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HEADLINES TODAY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lt Governor greets people on Lohri, Makar Sankranti

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has extended his greetings to the people on the occasion of Lohri (which falls on 13th January, 2023) and Makar Sankranti (which falls on 14th January, 2023). In a message, the Lt Governor said: "On the auspicious occasion of Lohri and Makar Sankranti, I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to the people and wish them every happiness and prosperity". These festivals are a symbol of our shared ethos, culture and mark the beginning of an auspicious period of the year. The joyous occasion also provides us an opportunity to salute the indomitable spirit of our farmers and to recognize their hard work and contribution to nation-building, added the Lt Governor. "May the festivals bring prosperity, happiness and joy for all," the Lt Governor said.

Rusty Grenade Found, Destroyed in Poonch

M S Nazki POONCH, A rusty live grenade was recovered near MT ground DPL in Poonch district on Thursday, officials said. Officials sources told HT that the explosive was found near MT ground DPL this afternoon. "Soon after a joint team of police and army reached to the spot and destroyed it (grenade) later on", they said. Meanwhile a case has been registered in this regard and further investigations taken up.

Woman found hanging at home in Pahalgam Youth found dead in Tral

Srinagar, 12-Jan: A woman was found hanging at her home in Movera area of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district and a youth was found dead at Tral town of Pulwama district on Thursday. As per reports, 30-years-old woman had come to parental home only yesterday and her body was found hanging at the house in Gojerpati Movera Pahalgam this morning. In another incident, youth was found dead at his residence in Tral area. As per reports, a youth (name withheld) was found hanging at branipathri area of Tral. The locals informed the men in uniform accordingly who took the body into custody for medico-legal formalities. Meanwhile, police has registered a case in both the incidents and investigations set into motion.

Man held for pasting threat posters in Pattan

Baramulla, Jan 12 : Jammu and Kashmir Police on Thursday arrested a man for allegedly pasting the threat posters to create the atmosphere of fear and hatred against the country, from Pattan village of north Kashmir's Baramulla district. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a man identified as Altaf Ahmad Rather, son of Ghulam Mohammed Rather of Tantraypora Palhalla was arrested for pasting the threat posters in the village. "Lone was working with a lesser known militant outfit 'Lone Wolf Warriors' and had given threat to the outsiders and condemned the opening of a wine shop at Pahalgam through the posters," he said. The arrested person was held and during the interrogation, he confessed the crime and further revealed that he got in touch with Pak based militant handlers on social media and was working with them, who instructed him to paste posters in order to create an atmosphere of fear among the public and hatred against India. Subsequently, a raid was conducted at his house wherefrom the posters and mobile phone were seized, the official added. Meanwhile, a case in this regard is already registered at Police Station Pattan while further investigation in this regard has been taken up—

3 JKP officers, officials awarded Union HM's Medal

Jammu, Jan 12): Three officers and officials of Sher-i-Kashmir Police Academy, Udhampur (SKPAU) have been awarded the Union Home Minister's Medal for excellence in training for the year 2021-22, a police spokesman said on Thursday. The medals were conferred upon Mohan Lal, JKPS, SSP, Dy. Director, Ashok Kumar, Inspector (S) and SgCt. Mastan Singh, a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reads. Director General of Police (DGP), Dilbag Singh has congratulated

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Amid Tight Security Cover Home Minister Amit Shah Arriving in Rajouri Today

Scheduled to Meet Families of Jan 1st Terror Attack, To Chair high level Security Meet at Jammu

HT NEWS DESK

Jammu, Jan 12: Amid multi-layer security cover, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will arrive in Rajouri tomorrow (Friday) and meet the families of slain in the recent attacks at Dhangri area of the district. Shah will also chair a security review meet and likely announce measures to strengthen the Village Defence Committees of the district. According to The reports from a National TV Channel NDTV, Mr Shah will reach Dhangri village of Rajouri in the morning at around 11 am. "Security arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth arrival of the Home Minister," sources said, adding that "A high alert has been sounded on highways, Rajouri district and also in parts of Jammu. All security agencies have been put on high alert." "The Home Minister will meet members of all three families who have lost their fam-



ily members in January 1 attack in Dhangri," a source privy to Home Minister's itinerary, said. Sources said that the Home Minister may hand over job letters to next

of kin of slain Dhangri attack victims. BJP General Secretary (Org) Ashok Koul confirmed that the Home Minister is visiting Rajouri tomorrow. "He will fly back to Delhi after chairing a security meet in Jammu," Koul said. The Home Minister after meeting the family members of the slain will chair a high level security meeting in Jammu where top officials of police, army, CRPF, BSF and other security agencies will participate. Sources in the security establishment said that the Home Minister will get the feedback from the security officials on the recent attack on the civilians in Dhangri village and the progress achieved so far in the investigations of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the police top brass. Sources said that Home Minister may likely announce some security measures that include further strengthening of

