers to get satisfaction & consolation for a short period of time, then followed by a wrenching death, extreme use of psychotropic drugs, such as alcohol, barbiturates, opioids etc., "the word 'DRUG' is open to question, some naturally occurring substance in the central nervous system is considered a drug, and is illegal in many countries, while nicotine is not officially considered a drug in most countries, that is why the word drug is doubtful, the word "ABUSE" refers to harm, so it's negative term & corrupting to yourself & the society, it death blows the entire society".

Substance abuse in our "KASHMIR" is alarming day by day like a "VIRUS". Which causes "physical" as well as "psychological" threat, where do these viruses come from, not from animals, but from homo sapiens, when a person free a virus into the society, they don't just harm strangers, on the contrary, they will also harm their own family by releasing the viruses into the atmosphere. Nowadays the people of "KASHMIR" use "HEROIN & ALCOHOL" as drink as well as an injection through intravenous, where do these people come from, it's a "questionnaire" for the entire society especially for "MEDICAL HOSPITALS".

I will give the example of "GMC" "SMHS" srinagar, where there comes at least 5-10 such cases each & every day, which comprises poisonous substances use & drug addiction people, doctors bring to completion their duty & responsibility, they treat & discharge them, but in-between they forget one thing, who gives them such illegal things without permission, who are those people & where do they come from? if these things are bought like this, it will be banned, so not many cases will be seen, such things should come under observation.

"Nowadays everyone catch sight of, what's proceeding in our kashmir, family members skirmish with each other, this is what we hear nowadays, they kill each other, brother kills sister, son kills father, recently son killed his mother in 'Anantnag district', unsound youth kills 3 people, traffic collision would have happen day by day, behind all these shameful & horrible incidents is only "drug abuse substance," which is used by the people of the society in different ways".

"**DRUG ADDICTION**" simply defines what kills a person is what makes a person get hold of again & again till they will face a painful death, four levels of addiction: physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual, "DRUG DE-ADDITION" refers to treatment for addiction towards "drug abuse substance" (DDAP) \*Drug De-addiction Programme\* was initiated in 1988 under the 'ministry of health & family welfare,' International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking is "26th of June", international society free of drug abuse.

"**SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**" refers to disruption of mental health, loses mental balance, it may be mild, moderate or severe, disparate drugs cause more disorders at a time, some people take more than one drug, as a result, they suffer from not just one disorder, but more disorders at a time, each & every drug causes different mental disorders eg, alcohol use disorder, heroin use disorder cocaine use disorder, nowadays in our "KASHMIR" people take drugs in quantity level but regretfully the life in quality level gets ruined. Such people definitely enjoy their life but as temporary, then people make amusement of their forever, we see such people in "KASHMIR" today, lost their mental balance, people of good family fell victim to it, wandering on the streets, wandering through the alleys.

In our "KASHMIR" { **POLICE DEPARTMENT** } executes their duties day & night, leave their family for "PUBLIC SAFETY," sometimes a police officer's wife doesn't know where my husband is, a daughter doesn't know where my father is, a mother doesn't know where my son is, a father doesn't know where my son is, a son doesn't know where my father is, people should be grateful to them, not only from the one angle, but from thousand of angles, I will give the example of [ **FLYOVER, HARISING HIGH STREET, GONI KHAN, AMIRA KADAL** ] through these cross roads, huge crowd of people come together & gather at the centre of most crowded & busiest place of heart of the city at "LALCHOWK SRINAGAR". Why there is frequent explosions at the centre of Amirakadal Lalchowk. It is

a four way intersection/ cross roads having streets for public & roads for public transport. People come from four sides, & then there is a huge crowd at the midpoint of these four routes. It is the most crowded & busiest place of heart of the city at Srinager.

On this republic day, government should consider it, because it is a matter of public safety & people's precious lives. There should be intelligence security for public safety, i will mention only Sunday here, every police offi-



cer fulfills their duty at this centre point on Sunday, one day I saw DYSP there at the centre of four way intersection, conduct rules & regulations especially in traffic system, helps needy & poor people, save people rescue them from different horrible situations, why all this only for "PUBLIC SAFETY," < i MISS SHAHNAZA RAFIQ > salute the entire "POLICE DEPARTMENT OF KASHMIR".

One day, i was walking from "RAJBAGH", the time was 5:30pm, I saw a strange sight towards road with huge traffic, students came out of their coaching centres in bunches, there were at least 2000 children in this crowd, some of them were going through the path & half were going through the middle of the road. Students should be left in small groups not all together, whether at [PARRAYPORA OR RAJBAGH SRINAGER], Safety is very consequential in every institution. Our "KASHMIR UNIVERSITY" is such an institution, in which students from all over Kashmir study, It is very important to have safety at every gate of "KASHMIR UNIVERSITY".

There are countless causes of depression, i will discuss about this, which is going on today, that means "WINTER SEASON IN KASHMIR", nowadays you have catch sight of with your own eyes, how many fights are going there, whether be on the way, in the car, in the plane at airport or Jammu Srinager highway, in this brawl, some people get injured, & some people loose their lives, actually call it a disorder, "WINTER BLUES" winter depression "SAD" (seasonal Affective Disorder), that only occurs in winter season.

Signs & symptoms of <SAD> may include: . Not interested to live in this world . Not utterly concerned with daily activities, loses interest in activities you once enjoyed. Feeling sad, sluggish, sleeping too much, carbohydrate cravings, over eating, weight gain, loses concentration, hopeless, worthless, guilty, unwanted thoughts, feeling listless, fatigue, insomnia, poor appetite, agitation, anxiety, irritability.

Seasonal changes and bipolar disorder: Bipolar disorder patients are at alarming risk of "Seasonal Affective Disorder" in this disorder people are suffering from "mania" (hypomania). How Seasonal Affective disorder happens in the winter, how it causes worst consequences on 'homo sapiens', i will explain it according to sequence.

**YOUR BIOLOGICAL CLOCK** ( circadian rhythm). The demote level in fall & winter, may cause (winter-onset SAD. This downturn in sunlight may throw into disorder & body's internal clock & lead to feelings of depression.

**SEROTONIAN LEVELS.** A drop in serotonin, a brain chemical ( neurotransmitter) that also affects mood, might play a role in "SAD". Reduced sunlight can cause a drop in serotonin, that may trigger depression.

**MELATONIAN LEVELS.** The change in season can disrupt the balance of the body's level of melatonin, which plays a role in sleep patterns & mood. Low level of vitamin "D" due to absence of sunlight, because "vitamin D" boosts serotonin activity, people living far from the equator suffers from "SAD".

**"COMPLICATIONS OF SAD": 1. SUICIDAL THOUGHT 2. SUBSTANCE ABUSE 3. SOCIAL WITHDRAWAL.**

The most important therapy of "SAD" is "light therapy" called "phototherapy" | "Psychotherapy".

Mental health is directly proportional to the simplicity & simplicity is directly proportional to the inner peace of heart, mind & soul & inversely proportional to the complication, simplicity is peace, nourishment, beauty & happiness, nothing is much more important than peace of mind. Simplicity in life depends on quality but not on quantity, simplicity is

nothing to us, nor do we mean anything to this world, then why people can take stress for this illusion.

**{ONE SHOULD TRY TO KEEP ONESELF HAPPY IN LIFE BECAUSE YOU MEAN EVERYTHING TO YOURSELF. IF YOU KEEP YOURSELF HAPPY, THEN THE WORLD WILL KEEP YOU HAPPY. IF YOU DRIVE YOURSELF CRAZY, THEN THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL CALL YOU CRAZY CRAZY.}**

When we kashmiris will go live to capture a live video, we can perceive by sight, the entire beautiful view of kashmir. When we can see the whole beauty of kashmir, then why don't we see the things, that are destroying our kashmir, " why aren't such things captured in camera, while going live to get a live video ". "Are those things hidden"? No, "rather" we are asleep, we don't want to wake up. You focus only on your camera, when you go live, this is an illusion, whatever is captured, you can't be able to understand, but the reality is, whatever you can capture something with your own eyes.

There are so many cctvcameras in our kashmir & is of miscellany.

A human who makes the CCTV camera with his own hands, when suddenly something horrible incident happens, then the same person monitors on CCTV camera, after the horrible incident were happened. ( What good is a website, if it simply "blends in" with everything else out there?/ which has to happen is happened. At the end, we don't get to see anything, but a cctv footage .

To date, so many young youth have committed suicide at "Amirakadal". The first person who committed suicide at Amira kadal, that day was to be admonished, which no one can did till now, then now, it became the most hunted place in the history of kashmir.

"Argus eyed" with "alertness" is a primary question & then "take actions to proceed"! is a secondary question. Here are such personalities present, to whom has been given 10-15 security guards, that is, so many security guards just for an individual person, "why not" one of these intelligence security guards will be kept for public safety/crowded places & then no disaster will be seen, nothing would be wrong & every wrong step will be restrained.

Everyone gives thesis in their own way, that suicide is forbidden in islam. These muslims around the world know that, it is haram to do anything against islam. It is not just suicide, that is being discussed in different ways. If someone is forced to do something wrong, we should try to stop it. If something is going wrong, we must give the thesis about cause & then halt.

This hap more often with the muslims of our kashmir, because the people here to compose anything before they think, which has no upshot on any one. That is why we cannot restrain of these illegal enactment, on the contrary, it is intensifying & becomes alarming day by day.

First there is torcher of the mind, then there is suicide, that is why the root of this riot must be eradicated first. why, because the mental torcher is a primary question, & the suicide is a secondary question. First of all we should have to resolve the primary question, then the secondary question will be automatically resolved.

Nowadays it became a tradition in kashmir, that women's were killed barbarically by in-laws, or forcing a woman to commit suicide. A father doesn't give them only one chamber of his heart but he give them his entire heart, then they rupture that heart to pieces.

People blame those, who are forced to loose their own lives. A woman had to endure a lot in her life. She had to tackle everything in her life. A woman is not only born but a woman is reborn in antithetical way. She has to fulfill her responsibility in different ways at different stages in her life, first of all she become a daughter, sister, wife, & mother. Respect each & every woman as you respect your own mother & sister. She has to absorb & adsorb everything in her life, that is why, a woman has a dual life.

A poor man is also forced to commit suicide, because he has no recourse to live. A poor person needs something to live, because here is need. Recently a girl from saporé committing Suicide at saporé bridge, because of her poverty. Rich people should have a life of luxury, because here is wish. That is why here is a lot of difference between "need & wish". We should help needy, poor people & those who are in a miserable condition, that is humanity.

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## INTERVIEW WITH YOUNG SOCIAL ACTIVIST OF KASHMIR MR. IRFAN ATTARI BY FAHEEM UL ISLAM ON THE SETS OF SHARED PEN OFFICIAL



Faheem ul islam

**(FAHEEM UL ISLAM) Interviewer: What motivated you for being a social activist?**

Interviewee: well, i was a novice and had not any know how of what activism is. It was just after i



saw few people around me falling a prey to drugs ,unfortunately many of whom lost their lives because of this menace. I decided to do something to free my society from the clutches of this deadly evil. The problem of drug addiction was one of the main reasons of being a social activist. I resolved to create awareness about the abominable outcome of drug addiction among the youth, the children and everyone around us.

**2. Was the decision of joining the activism a choice or passion?**

Ans: it was not a choice actually but a passion as it was determined to start my combat against this lethal menace. I planned to educate the people by countering the false information being provided to them. I must mention here the part media plays in adding a fuel to the fire of this evil like the Bollywood movies, soaps or other telecasted programs give a storm of hype to the use of drugs and unfortunately, our youth follow them, thus falling a prey to this . So it was in my mind to take the youth out of this, to give them opportunities to utilise their talent and potential rather than giving an air to these immoral practices.

**3. What is the agenda of your org?**

Ans: The main agenda is\* a drug free state\*

**Q4. Did u ever feel any obstructions when you had made up your mind of being an activist?**

Ans: For achieving something, struggle is a part and parcel. So was the case with me. When I came up with this idea, my family strongly opposed. I struggled a lot to reach to the position where i am

Now. But i feel jubilant that despite the struggles, i made it to this place.

**5. What was your family's reaction on your decision?**

Ans: As i already said, my family did not back me. I had to suffer opposition from them. Still, without considering all those constraints, i was determined to continue with my dream and accomplish it.

**6. Achievements of your organization?**

Ans: I am quite delighted to announce that our organisation has disbursed 1200 scholarships to students from our valley for the newly introduced course of DATA SCIENTIST. We have been successful in introducing this course in our state and Alhamdulillah within 1 year, we will produce our own DATA Scientists.

When you dream big, achievements are accomplished step by step. This is the first stepping stone towards success and we dream of introducing further new courses that students will be benefited with.

**7. After a year, where do you see your org from now?**

Ans: From a year now, I find our Organisation one of the international acclaimed organisation with more feathers added to its cap. We hope the goals we set each passing year are successfully accomplished.

**8. MESSAGE for our viewers**

Ans: Never stop achieving once you set your goals. Keep focussing on your dreams and no one can ever stop you once you are determined.

# Rajouri Incident : Although Situation along LoC has Improved but not Normal Yet



By M S Nazki

Just Suddenly Terror acts happen all of a sudden! They wait, watch and try to strike! That is what happened in Rajouri and the inputs from across the LOC are indeed least to say! "Everyone's worried about stopping terrorism. Well, there's really uneasy way: Stop participating in it!" "Though the situation along the LOC may have improved after the ceasefire but Pakistan continues to retain the 'proxy war infrastructure' and 'functionality of terrorist training camps as well as the presence of terrorists in terror 'launch pads' vindicated that country's persistent intent' towards India..... (Defence Ministry)." "That is the reason as to why the Indian Army deployed in Rajouris time and again harping on the fact that people have to come openly and be information carriers so that this menace can be tapered off before a dreadful incident happens!" "The logic is simple, 'a terrorist is no one's friend!' "To control terrorist activity... general public needs to play an important

role in providing giving information to security forces. The Rajouri incidents show - public protest may be engineered by antinational elements resulted in loss of valuable time thereby letting terrorist get away and which has led to the terrorist firing on 01 Jan 23!" "Terrorism and spreading terror is akin to a Dracula and Bram Stoker was not wrong when he said, 'I am all in a sea of wonders. I doubt; I fear; I think strange things, which I dare not confess to my own soul!"

That is what it does to the youth! If putting it point blank the Generals across and the ISI top guns are blood sucking Draculas of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir. The vampires who cannot be trusted! And sure shot evil minds who say something and do something else!" "The recent events in Rajouri prove exactly that!" "Seven people were killed in two separate incidents in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, media reports claimed that Pakistan-based terrorists are targeting forward defence locations along the Line of Control (LoC) in order to infiltrate into the country." "Pakistan continues to exploit the 'narco-terror nexus' to radicalise and motivate innocent youth undertake targeting of vulnerable civilians." "It is here that the people should come to the forefront to make sure that the youth do not get into the entrapment because again the reason is simple and straight forward, 'timely given information can

save lives!" "The situation on the Line of Control (LoC), the defence ministry said that it has been relatively



peaceful with both sides adhering to the ceasefire understanding reached between the director generals of military operations. As compared to 4,645 ceasefire violations during its peak in 2020, only three minor incidents have been recorded since the understanding in February 2021 with only one incident during 2022..... statement made during the yearly defence review!" "In a nut shell I will summarize with an advice to Gener-

als across that 'Kindness is the only possible method when dealing with a living creature. You'll get nowhere