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Adversary choosing Peer Panchal, IB to push in infiltrators, air-drop weapons, ammo: Army Chief

HT News Network | (KNO)

New Delhi, Jan 12: Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pandey Thursday there was a significant decline in infiltration level in J&K 2022 as 18 infiltrators were killed in 12 attempts from across the fence. He also said that army and BSF have procured drone jammers to foil the bids of "adversary" to air-drop weapons and drugs along the IB in Jammu region even though enemy are preferring As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), while addressing the annual day presser of army in Delhi, the army chief said the year 2022 saw a significant dip in infiltration level and figures.



"The year 2022 saw only 12 attempts of infiltration in J&K in which 18 infiltrators were killed," General Pandey said. He said that the army's counter infiltration grid is strong even though the enemy is now preferring other routes that includes Peer Panchal, Jammu and International Border to push in infiltrators

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Strengthen village institutions of Numberdar, Chowkidar for better coordination on ground: CS

Directs for ending offline mode and making every service online till 15th of this month

HT News Network

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: In a meeting with Revenue Authorities, Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today emphasised upon them about the need for strengthening of traditional and vital village institutions of Numberdar and Chowkidar throughout J&K.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, Revenue; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and many other concerned officers.

Some of the officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing.



Dr Mehta maintained that the positions of Numberdar and Chowkidar are very significant in terms of better coordination at grassroots level and can't be kept vacant at the peril of common masses. He termed them

as a link between the people and administration therefore the instruments of empowering rural population.

He directed the district administration to fill all the vacant positions of Numberdars

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2 labourers from Kishtwar die in Ganderbal avalanche

SULIMAN SAITH

Ganderbal, Jan 12): The bodies of two labourers who got buried under the debris after an avalanche hit the Sarbal area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal district Thursday morning, were recovered. Both were found dead.

An official told the news agency—Kthat Sandeep Singh, son of Munshi Ram and Bala Krishna, son of Bansil Lal, both residents of Kishtwar were killed in an avalanche. They were working at the Megha tunnel project, he said.

The bodies were sent to the mortuary PHC Sonamarg for medico-legal formalities.

Earlier, soon after the avalanche, police, army, SDRF, Beacon and the Megha tunnel project team launched a rescue operation. The area was closed for the

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Another WD to affect J&K on Jan 19: MeT

Srinagar, Jan 12: As the weather improved in Srinagar and other parts of the Valley, the weatherman here on Thursday said that another

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Police rescues 34 tourists, one pregnant lady in Budgam

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 12: Amid the inclement weather, Police in Budgam on Thursday claimed to have provided a helping hand to stranded tourists and rescued 34 tourists between Rayar and Yarikah Doodpathri Road. Besides, rendered a helping hand to one pregnant lady stranded at Shenni Pora area of Khansahib, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Police Station Khansahib received a distressed call that some tourists were stuck at Rayar while travelling in their

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Kupwara to witness first ever winter carnival

HT News Network

Kupwara, Jan 12: As the snowfall has already started in the plains of the Kashmir Valley, the authorities in northern Kashmir's frontier Kupwara district is all set to start first ever winter carnival in a move to boost region's tourism sector besides generate employment for the local people there.

An official told the news agency—that the main aim of this winter carnival which will be held at Drangyari Kupwara which is the gate way of Bangus is to bring the frontier Kupwara district on the country's

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Tourists purchasing famous Kashmiri wood carving items from a vendor at outside the Nishat Garden in Srinagar on Thursday.

Ministry of I&B cracks down on fake news peddling YouTube Channels

HT NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi, Jan 12: The PIB Fact Check Unit (FCU) of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting busted six YouTube channels, which were working in a coordinated manner and

spreading false information in India.