plete honesty without being cut at each turn. There's not enough room in a man's head for sanity alongside each grief, each worry, each terror that he owns. I'm well used to burying such things in a dark cellar and moving on.'.... Mark Lawrence, (Prince of Fools) "As usual we will start the script with a few ancient facts on origins of terror: "Scholars dispute whether the roots of terrorism date back to the 1st century and the Sicarii Zealots, to the 11th century and the Hashshashin, to the 19th century and the Fenian Brotherhood and Narodnaya Volya, or to other eras. John Calvin's rule over Geneva has been described as a reign of terror." Other historical events sometimes associated with terrorism include the Gunpowder Plot, an attempt to destroy the English Parliament in 1605. "During the 1st century CE (Christ Era), the Jewish Zealots in Judaea Province rebelled, killing prominent collaborators with the Roman Empire such as the Sadducees running the Second Temple and the Hasmonean dynasty. In 6 CE, according to contemporary historian Josephus, Judas of Galilee formed a small and more extreme offshoot of the Zealots, the Sicarii ('dagger men'). Their efforts were also directed against Jewish 'collaborators,' including temple priests, Sadducees, Herodians, and other wealthy elites. According to Josephus, the Sicarii would hide short daggers un-

der their cloaks, mingle with crowds at large festivals, murder their victims, and then disappear into the panicked crowds. Their most successful assassination was of the High Priest of Israel Jonathan. The first group called terrorism in the Islamic world were the Kharijites, who declared all Muslims guilty of serious sin as apostates worthy of punishment. The sect bares similarity with later 'takfiri' doctrines of Islamism. In the late 11th century, the Hashshashin (a.k.a. the Assassins) arose, an offshoot of the Ismaili sect of Shia Muslims. Led by Hassan-i Sabbah and opposed to Fatimid and Seljuq rule, the Hashshashin militia seized Alamut and other fortress strongholds across Persia. They briefly seized power in Isfahan before the populace revolted against their brutal rule. Hashshashin forces were too small to challenge enemies militarily, so they assassinated city governors and military commanders in order to create alliances with militarily

powerful neighbors. For example, they killed Janah al-Dawla, ruler of Homs, to please Ridwan of Aleppo, and assassinated Mawdud, Seljuk emir of Mosul, as a favor to the regent of Damascus. The Hashshashin also carried out assassinations as retribution. The Sons of Liberty was a clandestine group that formed in Boston and New York City in the 1770s. It had a political agenda of independence of Britain's American colonies.



## Road Safety Week 2023, Swachhata Pakhwada takes off in Doda district

DODA, JANUARY 11: Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) today organised a Road Safety Awareness Program to mark the inauguration of Road Safety Week 2023, Swachhata Pakhwada being held from January 11 to January 17. A Joint Traffic Naka was also established at 9th KM on Batote Doda National Highway near Assar. ADC, Dr. R.K Bharti inaugurated the programmes in presence of SDM Assar, Lekh Raj; ARTO Kuldeep Singh; Dy. SP Traffic, Baljit Singh; SHO Assar, Popinder Kotwal; DTI, Javed Kataria and Er. Harjote Singh NHIDCL and staff of MVD, Doda.

On the directions of Vishesh Paul Mahajan, Deputy Commissioner (Chairman DRSC), a Joint Traffic Naka of MVD, Traffic Police, and District Police was also established at KM 9 which will remain functional till 17th of January to check the Fatigue of Truck /Tractor/ Trolley /Tipper Drivers and to impart Road Safety Awareness, Check the Rear Side of Truck and Tractor Trolley about Red Light or Retro Reflective Sheet to avoid rear Collision, Special Drive on NHs to stop wrong side driving, Special drive to Stop Overloading and to stop entry of vehicles in District Doda in Violation of MV Act. The ADC addressed the Drivers/Transporters/Gen Public about Road Safety and appealed them to follow Traffic Rules/Regulations while driving to avoid untoward incidents and to ensure safety of the passengers as well as the road users.

The ARTO, while addressing the gathering, told that the purpose of Road Safety Programs was to inculcate the importance of Road Safety in our day to day life to ensure the personal safety as well as safety of the others. He shared the schedule of activities to be conducted during the Road Safety Week, 2023 and elaborated in brief all the necessary parameters of Road Safety and the Traffic Rules/Regulations to be followed.

## ACB holds capacity-building workshop for DDOs, officials of executing agencies at Ramban



RAMBAN, JANUARY 11: Jammu and Kashmir Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today organised a Capacity Building Workshop for officers and officials of executing agencies, besides Drawing Disbursing Officers (DDOs) here in the Conference Hall of District Administrative Complex, Ramban.

The Director Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) J&K, Anand Jain presided over the workshop held to sensitize the Officers of executing agencies especially DDOs about the lapses in the maintenance of records in developmental works, importance, and issues while using the GeM portal for public purchase, and role, and responsibility of Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVOs) including procedures to be adopted for fair and timely conduct of inquiries against their subordinates involved in malpractice.

The workshop was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam SSP, Ramban Mohita Sharma, AIG (Hq) ACB Sandeep Wazir, AIG (DVO) J&K, Kulwant Jasrotia, AIG (Policy) ACB J&K, G.S Ghuman, SSP ACB (DKR), Mushtaq Choudhary, SSP ACB (Central) Abhishekh Sharma, Executive Engineer, ACB, Dev Raj Bhatag, District and Sectoral Officers, Executive Engineers, AEEs, AEs, JEs and Technical staff of executing departments.

Director ACB stressed upon the officers to follow the prior Accord of Administrative Approval (AAA) & Technical Sanction (TS), tendering through e-NIT, various qualifications of works, and percentage-based tendering. He asked officers to strictly use the GeM portal for public purchases, besides conducting market surveys and adopting Reverse Auctioning to avoid an unnecessary loss to the government exchequer.

During the interaction session, the Director ACB cleared the doubts of participants regarding the conduct of fair, transparent, and time-bound government business, execution of works and public purchases in the work-executing departments.

## DC Ramban launches "Road Safety Week 2023"; participates in 'Swachhata Pakhwada' activities

RAMBAN, JANUARY 11: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam today launched "Road Safety Week 2023" and "Swachhata Pakhwada" activities in the district to sensitize the youth, drivers, and local population about the road safety norms and rules and the importance of personal hygiene and cleanliness.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harban Lal Sharma, ARTO Samrinder Singh, members of Transport Union, Drivers, Conductors, local public, and staff members were also present on the occasion.

After inaugurating the awareness programme at Seri, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted the different aspects of road safety and the importance of wearing seat belts and helmets in saving the life of an individual. The DC stressed the need for strict adherence to the traffic norms and assured full cooperation from district administration to disseminate awareness about road safety rules and regulations. He also highlighted the responsibilities of the general public in implementing the traffic rules.

ARTO Ramban informed that during the ongoing road safety week, the MVD Ramban shall organize various informative activities including health checkup camps, rallies, and awareness programmes apart from checking vehicles across the district.

## Awareness rally on Road Safety Week flagged off in Samba

SAMBA, JANUARY 11: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta today inaugurated the week long Road Safety awareness programme from Inspection and Certification centre Vijaypur.

The Deputy Commissioner, while speaking on occasion, said that enforcement of traffic regulations and awareness regarding road safety measures is essential for preventing road accidents.

Highlighting the importance of National Road Safety Week, the DC Samba said that road accidents are preventable and it is very much important that awareness programmes are organised with active involvement of youth and school children.

The Deputy Commissioner flagged off the Rally (Walk for Awareness) to promote Road Safety measures in which Degree College students, NCC cadets and other general public from both private and Government institutions participated. The rally commenced from Vijaypur and culminated at Supwal.

# Grievances Redressal, Awareness camps held across Doda

## DC interacts with public at Jangalwar; Locals hail district admin for electrification of Nagni Mahri village

DODA, JANUARY 11: In its endeavour to reach out to the people and resolve their concerns and grievances, District administration Doda today organised Block Diwas programs at Panchayat Gutassa, Block Bhaaderwah, Sub District Bhaaderwah; Panchayat Pora Paine, Sub Division Gandoh; Village Jathi, Sub Division Assar; and Panchayat Jangalwar, Tehsil Phagsoo, Sub Division Thathri.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan along with SDM Thathri Athar Amin Zargar, BDC Chairperson Thathri, ACD Doda Phulail Singh, SE Jal Shakti Department, CMO Doda, DIO DIPR Doda, CAHO, DSHO, CEO, DSWO and other District officers presided over the event at Panchayat Jangalwar. The local People in large numbers attended the Block Diwas and demanded up-gradation of Health, Education, road connectivity, water and power facilities in the area.