The Fact Check Unit released six separate Twitter threads having over 100 fact-checks to counter the fake news spread by these channels. This is the second such action from the Unit under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting where entire channels have been busted, an official statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reads.

The six YouTube channels were found to be operating as part of a coordinated disinforma-

tion network, had nearly 20 lakh subscribers and their videos have been watched over 51 crore times.

The YouTube channels exposed by the PIB Fact Check unit spread fake news about the elections, proceedings in the Supreme Court and Parliament of India, functioning of the Government of India, etc. Examples include false claims regarding ban on Electronic Voting Machines, and false statements attributed to senior Con-

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Progressing J&K...

Boosting Poultry Production in Jammu and Kashmir: A Sustainable Development Project

Around 420 enterprises, more than 4000 jobs to be created under the project across J&K

HT News Network

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Poultry farming in Jammu and Kashmir has a long history, with traditional farming methods dating back centuries. However, in recent years, the sector has undergone significant modernisation and expansion. The introduction of new technologies and improved breeding techniques has led to an increase in production and quality of poultry products, transforming the sector from a source of supplementary income and proteinic foods for families to a major commercial activity that generates significant revenue.

This growth can be attributed to a num-



ber of factors, including changes in food habits, rise of the middle class and their increased income, presence of private

companies in the industry, and increasing demand for poultry products in the market.

The UT government has played a key role in promoting the development of the poultry sector. It has implemented various initiatives and schemes to support farmers and encourage the growth of the industry like providing subsidies and financial assistance to farmers, promoting backyard poultry farming, establishing training and capacity building programs, and encouraging the use of modern technology in poultry farming. However, with the increasing demands the sector has become dependent on imported poultry

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All Minority Employees Association Kashmir calls on Lt Governor



HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha met a delegation of All Minority Employees Association, Kashmir at Raj Bhawan earlier today. The delegation apprised the Lt Governor about various concerns of employees of minority community under PMDP and other employment schemes, who are working in Kashmir division. The members submitted a detailed memorandum regarding the grievances faced by the employees. The members of the delegation also expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor-led

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TLSC Kangan organizes Awareness programme on 'National Youth Day'

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 12: On the directions of Secretary District Legal Service Authority Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak and under the guidance of Chairman Tehsil Legal Services Committee Kangan, Essar-Ul-Nabi, the Tehsil Legal Services Committee (TLSC) Kangan in collaboration with Advanced Institute of Modern Sciences Kangan today observed National Youth Day at Kangan, here. On this occasion, Advocate Sajad Ahmad Khan who was appointed



as resource person by this Committee emphasized that National Youth Day is observed/celebrated every year on 12th of January in remembrance of Swami Vivekananda

which is also his birth day. In 1984 the Government of India declared this day as National Youth Day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year. He also

advised students/Youth to not indulge in unlawful activities and focus on their future and try to contribute to society in a good way. Staff Members of TLSC Kangan, PLVs of TLSC Kangan and students of the said institution were also present. The Chairman of the said institution appreciated TLSC Kangan for organizing such an awareness programme in their institution and urged Authorities to organize more such programmes.

DLSA Bandipora observes 'National Youth Day'

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 12: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bandipora under the Chairmanship of Pr. District and Session Judges Amit Sharma (Chairman DLSA Bandipora) and guidance of Secretary DLSA Bandipora Nusrat Ali Hakak today organized an awareness programme on National Youth Day at Zaifa Academy of Science and Education Ajas, Bandipora.

Pervaiz Ahmad Bhat PLV of DLSA Bandipora delivered a speech on National Youth Day. He said that National Youth Day is observed every year by schools and higher education institutions on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda to inculcate the values and morals of Swami Vivekananda among the youth of the country.

He discussed the present status of the education system and stressed that only focused youth who have good character, are enlightened and strong willed can bring desirable changes in the society. The focus of education should be to encourage such scientific innovations which can actually solve the problems of human beings.

He also spoke on the vision of Swami Vivekananda and how the students, present youth of the country contribute towards nation building and shared some great philosophies and sayings of Swami Vivekananda with students with the hope to become better individuals tomorrow. The programme was attended by, PLVs, Staff members of the said institutions, Students and other officials.

NYK Anantnag celebrates 'National Youth Day'



ANANTNAG, JANUARY 12: Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Anantnag today organized a function at Govt. Degree College for Women Anantnag to commemorate National Youth Day celebrated every year on 12th January. The day was observed to commemorate 159th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and more than 500 people participated in the programme. The speakers spoke on the life history of Swami Vivekananda and its effect on youth. Nisar Ahmad, DDC member was the chief guest while Principal Govt. Degree College for Women Anantnag, Hamid was the guest of honour.

The chief guest appreciated organizing seminars/programmes and thanked NYK Anantnag for organizing such programmes. After the end of the programme, M. K. Mir, Deputy Director Nehru Yuva Kendra Anantnag thanked all participants and other officers who were present in the programme.

22 Change in Land Use applications approved at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 12: A meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Qayoom for approving Change in Land Use applications at DC Office Complex, here.

At the outset, Assistant Commissioner Revenue (ACR) Anantnag presented applications received online. Deliberations were held with stakeholders from various departments on a case-to-case basis. Representatives from Revenue, RDD, Pollution Control Board, Jal Shakti, R&B, Agriculture, Industries, etc shared their remarks on the cases. 22 cases were approved after all concerned departments shared no objection certificates. Dr. Basharat exhorted the officials to ensure cases are processed without any delay. He said that all pending cases have been deliberated upon and cases declared as ineligible should not be placed before the committee. The meeting was attended by ADC, SDM Dooru, SDM Pahalgam, SDM Kokernag, SDM Bijbehara, ACR, ACD, SE R&B, Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control, Chief Agriculture Officer, Tehsildars, NTs and representatives from other line.

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Roll No.: 346261
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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Tributes paid to Rehman Rahi on his 'Fatiha Khawani'



The collective "Fatiha Khawani" of the doyen of Kashmiri literature, nationally acclaimed poet, critic, intellectual and Gian Peth Award winner Prof. Rehman Rahi was performed today at his native village Vijarnag, Srinagar. The Majlis was attended by a galaxy of poets, literature lovers, leading scholars, poets, writers, people associated with various arts and a large number of late Rahi's fans. Speakers on the occasion appreciated his unparalleled role in the revival and promotion of Kashmiri language and literature. Participants paid rich tributes and prayed for the departed soul's eternal peace.

Road Safety Week, 2023: ARTO Shopian checks Retro Tapes on vehicles.

Farooq Rather



Shopian, 12 Jan: Under the Ongoing Road Safety Week, in order to aware road users on various road safety measures, Motor Vehicles Department today took a series of activities. Team led by ARTO Shopian, Muazzam Ali today checked vehicles for mandatory fixing of Retro Tapes, which acts as an effective deterrent against collisions during night travels. Dozens of vehicles were checked and asked to fix the Tapes and drivers counselled to fix the same on their vehicles in order to avert losses occurring due to night travel collisions. Various vehicles were on spot provided these Retro Tapes, free of cost by the department and fixed on their vehicles. Besides, road users were appealed by the team to adhere to measures which are mandatory in making safe travels and asked to exhibit optimum driving behaviours in order to avert losses to life and vehicles.

NIT Srinagar's faculty member selected for INYAS 2023 membership

Srinagar, Jan 12: A faculty member from the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar has been selected for the prestigious membership of Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS) 2023 for the period of 5 years. Dr. Vijay Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Department of Physics Department is among the 27 members across India who have been selected for the prestigious membership. The membership will be for a period of 5 years and for the formal induction during the next General Body Meeting (GBM) to be held in February 2023 at INSA, New Delhi. Director NIT Srinagar, Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal congratulated Dr. Vijay for being selected for the prestigious INYAS membership. "Research is important and vital for any engineering institution. Without research and investigation, there will be no progress and we cannot stay relevant in a competitive market," he said. Prof. Sehgal said such memberships facilitate collaboration and create new opportunities for research and development. "The aim and objective of any technical institution is to enhance the quality of life of a common man," he said. Institute's Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari congratulated Dr. Vijay Kumar for bagging the prestigious membership. "It is encouraging to see that a faculty member from NIT Srinagar has been selected among 27 members across the country. We are committed to reaching new heights for better outcomes in the future. NIT Srinagar will leave no stone unturned to achieve a creditable space at national and international levels," he said.

Public Notice

I informed to general public that my father Gh Mohammad Lone s/o Mohammad Sadiq Lone R/o Wanigam Bala, has died on 11 March 2018. Now I am applying for his death certificate. If anybody have any objection He/she may file his/her objection in the office of Naib Tehsildar Telgam within seven days after that no objection shall be entertained.