Responding to the demand of early construction of Degree College Thathri Building, SDM Thathri informed that the Committee established for identification of suitable land would visit the identified spots next week and submit their final report.

Regarding the filtration plant for Phagsoo, Engineers from JSD informed that tenders under JJM have been floated and construction shall start soon.

Regarding shortage of staff in schools,



health institutions, construction of Sports Stadium, construction of link roads, establishment of lift irrigation system, concerned departments were instructed to come up with the technical feasibility report.

The demands for macadamisation of roads, execution of works under MGNREGA, provision of electric poles, among others were also raised by the partici-

pants. The majority of the demands projected by the public were addressed by the concerned authorities, while the DC assured the public to resolve the genuine issues under his competence within 15 days.

People of Nagni Mahri village credited DC Doda for fulfilling the demand of electrification of their village for the first time after independence. They also

thanked the administration for widening curves and addressing other issues raised during the last public interaction at PWD Guest House Thathri.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed on involvement of the public to achieve participative Development of the district. He said that the Government is fully committed to the fast and better delivery of public services. DC speaking on the occasion said that several works are being implemented by Rural Development for welfare of the panchayats. He said it is the responsibility of the public to conduct social audits of these works and ensure that public money is being spent responsibly and for community benefit.

At other designated locations, the day-long Block Diwas proceedings witnessed Public and PRIs putting forth a range of issues/demands. They demanded augmentation of water supply and electricity, macadamisation of roads, meeting dearth of staff in schools and hospitals, upgradation of schools, banking facilities in rural areas, release of pending wages under MGNREGA etc.

The Presiding officers of the Block Diwas gave patient hearing to the issues and demands and directed the concerned officers to prepare a list of issues/grievances raised pertaining to their departments and resolve the same at an earliest.

## Outreach program -Mini ICOP organised by CBC concludes at Doda

DODA, JANUARY 11: The Outreach program - Mini (Integrated Communication & Outreach Programme) ICOP organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Government of India concluded at Doda today.

The programme aimed to create mass awareness about the Prime Minister's 15 point programme for minorities. The event was held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) by CBC's Field Office Doda, Near Sports stadium. Tahir Jameel, Trustee Ekta Mahila Mandal Educational Trust was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he appreciated CBC for organising the outreach programmes in the district especially in coordination with Ekta Mahila Mandal Educational Trust (EMMET) to cater to the young population. He said that in the present age, information is a very powerful tool for empowering masses and there is a need to reachout to the people living in the rural areas. He impressed upon the people to avail benefits of different welfare programs being implemented across various sectors by Government of India as well as JK administration. He mentioned various subsidy schemes being run by the



Government of India for the benefit of the people. A large number of students from different educational institutions and local people participated in the program and got information from the schemes projected through Seminar and cultural programmes followed by a pre-Publicity event i.e. drawing competition on 10.01.2023 in Doda. Earlier, in his welcome address, Vikram Uppal, Incharge CBC, Field Office, Doda, said that the onus to avail benefits of the government schemes lies with the citizens.

## DC Reasi holds weekly Block Diwas at Panchayat Ghar Garan Block Katra

REASI, JANUARY 11: Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Babila Rakwal today visited Panchayat Ghar Garan in Block Katra and listened to scores of public issues of local importance and redressed the genuine grievances of the residents of the area.

During weekly Block Diwas, PRIs and general public of the area put forth their issues regarding construction of Panchayat Ghar road, requirement of electric poles, completion of Culvert Work, water Connectivity through PHE department, completion of Panchayat Ghar, construction of houses under PMAY scheme, start of work under MGNREGA, restoration of damaged local Canal (Khul) in the Chamyara Bhangal area, start of KRCL work sanctioned, posting of Economics Teacher in GHSS Aghar Jitto and Kotli Bagha and Kendra Vidyalaya for Panchayat Garan.

The DC, after listening to the grievances, gave necessary directions to concerned officers to start the pending works and their completion in a time bound manner.

The PRIs as well as the general public hailed the district administration for holding awareness camps for issuing inheritance mutation and organising



Block Diwas camp, here in Garn.

Further, the local Sarpanch presented a charter of works for developing the Panchayats on modern lines.

The DC Reasi, while addressing the gathering, asked the locals to make Voter ID Card in time. She highlighted the need to lay special focus on proper implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes and UT Capex budget works for larger benefit of the general public so that it can reach to end users in a more transparent and efficient manner. Besides these, Block Diwas was attended by ACD Anirudh Rai; SDM Katra, Angrej Singh; CHO, Brij Vallabh; CEO, CAHO, DMO, Dy. CMO, Tehsildar Katra, BDO and other district and sectoral officers.

## Weekly Block Diwas: ADDC Rajouri listens to people's issues at Palma

RAJOURI, JANUARY 11: Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Pawan Kumar today chaired a public outreach camp under the aegis of weekly Block Diwas program here at Palma and listened to the issues of the locals. Among others, DDE, Qadeer Ul Rehman; ACD, Vijay Kumar; SE Hydraulics, Sanjeev Sharma; DSHO, Dr. Sarfraz Naseem Chowdhary; LDM, Sanjeev Bhasin; CHO, Madan Lal; ExEn PDD Rajouri, Hasan Mohd; ExEn Jal Shakti Rajouri, Adarsh Kalsotra; AD Fisheries, Munesh Sharma; CDPO Rajouri, Naseer Ahmed and other district and sectoral officers attended the event. The public and their representatives highlighted a number of issues and demands seeking augmentation of power



and water supply, better medicare facilities, improvement of roads, school up-gradation etc. Specific issues and demands raised during the event were upgradation of GHS Palma, scarcity of water; unscheduled power cuts, lack of ambulance service, paucity of staff in health institutions, repair of irrigation canal

at Chadan, speedy implementation of JJM, sanctioning of additional Anganwadi Centres, construction of road from Rehtal to Khrad etc.

The officers of different departments also responded to the queries raised by the public during the event and educated them about the schemes and programmes being implemented in the district and motivated them to avail the benefits of the same. The ADDC listened to the issues of the public patiently and assured that all their genuine demands would be redressed in a time-bound manner. The ADDC also issued on the spot directions to the concerned departments for taking necessary steps to meet the genuine demands of the local people so that they don't face any inconveniences.

## DC Kathua holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Dinga-Amb

KATHUA, JANUARY 11: To bring administration to the door steps of the people as part of Public Outreach Programme, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey on Wednesday presided over a Public Grievance Redressal cum Awareness Camp under Weekly Block Diwas initiative, here at PWD Rest house of Tehsil Dinga Amb today.

Vice Chairperson DDC, Raghunandan Singh; BDC Chairperson Rimmy Charak; DDC Member, Sudesh Kumar were also present. The Public Grievance Redressal camp witnessed participation of a large number of people from Dinga Amb and other adjoining Panchayats of block Dinga Amb. The public delegations and

scores of individuals projected various issues and demands before the Deputy Commissioner.

Issues ranging from up-gradation of Dispensary, demand of Trauma Centre at Dhalli, up-gradation of schools, provision of funds for playground at Panchayat Dhalli, irrigation crates, and construction of bridge on Tarnai etc were projected by the inhabitants. After giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, the DC sought on the spot response from the concerned District Officers present during the Grievance Redressal Camp.

The DC assured the people that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be taken.

## State Taxes Deptt organises training session-cum-workshop on e-Stamping, e-Court Fees for stamp vendors

JAMMU, JANUARY 11: Under the guidance of Commissioner, State Taxes Department (STD), Dr. Rashmi Singh, a training session-cum-workshop on e-Stamping and e-Court fees system was today organised by Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) at the Conference Hall of State Excise and Taxation Office, here.

During the workshop, around 40 Stamp Vendors from Jammu Division were imparted training and knowledge on different aspects of e-Stamping and e-Court fee system.

Speaking during the workshop, Dr. Rashmi Singh urged upon the Stamp Vendors to give prompt and error free services to citizens. She appreciated the role of Stock Holding's Services and the customized MIS System



which indicated information on real time basis.

During the course of the workshop, the senior representatives from Stockholding addressed various queries of Stamp Ven-

dors and provided them useful training on e-Stamping and e-Court fee system.

STO Stamps, Sushma; Regional Head, Stockholding, Ehtesham Ahmad; e-Stamping Co-

ordinator, Vikas Singla; Area Manager, Surinder Bhatia; Branch Manager, Harman Deep and other officials of State Taxes Department were also present during training.

Later on, Additional Commissioner, State Taxes, Namrata Dogra; Deputy Commissioner, (Headquarter), Ashima Sher and other officers of STD held a detailed meeting with the representatives of SHCIL. The officers assured full cooperation to them in strengthening outreach of information exchange through the offices of STO's in matters related to e-Stamping and e-Court Fees System across Jammu and Kashmir. STO Stamps, Sushma; Regional Head, Stockholding, Ehtesham Ahmad; e-Stamping Coordinator, Vikas Singla; Area Manager, Surinder Bhatia; Branch Manager, Harman Deep and other officials of State Taxes Department were also present during training.



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## JK GOVT

become pivotal to urban governance. It is therefore apparent that the development and governance of the cities is determined by the functioning of Municipalities. They are the key agents that provide the enablers into making a city 'Smart, and Sustainable. The assessment framework examines the sectoral performance of Municipalities across a set of 7 verticals/pillars, namely Quality of Life and Services; Economic Ability; Technology; Urban Planning, Governance, Sustainability & Climate Resilience and Citizen Perception, which include 37 sectors/categories and 138 indicators. The Municipal Development Index will also act as a guide to evidence-based policy making, catalyse action to achieve broader developmental outcomes including the Sustainable Development Goals, assess and compare the outcomes achieved by municipal bodies, give citizens an insight into the functioning of local bodies and hold them accountable.

## SNOW

& distribution of Snow/ Rain as the day progresses with Main activity towards evening/night. Some places, mainly higher reaches, may receive heavy snowfall. It said that on January 12 widespread Light to Moderate Snow/Rain in plains of Jammu, while light snow/rain may occur at a few places on January 13 and the weather will remain mainly dry from January 14-17. The MeT office has also issued an advisory that during January 11-12 the weather may affect surface transportation, especially over higher reaches. Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, had a low of 3.5 degree Celsius against 1.8 degree Celsius recorded the previous night. It was 5.6 degrees above normal during this period of the season. Srinagar also received 0.3mm rainfall during the past 24 hours till 0830hours today. It was raining in Srinagar currently coupled with low visibility cold and fog disrupting the normal life on Wednesday.

## ARMY

search and rescue operation was launched with troops from the nearest post. "In spite of adverse weather condition and rough terrain, sustained efforts of the search party led to the recovery of mortal remains of the three brave soldiers today morning between 4:15 to 4:45 am," the statement added. The three slain have been identified Naib Subedar Parshotam Kumar, 43, Havaladar Amrik Singh, 39 and Amit Sharma, 23. Kumar a resident of village Majua Uttami, Bishnah Jammu in J&K had joined Army in 1996. He is survived by his wife and two children. Hav Singh had joined Army in 2001. He belonged to Village Mandwara, Una in Himachal Pradesh. He is survived by his wife and one son. Amit Sharma had joined Army in 2019. He belonged to Village Talasi Khurd, Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh. The braveheart is survived by his mother. The mortal remains of the three bravehearts will be taken for last rites to their respective native places, where they would be laid to rest with full military honours," Army said. "In this hour of grief, the Indian Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved families and remains committed to their dignity and wellbeing." This is second tragedy in Machil sector in last two months. In November last year a massive snow slide hit a patrol party in Machil leading to the three Army casualties.

## JAMMU

Jammu tomorrow and weather will be mainly dry from January 14 to 17. In view of prevailing harsh cold conditions, the administration has extended winter vacations in schools till January 16. Many schools are conducting online classes for primary wings. Jammu recorded maximum temperature 11.5 degree celsius and minimum temperature 9.5 degree celsius. People in plains of Jammu especially the roadside vendors were seen burning firewood and charcoal to protect themselves from chill while the business houses have installed warmers and electric heaters to provide respite to the visitors from the harsh weather. Vehicles moved at snail's pace on the road with headlights on to avoid any untoward like incident due to fog.

## RAJOURI

security and improving firing skills of VDCs. Similar camps were organized at Doda and Kishtwar districts, which were earlier under the affect of militancy. An Army official said that the villagers are being trained and armed under the banner of Village Defence Guards (VDGs), a new name for what were earlier called Village Defence Committees (VDCs). "The Self-Defence Camps conducted across the length and breadth of Jammu region, where VDCs, now VGD, equipped by the government during peak militancy," an officials said, adding, "The districts have seen unprecedented participation by the VDGs in the last two weeks since commencement of camps," said the officer. He added that the VDGs are being gradually equipped with SLR weapons which will replace the aging 303 rifles which will further boost their preparedness. In Doda, total of eight camps have been held so far by the local Army unit, Rashtriya Rifles, in conjunction with the Police in Doda which saw an attendance of around 500 VDG members," he said and added that the Indian Army has so far held three special firing practice sessions for the volunteers in Arnora firing range in Doda. "Over 170 VDGs, drawn from different villages of the district, took part in the firing practice sessions which were held in coordination with local police," he said. He further added that weapon handlers and shooting experts of the Army demonstrated proper use of weapons to VDGs who later practised firing. Kishtwar's Sondar army organized another camp where one-day training sessions included classes on basic handling of weapons, firing position and lecture on periodic maintenance of weapons were organized. Aim of the training session of Village Defence Guard members was to impart training so that they can perform mandated tasks eventually. The Village Defence Guards comprise local village volunteers and were first active in the 1990s in several districts including Doda, playing a significant role in self defence of the villages, and assisting forces in counter-terrorism operations and maintaining vigil in respective villages. They remained inactive for several years thereafter but were reactivated two years back, in 2020, to render help in a variety of internal security duties in the region, keeping in mind the emerging terror challenges—(KNO)

## CS

clusions in the budget 2023-24 for implementing these ideals set for the UT. It was set out that the agenda of this year's conference was based upon the broad counters of Viksit Bharat that were decided after extensive deliberations between nodal Ministries, NITI Aayog, States/UTs and domain experts. The discussion during the Conference were held on six identified themes viz Thrust on MSMEs, Infrastructure and Investments, Minimising Compliances, Women's Empowerment, Health & Nutrition and Skill Development. The Chief Secretary encouraged the officers to continue strengthening MSME sector as being significant for attaining the goal of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and to popularise local products. Further the ideals of 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Doing Business' also needs to be focussed upon. He called upon them to focus on ending mindless compliances and those laws or rules which are outdated. He remarked that in a time of unparalleled reforms, there is no scope for over regulation and undue restrictions. So time has come to reduce the compliance burden (RCB) on common citizens as much as possible, he added. Besides the meeting held focused deliberations on incorporation of themes like Vocal for Local and use of new emerging technologies. It was decided that districts being the fulcrum of development should be given more autonomy in utilization of funds through PRI's to enable their unrestrained growth and progress. It also discussed the idea of circular economy and UTs being model of development for all other states.