Bashir Ahmad Lone
S/o Gh Mohammad Lone
R/o Wanigam Bala

Hasnain Masoodi visits Shopian; discusses Action Plan against Drug Abuse

Tours DH Shopian, inspects working, takes stock of provision of healthcare services

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 12: To review steps taken to curb the drug abuse and take stock of Tuberculosis elimination programme in the district, a meeting was held today under the chairmanship of Member Parliament (MP) Hasnain Masoodi in the Office Chamber of Deputy Commissioner Shopian, here.

At the outset, threadbare discussions were held on various issues related to menace of drug addiction, areas of concern, hot spots of drug peddling/abuse, besides, measures taken to break the chain of drug peddling and its consumption in the district to save youth from the ill effects of the drugs. On the occasion, MP stressed the Officers including Enforcement agencies to ensure better coordination in enforcing greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking. He said that efforts with cooperation, coordination and collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break



the supply chain, besides taking stringent action against the culprits involved in the hazardous trade of drugs. MP said that in order to combat this rising societal problem, multi-pronged rehabilitation, counseling and guidance measures to ensure better coordination in enforcing greater deterrence to combat dangerous trade of drug-trafficking. He said that efforts with cooperation, coordination and collaboration are vital to contain the drug peddling and break

sensitize the youth about hazards and ill effects of consuming drugs. The MP announced Rs.10 lakh out of his MP Fund for the construction of a Drug Rehabilitation Centre in the district. He said it is the collective responsibility of all the sections of society to join this fight with determined efforts and proactive approach to bring the youth of Shopian out of the darkness of drug addiction. Speaking during the meeting, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian,

Sachin Kumar Vaishya said that the drug menace is a major threat to the socio-economic structure and it has become imperative for the entire society to come together to uproot this menace and work towards making Shopian a drug free district.

Directions were issued for ensuring proper checking and monitoring of Medical Shops.

Later, the MP visited District Hospital Shopian, inspected the Addiction Treatment Facility and took stock of the health care facilities being provided to the patients there.

He directed the health functionaries for providing better healthcare facilities to the patients. He also laid stress on strengthening the Addiction Treatment Facility.

Joint Director Planning Khurshid Ahmed Khattana, Chief Medical Officer Shopian, District Social Welfare Officer, Doctors and other concerned were present.

Dulloo reviews progress on Agriculture Apex Monitoring Dashboard for Agri-allied projects

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review the progress on Agriculture Apex Monitoring Dashboard for Agri, allied projects through the intervention of Information Technology Projects here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu, Executive Office, JKeGA, Director Sericulture J&K, Director Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Kashmir/Jammu, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Managing Director JKHPMC, State Informatics Officer NIC, Technical Officers APD, Projects Leads of Technical Working Groups (TWGs), IT Experts, besides representatives of SKUAST-K, Animal Husbandry, IT and senior officers of concerned departments attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode. A presentation was delivered wherein the meet-

ing was informed about the progress on work flows made so far with respect to Agriculture Apex Monitoring Dashboard for Agri and allied projects through IT interventions.

Dulloo expressed his satisfaction over the progress made in work flow charts and called upon the concerned to provide additional information as was asked by the experts and to be shared with the heads of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) for finalization of the work flows to progress into the next step of the dashboard.

While suggesting changes in the Apex Monitoring Dashboard, the ACS asked TWGs to include indicators that can be measured and are tangible and justifiable. Besides, he added that there should be reasons pronounced clearly for any rejection of application so that higher authorities and farmers alike would know on what grounds the given application is being scrapped.

He also suggested that the dashboard should be linked with banks as the interface with banks is must

so that the beneficiary would know the status of his pending application of loan or any other purpose.

He reiterated that the monitoring dashboard would be one among the several unprecedented interventions to transform agriculture and allied sectors in J&K and these 29 projects are a part of that initiative.

He said that the Agriculture Production Department intends to establish a web-based reporting, monitoring and analysis dashboard/module that will provide an interface to the targeted beneficiaries.

The meeting also deliberated upon several monitorable indicators of 29 projects envisaging transformation of agriculture and allied sectors in J&K.

These included development of seed and seed multiplication chain, promotion of niche crops in J&K, promotion of vegetables and exotic vegetables under open and protected cultivation, strengthening of agriculture marketing, promotion of bee keeping and nutri cereals (Millets).