## KVIB

that their saleable value increases in the market. He observed that people prefer quality products and the quality has to be certified by the third party for its acceptability. He enjoined upon the officers to use standard certification methods for enhancing the appeal of products among the customers. The Chief Secretary enquired about the average time of loan disbursement to the applicants. He stressed on shortening the waiting period for applicants besides further accelerating the process to increase their number. Dr Mehta asked the Board to take innovative measures in value addition and creation of market linkages. He advised the Board to look into handholding of youth in establishment of Leather processing in J&K, the raw material for which is available locally. He told them to take better consultancy advice in this regard so that employment generation for youth takes place. He also told them to hold the Board meetings regularly and look for avenues to generate revenue for the Board to meet its expenses. He made out that the recruitment rules should be reviewed wherever necessary as per updated requirements. He asked for bringing in fresh talent to KVIB by engaging the management and other technical professionals in it.

## LAW

News Observer (KNO), the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs today designated the court of additional sessions judge (TADA/POTA) Srinagar for the trial of offences of Srinagar and Ganderbal district, additional district and sessions judge, Anantnag for district Anantnag, additional district and sessions judge, Baramulla for district Baramulla, additional district and sessions judge, Pulwama for districts Pulwama and Budgam, additional district and sessions judge (fast track court) Kulgam for districts Kulgam and Shopian and additional district and sessions judge, Bandipora for districts Bandipora and Kupwara. Before this notification, only three special courts were functioning for trial of offences under the UAPA in Kashmir. These courts were notified on February 25, 2020. On March 1, 2019, the government had for the first time notified special courts for the trial of offences under the UAPA. Then it designated the court of additional district and sessions judge (TADA/POTA) Srinagar and 3rd additional district and sessions judge (TADA/POTA) as special courts for Kashmir and Jammu provinces respectively for the purpose of trial of offences under the UAPA-1967. The move comes at a time when the Government of India has asked the J&K police to focus on the prosecution and trial of the accused under the UAPA—(KNO)

## DIED

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar in which recommendations will be made with regard to the black spots," he said. He further said that work like enforcement and other things will be done to reduce the number of accidents, but indeed the accidents cannot be reduced until the people drive safely and cooperate in terms of following the rules and regulations. "A good number of accidents in Srinagar happen on two-wheelers, which is probably due to overconfidence of driving skills and other related things. Safe driving is imperative to reduce the number of accidents," he said, adding that there are some issues like absence of service lanes along Bypass, but these issues will be resolved soon.

## CIVIL SERVICES

Following this, the HED ordered an inquiry, and Prof. Tariq Ashai was attached to the Administrative Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu, till the outcome of the inquiry. Additional Secretary HED, Sushil Kumar Khajuria was appointed as the inquiry officer. As per the order, the inquiry officer has submitted the inquiry report with the recommendation that Prof. Tariq Ashai has not maintained the sanctity of the chair. "As such a strict warning under Rule 30 of the Civil Service (Classification, Control, and Appeal) Rules 1956 i.e may be issued with the advice to refrain from such acts even in adverse situations and shall remain careful in future," the order reads. "However, the victim, Prof Khurshid Ahmad controller CUS may also be admonished to refrain from such acts which may lead to provocation," the order reads. As already reported, Prof. Ashai was attached for physically assaulting the Controller examination CUS over some official issue in presence of the Vice Chancellor CUS, Deans, and other administrative staff members of the University.

## COVID

started to decline in countries which witnessed recently but people must take precautions and government keep vigil on new variants by conducting genome sequencing of positive cases. They said that as of now there are 22 active cases of Covid-19 but no one among them has been admitted in hospital and all are under observation at home. They said that J&K is ready to tackle any situation in future as well but people must take precautions.

## LEAD announces winners of India's biggest student championship, 4 students from Kashmir make it to finals



Anantnag, Jan 11, KNT: LEAD, India's largest School Edtech company, has announced the winners of LEAD Championships 2022.

LEAD Championships 2022 was open to more than 1.2 million pre-primary-Class 9 students in 3000+ LEAD partner schools across India. The grand finale of LEAD Championships 2022 was held at an action-packed grand finale event at Hyderabad, where finalists from LEAD-powered schools across India performed with confidence and gusto.

LEAD Co-Founder & CEO Sumeet Mehta said, "My heartiest congratulations to the winners of LEAD Championships 2022 for their outstanding achievement! Winning a national student championship from among thousands of participants across the country is no small feat, especially for a student in a small town."

Sunidhi Singh of Paradise Public School said, "I am delighted to be recognised at a national level platform like LEAD Championships 2022. I'd like to thank my teachers for their support and guidance, without which this win would not have been possible."

Prakash Chand, Principal of Paradise Public School said "We are extremely proud of Sunidhi Singh's win at LEAD Championships 2022. Sunidhi's hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and she is an inspiration to her peers."

The 'Lil' Champs' and 'English Champs' categories in LEAD Championships 2022 focused on building communication, elocution and public-speaking skills. The 'Science Champs' category provided students the opportunity to demonstrate conceptual understanding of scientific concepts through projects that solve real-world problems. 'Quiz Champs' tested students' general knowledge, including science, sports and entertainment and the newly introduced 'Coding Champs' category provided students with an opportunity to code and design apps. The winners of LEAD Championships 2022 took home exciting prizes worth Rs. 10 lakhs including laptops, tablets, goodies and badges, in addition to the coveted LEAD Champions Trophy. More than 80000 students also received digital certificates of participation.

Raqeab Shafeeq and Sadiya Nisar from Rosy Tots High School, and Sahil Manzoor Bafanda and Sareer Shabir from AI Amaan Anantnag made it to finals in the Coding Champs category.

## AJKPC Submits Memorandum to Government Against bio-metric Attendance for MGNREGA Workers

Jammu, 11/Jan/2023: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference today submitted a memorandum to union ministry of Rural Development and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha through Tehsildar Damsal of district Jammu regarding the issue of holding compulsory bio-metric attendance of MGNREGA workers.

A delegation led by Anil Sharma President of the AJKPC along with other functionaries of the organisation, local Panchayat members and other prominent people today staged a peaceful march from block Headquarter Damsal to office of Tehsildar Damsal and handed over him a memorandum carrying the demands.

The protestors during the march raised slogans against the officers of the Union government alleging that they had misled the union government and without any home work issued the diktat of holding bio-metric attendance of MGNREGA workers twice a day.

Anil Sharma, while interacting with the media informed that in the memorandum they had urged the union government to defer this diktat of holding the bio-metric attendance of the MGNREGA workers for at least 2-3 years or till 100 percent internet optical fiber coverage in rural, border and hilly areas of J & K. Sharma said that even till date many areas of J & K are without electricity then how can such order regarding biometric and GPS be implemented, with such order only poor labour will suffer. He cautioned the officers to refrain from snatching the livelihood of poor workers who are getting minimum wages with their hard work and serving the nation. Sharma said instead of harassing the poor labour, these bureaucrats must concentrate on other aspects to curtail save money of the government. In a welfare state like India, the people are the masters as per the constitution but these Baabus considers themselves as emperor of the state and do every attempt to create uneasy relations with the government and the people, Sharma lambasted. Prominent people who also accompanied the AJKPC president while submitting the memorandum to tehildar dansal include Sarpanch Soma Devi, Jasmeen Akhsatar, Roomal Singh, Balweer Singh.

## SSP Baramulla held an interaction meeting with Officers of district Baramulla

Baramulla ,SSP Baramulla Shri Amod Ashok Nagpure-IPS chaired an interaction meeting with SDPOs, In-Charge PCs, SHOs & In-Charge PPs of district Baramulla and reviewed the security scenario of the District. During the meeting, officers were emphasized to work with zeal and professionalism while dealing with all aspects of policing. It was stressed upon all participants to enhance police public relations and deal firmly with anti-national and anti-social elements. He also directed the officers to ensure security of minorities/PRI members. Stress was also laid on effective investigation of cases and their disposal especially NDPS/ULA(P) and other heinous crime cases. The participating officers appraised the chairing officers about their areas of jurisdiction and assignments. Among others, the meeting was attended by ASP Baramulla Shri R K Parihar-JKPS, DySP DAR DPL Baramulla Shri Peerzada Ajaz Ahmad-JKPS.

## BJP

Jugal Kishore Sharma and others addressed the meeting.

J&K BJP State Office Bearers, Morcha Presidents, Prabharies, Presidents, Convenors, Seh-Prabharies, whole timers of Lok Sabha, Districts and Assembly participated in the meeting.

At the outset, Santhoshlaid emphasised on strengthening all the party units putting strenuous stress on the Booth management and Assembling Constituency levels. He asked the party Prabharies to concentrate on winning the election in their allocated areas ensuring their extended visits in those areas.

## Nighat mir condoles the demise of Zahoor Ahmad lone

Srinagar Jan 11 : Nighat Mir Councillor of MC Bla condoles the demise of Zahoor Ahmad lone (head Asistant department of urban local bodies kashmir ) who left for heavenly abode. In her condolence message , Nighat Mir said that saddened to know about the demise of Zahoor Ahmad lone It is extremely unfortunate and it is a personal loss for us. " I pray for the eternal peace to the departed soul and may Allah grant him highest place in jannah. Nighat Mir also expresses solidarity with the bereaved family at this hour of grief and pray for the eternal peace to the departed soul.

## 3 years on, Jal Shakti department Ganderbal fails to commission water supply scheme in Tulmulla



SULIMAN SAITH

Ganderbal 11 Jan:Tulmulla residents are up in arms against Jal Shakti department Ganderbal as they failed to commission water supply scheme in the area.

Tulmulla village, comprising of a population of more than 12000, just 5 kilometers from the district headquarter. Locals alleged that the department has already sanctioned scheme before 3 years ago but department don't bothered to commission this scheme.

They said the concerned contractor layed Pipes from Shafa-Kadal to Tulmulla 2 years ago but the department failed to use this scheme.

They also alleged the department misused govt funds as they didn't connect pipeline properly to the area.They said the department grided the pipe in middle .

Locals said Jal Shakti department failed to process of NOC from PMGSY department and we suffer due to low pressure of water supply.

locals alleged that funds used in the scheme has been vested because it didn't served the cause of the locals.

Assistant Executive Engineer Jalshati department Ganderbal Faizan Ahmad talking to news agency on phone, said this scheme is in languishing program and will be functional after three months.

## INTERACTION &amp; TRAINING WORKSHOP WITH VDC MEMBERS AT MAKHIDHAR &amp; BATSIYALA

M S Nazki

Reasi : Indian Army has been working towards ensuring peace and tranquility in the region. Village Defence Committees (VDCs) and its members have been playing a pivotal role in carrying out counter terrorist operations alongside Army and ensuring peace in areas South of Pir Panjal Ranges. In continuation of the efforts of the Battalion to interact with the VDC members and ensure their continued contribution towards maintenance of peace, a training workshop was carried out for the VDC members from remote areas of Reasi District at Makhidhar & Batsiyala on 10 Jan 2023. The event was organised at Makhidhar & Batsiyala in Reasi District during which VDC members were given training on weapon handling, maintenance and how to carry out minor repairs. VDC members were also briefed about the new modalities and tactics being employed by anti-national elements and how important their role was to ensure sustained peace and prosperity in the region. To hone their firing skills, the members were given the opportunity to carry out firing practice and after first round of firing mid course correction was also carried out. A total No of 184 x VDC members participated in the event. This initiative of Indian Army will strengthen the existing bond between the Army and populace of this region and will go a long way in fostering peace and harmony of the region. The local populace lauded the efforts of Indian Army and expressed their gratitude for organising such a event.

## Mohien Aftab Khan held a press briefing against new rules of RDD.

M S Nazki

Mendhar Social Worker Mohien Aftab Khan held a press briefing in Mankote area of Mendhar Sub Division in Poonch district against the new rule by RDD in which all the work done by RDD will be geo tagged every day. Mohien Aftab told that it's difficult to do this as panchayat mostly spread over a large area and simultaneously more than one work are being done in the panchayat and it's difficult for GRS/VLW to reach out at each work site and get the labour geo tagged. In some cases labourers are being engaged at higher rates as compared to the rate set by department. They added that at government rate no labourers are present and government must have to increase the rate of labourers. They told that it's just to derail the process as department already having shortage of staff and it will put public in confusion as daily they have to wait for GRS/VLW together geo tagged photo which is difficult in hilly areas. Social Worker Mohien Aftab Khan appeals before LG JK UT to look into the matter and direct concerned not to frame such anti people policies

## Govt teacher from Pulwama was conferred with national honour

Pulwama : Government teacher from Pulwama district, was honored with a national award at a function held in Mumbai. Earlier, the said teacher was also honored by Kashmir and other states of the country for his outstanding performance in the education sector.

Shakeel Ahmed Bhat a government teacher from Pulwama district, has been honored for his excellent performance teaching in govt school's.

Reports said, that a ceremony held at the Nehru Center Worli in Mumbai. In this event organized by Star Education Foundation Mumbai, awards were given to government teachers selected from deferent states of the country. Shakeel Ahmed from Sirno area of Pulwama district came to Mumbai a week ago to receive this award on January 7 and participated in this event. Shakil Ahmed Bhat has been awarded many times before at the state and external level.

The various government and semi-government associations of Pulwama district congratulated Shakeel Ahmed for receiving this national level awards.

Meanwhile, the correspondent of CNS For Pulwama Mushtaq ul Islam has also congratulated Shakeel Ahmed for receiving this honour. Meanwhile, the correspondent of CNS For Pulwama Mushtaq ul Islam has also congratulated Shakeel Ahmed for receiving this honour.



## DC Baramulla reviews Arrangements for Khelo-India Winter Games

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 11: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar today chaired a meeting of concerned officers here to take stock of various arrangements put in place for holding 3rd Edition of winter games under Khelo-India sports initiative at Gulmarg from 10th to 14th February 2023.

On the occasion, Dr Sehrish took a comprehensive review of various aspects pertaining to the event wherein she directed various authorities for adopting a coordinated approach for making the event a grand success. She emphasized making all necessary arrangements including health, logistics and support services, accommodation, traffic plan, lodging and other facilities, well in advance and in a hassle free manner.

Emphasising on conducting the event smoothly, the DC directed Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg to coordinate with local vendors for keeping anti-Skid Chains and other services readily available. The DC also stressed upon the functionalities of the Mechanical Engineering Department to keep men



and machinery in ready mode for smooth plying of vehicles on Tangmarg-Gulmarg road during the event.

While reviewing the availability of portable water and electricity, the DC exhorted upon the officers of PHE and PDD to keep all the services functional and available for the convenience of the people. During the meeting, measures were

also reviewed for establishment of a Joint Control Room with helpline Numbers for coordination and support services.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Additional SP Baramulla, CEO GDA, Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Chief Medical officer among other concerned function-

aries. On the occasion, Dr Sehrish took a comprehensive review of various aspects pertaining to the event wherein she directed various authorities for adopting a coordinated approach for making the event a grand success.

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## India keen to seal series against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens on today

Kolkata, Jan 11 (UNI) After a facile 67-run win in the opening ODI in Guwahati, India is keen to seal the 3-ODIs series at the iconic Eden Gardens, which will host for the first time in six years an international cricket tournament when visiting Sri Lanka would make all effort to level the series in the 2nd day-night play on Thursday. Though Rohit Sharma and his opening partner Shubman Gill centurion partnership at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium on Tuesday set the ball rolling for India and the 45th ODI hundred from former skipper Virat Kohli was the icing on cake, which ultimately put the host (374) in the driver seat before the visiting side. Sri Lanka, however, fought brilliantly through their skipper Shanaka, who also hit an unbeaten century, but the crossing huge total was not enough of a ton and the Indian bowlers restricted them to 306/8 at the end of 50 overs. Sitting pretty the Men in Blue have begun 2023 with confidence after securing the T20I series, the Rohit Sharma boys have now bagged a 1-0 lead in the ODI current series. The biggest positive from the first game was the giants of the Indian cricket team making the utmost contribution. Rohit Sharma and his predecessor Virat Kohli, who had a rough patch last year, came out all guns blazing in the first ODI of the year. With the ICC Men's ODI World Cup scheduled this year, the



form of the two veterans of Indian cricket is of utmost necessity. Youngster Shubman Gill also chipped in valuable runs along with Rohit at a good rate. Even though the bowlers went for runs but the unit will be confident moving ahead. On the other end, the Sri Lankan bowlers leaked runs throughout the first innings, to add to their misery, the fielders also dropped multiple catches. Kohli was dropped twice, who helped India to gather a mammoth score. Apart from Pathum Nissanka, there weren't notable contributions from the top order. Yet again it was the captain, Dasun Shanaka, who played a blinder, scoring 108 and leading Sri Lanka to a total of 306 in their allotted 50 overs. The visitors will work on their bowling and catching.