DC Srinagar reviews functioning of Revenue Department

Faceless, paperless online revenue services transforming the public service delivery mechanism: DC

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 12: - In order to review revenue related public service delivery, enhance transparency and accountability and promote ease of access to the Revenue records in District, a meeting of Field Functionaries of Revenue Department of the District was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Assad here on Thursday at meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Besides, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Syed Shabir Ahmad the meeting was attended by Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), SDM East, SDM West, all Tehsildars, All Naib Tehsildars, officers of Regional Directorate Survey and Land Record and other functionaries of Revenue Department. At the outset the Assistant Commissioner (Revenue), through a PowerPoint presentation gave a detailed overview about the functioning of Revenue Department in the District and current status of various Revenue matters and implementation of digital interventions adapted to ensure prompt, efficient and hassle-free revenue services to the citizens.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed assessment and progress of all Tehsils of the District on various vital issues including updation of cases on Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RC-CMS), status of Jamabandies, status of migrant offline/online grievances,



progress on retrieval of encroached state/Kahcharie land, status of mutation, inspection of revenue records, progress on digitization of Jamabandies/ Girdawari, missing land record, vacancy position and conduct of DPC besides Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DIL-RMP). While reviewing progress with regard to digitization and updation process of Jamabandies and scanning of revenue records as per the targets, the DC asked all the Tehsildars to ensure proof reading and attestation of Jamabandies by 1st week of February while prioritizing updation of backlog mutations within one week. The DC asked the concerned officers of Regional Directorate Land Record Survey to share updated/corrected copies of the Jamabandies with the respective Tehsil Offices, so that the Patwaris are able to work correctly with up-to-date record. The DC also took Tehsil wise progress on issuance of land pass-

books and asked the Tehsildars to saturate the process of physical distribution of land passbooks to the lawful owners within a time bound manner. He further asked them to submit utilization certificates of funds allotted to them for distribution of land passbooks besides seeking additional allotment of funds, if required, for passbook generation/distribution. Similarly, the DC stressed that the cases enlisted in various Revenue Courts of Srinagar needs to be exclusively processed on Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RC-CMS) by January 13 by following due procedure. He also emphasized that the proceedings of these court cases should be regularly uploaded, so that functioning of the revenue courts if effectively monitored. The DC directed the District Revenue Officers to follow the instruction with added zeal and dedication to achieve the target.

While reviewing progress on removal of en-

croachments on State/kahchari land, the DC directed all the Tehsildars to intensify the anti-encroachment drive so that all identified encroached State/Kahcharie land is retrieved under set timelines. The DC asked the Revenue Officers to update themselves and other subordinate staff with latest Information Technology enabled services which are helping in delivering public centric services in an effective and transparent manner.

With regard to disposal mechanism of grievances related to Migrant properties filed by the Kashmiri migrants in different categories offline/online, the DC was informed that till date 1876 grievances have been received by the District Administration, out of which 1692 grievances of different nature have been resolved by the Office of District Magistrate with quality disposal. In addition to it properties including structures on land of 40 kanals and 17.5 marlas have been also retrieved.

DC Kupwara reviews Revenue related matters at Kupwara Revenue Day to be held every Tuesday at Patwar halqa level to redress public grievances, issues

KUPWARA, JANUARY 12: In order to review various revenue related matters, the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today convened a meeting of Revenue officers, here in meeting hall of D.C Office Kupwara.

The Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of various revenue related matters and got feedback from the concerned officers regarding their progress. The matters reviewed include functioning of RCCMS Portal, Reconstruction of Missing Massavies, PSGA, holding of revenue camps, inspection of revenue records, administrative inspection, status of delivrance of on-line revenue services, generation/distribution of Land Passbooks, eviction of State/Kahcharie land, status of grievances and digitization of Cadastral Maps.

Reviewing the holding of Revenue camps, it was given out in the meeting that a Revenue Day will be held on every Tuesday at Patwar Halqa level to redress

the issues and grievances of the people related to Revenue matters. The Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars to submit the action taken report of the disposal made during the Revenue Day.

Regarding land transfer issue, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars to ensure proper usage of the Government land in their jurisdictions as they are the custodians of the same adding that no department shall be allowed to make construction on State/Kacharie land without undergoing proper land transfer process. He directed them to closely monitor their areas for any haphazard construction.

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Regarding Land Passbooks, the meeting was informed that out of total 225483 passbooks,



183980 passbooks have been generated and 80290 passbooks have been distributed. ADC Kupwara also spoke during the meeting and sensitized the officers towards different roles and responsibilities. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi

Bhat; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; SDM Lolab, Tehsildars and other concerned attended the meeting. Regarding land transfer issue, the Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildars to ensure proper usage of the Government land in their jurisdictions as they

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Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; SDM Lolab, Tehsildars and other concerned attended the meeting.

Impart training to youth in demand driven skill courses: DC Kulgam to Officers

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 12: Impart training to youth in demand driven skill courses, stressed Deputy

Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat to the concerned officers of RSETI during a meeting convened here to review functioning and progress of Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI).



was approved. As per the calendar RSETI will impart training to 385 candidates in different skills and trades during the financial year 2023-24 which includes Beauty Parlour management, House wiring, Tailoring, Bee Keeping, Computer Accounting, Mushroom Cultivation and other courses besides training in newly introduced courses this year.

The DC instructed the Director RSETI, Superintendent ITIs to come up with a comprehensive plan to provide training to youth in woodcarving and food processing.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Showkat Ahmad Rather, Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmed Giri, Joint Director Planning Zahid Sajad, General Manager Industries Bashir Ahmad, Director RSETI Khurshid Ahmad, District Information Officer Showkat Husain, Assistant Director Employment, Principal ITIs and Polytechnic College Kulgam besides other concerned officers.

He briefed the chair about the progress and said that RSETI has conducted a total of 166 training programmes so far in which 4906 candidates

have been trained in various trades and skills and with a settled number of 3173 candidates through credit linkage and financial support under various self employment schemes whereas 1238 candidates established their business units by self-financing.

Later action plan/ activity calendar of RSETI for the year 2023-24 was tabled and after a threadbare discussion activity calendar

Gear up for 100% removal of encroachments: Dr. Owais

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 12: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Thursday reviewed the Revenue related matters, including the online Revenue Court Cases Management System (RCCMS) and other online services in a meeting held at Mini Secretariat here.

The DC took a detailed review regarding online services delivery mechanism and disposal of revenue court cases on RCCMS portal.

Reviewing the provisions of online services, the Tehsildars apprised the DC regarding various available online services.

The DC asked the Tehsildars not to entertain any offline application for issuance of any services which are available online.

The Tehsildars apprised the chair that 104538 land passbooks have been generated and 35455 land passbooks have been electronically distributed.

Regarding the removal



of encroachments, it was given out that 12852 kanals of state land and 15054 kanals of kahcharie land have been retrieved in different areas of Bandipora.

The DC also issued directions to tehildars to gear up for 100 percent removal of encroachment and disposal of revenue court cases.

He asked the Tehsildars for disposal of online Application of Fard within the timeline as per guidelines and directed them to monitor online portals on daily basis for disposal of cases within the set time-

line.

He stressed on Revenue officers to dispose-off Court cases on a regular basis to reduce pendency on the RCCMS portal.

The DC directed Tehsildars to accelerate anti-encroachment drives in their respective jurisdictions.

Dr Owais also reviewed attestation of mutations, SDRF land acquisition and other revenue issues.

ACR Bandipora Parvaiz Rahim, SDM Sumbal Amir Choudhary, Tehsildars and other concerned attended the meeting.

ADC Ganderbal inspects functioning of Regional Transformer Repair workshop

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 12: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today visited the Regional Transformer Repair workshop at Old Power House premises Ganderbal and took stock of its functioning.

During the visit, the ADC inspected all the sections of the workshop like assemble section, winding and rewinding sections and enquired about the repairing capacity of damaged transformers on a daily basis. The Executive Engineer PDD briefed the ADC about its functioning, manpower, machinery availability and repairing capacity.

He informed that 791 damaged transformers (DTs) have been received from April last year till date out of which 787 DTs stand restored and put to

use. He assured that the remaining 04 DTs shall be dispatched today.

The ADC asked him to ensure that sufficient buffer stock of transformers is kept so that damaged transformers are replaced immediately and directed authorities to enforce strict adherence to duty rosters. While giving details, the Executive Engineer said that sufficient Buffer stock of DTs of different capacities is available in the district and it is ensured that damaged transformers are replaced immediately so that consumers may not suffer. While giving details, the Executive Engineer said that sufficient Buffer stock of DTs of different capacities is available in the district and it is ensured that damaged transformers are replaced immediately.