## Eugeneson Lyngdoh named Project Head for U-17 Men's team

New Delhi, Jan 11 (UNI) The All India Football Federation has appointed former India international and AIFF Technical Committee member Eugeneson Lyngdoh as the Honorary Project Head for the U-17 Men's team. The team is currently preparing for the AFC U-17 Asian Cup to be held in Thailand later this year. "We believe that the involvement of a player of Eugeneson's stature will be beneficial to the players and coaching staff," Secretary General Dr Shaji Prabhakaran said, discussing the appointment.

Having made his India debut in 2015, Lyngdoh went on to earn 24 caps for the country in the Senior National Team. Lyngdoh was a mainstay of the team that won the 2015 SAFF Cup and the 2017 Tri Nation Series and was instrumental in helping India qualify for the 2019 AFC Asian Cup.

Lyngdoh was awarded the AIFF Player of the Year in 2015. At club level, Lyngdoh was a key part of the Bengaluru FC side who won the 2015-16 I-League and the 2016 Federation Cup, as well as reached the finals of the 2016 AFC Cup. After retiring from active football, he was elected to the Meghalaya legislative Assembly in 2021. The India U-17 team is scheduled to play a friendly against the UAE U-17 team on January 16 in Dubai. Subsequently the team will play two friendlies against Uzbekistan on January 22 and 24 in Goa.

## MI Cape Town's Dewald Brevis lights up Betway SA20 opener

Newlands, Jan 11 (UNI) Dewald Brevis stole the show as MI Cape Town comfortably eased past Paarl Royals by eight wickets in the Betway SA20 opener at a sold out Newlands on Tuesday night. The Newlands crowd were in high spirits before the toss after being entertained by a spectacular show from Sho Madjozi and Master KG. The entertainment continued once the game started as the home side drew first blood when MI Cape Town's Jofra Archer dismissed Wihan Lubbe with the help of a brilliant diving catch from George Linde. The Boland side settled down after the initial setback through English duo Jos Buttler and Jason Roy as the pair put on 36 runs for the second wicket before Roy (13) was dismissed by Duan Jansen. Buttler, though, continued to keep the Royals' innings ticking over as he produced a sparkling half-century before being dismissed for 51(42), while captain David Miller knocked 42 off 31 balls as the Royals closed on 142/7.

## Prithvi Shaw cracks maiden triple ton, breaks numerous records

Guwahati, Jan 11 (UNI) Mumbai's Prithvi Shaw roared back to form in a breathtaking fashion against Assam in the Ranji Trophy match after he hammered his first triple century from just 326 runs, and broke numerous records in the domestic format.

Shaw became the second highest individual score in Ranji Trophy history, behind BB Nimbalkar who had scored an unbeaten 443 for Maharashtra against Saurashtra in the 1948-49 season. The opening batsman also broke Sanjay Manjrekar's 32-year-old record of 377 runs to become the highest individual scorer for Mumbai in the tournament's history. Prithvi scored 379 runs from 382 balls during his stay at the crease.



The Mumbai batsman also broke the batting records of legendary Indian batsmen Sunil Gavaskar, Cheteshwar Pujara and VVS Laxman. Pujara had scored 352 for Saurashtra against Karnataka in the 2012-13 season of the Ranji Trophy, whereas Laxman made 353 for Hyderabad against Karnataka in the 1999-2000 season. The triple century has sent a strong statement to the

selectors, who are yet to announce the Indian squad for the upcoming white-ball series against New Zealand and Test series against Australia.

Until today, Shaw was running poor form as he could manage scores of 13, 6, 19, 4, 68, 35, and 15, in four Ranji matches he has played so far this season. Shaw's blazing triple hundred has certainly done enough to catch selectors' attention. Shaw became the second highest individual score in Ranji Trophy history, behind BB Nimbalkar who had scored an unbeaten 443 for Maharashtra against Saurashtra in the 1948-49 season. The opening batsman also broke Sanjay Manjrekar's 32-year-old record of 377 runs to become the highest individual scorer for Mumbai.

## PCB search for head coach continues as Arthur avoids full-time role

LAHORE: It seems the chapter of bringing back Mickey Arthur as the national team head coach has closed after both the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the South Africa-born coach could not agree on the terms of the services. "Yes, we had offered Mickey Arthur the assignment of coach, keeping in view his past performances for the Pakistan team but instead of coming to join as a full-time coach he is ready to offer his services as consultant for one year. We did not agree with his offer of working as consultant as it will not deliver the desired results," PCB chairman Najam Sethi told Dawn on Tuesday. "Arthur also sent a schedule of his [planned] activi-



ties with the Pakistan team as consultant from 2023-2025 as he was not ready to work as full-time coach. "Now we will look to find a full-time foreign coach for which the process has started," he added. Later on Tuesday, a PCB press release on the subject was issued. "The PCB today confirmed it has been in talks with former national team head coach Mickey Arthur with a view

to appointing him as the head coach to guide the side through to the ACC Asia Cup, ICC T20 World Cup 2023, ICC T20 World Cup 2024 and the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. However, owing to his long-term contract with Derbyshire, we have also discussed a proposal [for him] to act as a consultant to the PCB on a time-sharing basis with Derbyshire," the release said. It may be mentioned here that in during the tenure of South Africa-born Arthur (2016-2019) as Pakistan head coach, the country emerged as world's top team in Tests and T20 Internationals besides enjoying a leading position in ODI format as they won the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy under Sarfraz Ahmed.

## Trophy Celebrations for Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 to get underway in Odisha

Cuttack, Jan 11 (UNI) The festivities of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela will get underway on Wednesday at 6pm (IST) as some of the biggest performers of India will headline the Trophy Celebrations at the Barabati Stadium here in Odisha. The celebrations will see global and local celebrities light up the stadium with their musical and dance performances.

Bollywood superstars Ranveer Singh and Disha Patani will perform in front of a packed stadium that will seat over 40,000 spectators. Not just those in the stadium will get to witness the spectacle, but fans all around the city will also be able to watch on Giant LED screens in the 16 Hockey Fan

Parks for live streaming of the celebrations. The fans will also get to sway to the musical stylings of internationally acclaimed K-Pop band: Black Swan, which includes local Odisha singer Shreya Lenka! Popular Indian musician/composer Pritam, who composed the official anthem of the World Cup "Hockey Hai Dil Mera", will also take stage along with the 11 singers who sang the anthem.

The rich night of music will be further enhanced by the rock and roll music of iconic Bollywood singers Benny Dayal and Neeti Mohan. Talented performers from Odisha will also add in a local flavour, led by Odissi dancing legend: Guru Aruna Mohanty. The Trophy Celebrations will showcase India's



rich culture and history, while also highlighting its recent advancements. It will also signal the start of the

15th edition of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, which will get underway on January 13, with the first two matches of the day being

played in Bhubaneswar followed by two more matches in the evening, in the brand-new Birsamunda International Hockey stadium in Rourkela. The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela Trophy Celebrations start at 18:00 local time. The rich night of music will be further enhanced by the rock and roll music of iconic Bollywood singers Benny Dayal and Neeti Mohan. Talented performers from Odisha will also add in a local flavour, led by Odissi dancing legend: Guru Aruna Mohanty. The Trophy Celebrations will showcase India's rich culture and history, while also highlighting its recent advancements.

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