He also asked them to activate their field staff to keep proper check and vigil on any kind of encroachments in respective jurisdiction. The DC directed them to work with added zeal and missionary approach to safeguard State/Kahcharie land from land grabbers, besides ensuring hassle free public delivery system in the district. With regard to functioning of Grievance Redressal Mechanism, the DC asked all the Tehsildars to ensure quality disposal of all online/offline grievances particularly about Migrant properties in a time bound manner.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Viqar Ahmed Giri, ACR Mir Imtiyaz-ul-Aziz, SDM Noorabad Bashir

Status of works of Gurez sub-division reviewed at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 12: Joint Director Planning Bandipora Imtiyaz Ahmad on Thursday chairs a meeting to review the status of works in different schemes in Gurez Area including Border Area Development Programme (BADP), Samridh Seema Yojana (SSY) and Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP) in Block Tulail.

The meeting discussed threadbare various strategies regarding restarting and completing the pending works in March-2023.

The Executing Agency informed the meeting that 20 works were completed in BADP, 02 works were dropped due to non-availability of land and the remaining 9 works are under Execution.

Regarding SSY, the Executing Agency informed



that they have taken 09 works for execution out of which 02 works have been completed and 07 works are under process.

In ABDP (Block Tulail), it was informed that 02 works have been taken for execution during the current financial year-2022-2023. It was given out that against the total release 204.27 lacs the expenditure of 79.68 lacs

was made up to ending December-2022 in BADP and against the total release 117.41 lacs in SSY the expenditure of 55.52 lacs was made up to ending December-2022 besides against the total release 74.00 lacs the expenditure of 10.67 lacs was made up to ending December-2022 in ABDP.

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DC Kulgam reviews functioning of Revenue department

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KULGAM, JANUARY 12: To review the functioning of Revenue Department and progress made in digitization of Revenue records and Masavis, a meeting of all Revenue Officers of the District was today held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat at mini-secretariat, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of all vital matters including removal of encroachments on Kahcharai and State Land, progress made in digitization of Land records and Masavis, status of Grievances redressal mechanism, status of pending Court cases through RCCMS, implementation of e-Office, etc.

Reviewing the progress of digitization of land records and Masavis, the DC instructed concerned to complete the process before 26th of January.

On the occasion, the DC directed

all the Tehsildars to launch anti-encroachment drives on a massive scale in all the Tehsils of the district to retrieve encroached State and Kahcharie land.

He also asked them to activate their field staff to keep proper check and vigil on any kind of encroachments in respective jurisdiction.

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ADC imposes Rs 45,000 fine on FBOs at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 12: The Court of Adjudicating Officer, Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today imposed a fine of Rs 45000 on Food Business Operators (FBOs) including manufacturers, wholesale dealers and retailers for violating the Sec.51 and 52 of FSS Act-2006.

The fine was imposed on the erring traders for miss branded and sub standard food during the proceeding of cases of various blocks of district Ganderbal related to the Food Safety and Standards Act-2006, listed before the Adjudicating Officer.

The Adjudicating Officer also warned them to abide by the legal regulations adding that non-compliance of food safety and standards Act and rules thereunder by the food business operators of the district will be dealt with more strictly in coming time.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Concerned Enforcement Agency was directed by the Adjudicating Officer to take Stern action under FSS Act-2006 against the Violators so that consumers can be provided wholesome and safe food.

Road Safety Week

Free Eye Screening/ Medical Camp held for hundreds of Drivers at Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 12: Continuing the observance of National Road Safety Week, Assistant Regional Transport Office (ARTO), Budgam in collaboration with CMO Office today organized a daylong free eye screening/medical camp for drivers, here.

During the camp, hundreds of drivers were screened for eyesight check up and other health screening by concerned doctors.

On the occasion, the drivers also appeared in a driving trial test after their eye screening.

ARTO Budgam, Sheikh Manzoor Ahmad thanked all participants, departments for extending their support in organizing the event.

He said as many as 1.50 lac people die annually in our country due to Road Traffic Injuries and many more are permanently disabled. He said these are alarming figures and as such India stands committed to bring down fatalities and Road Traffic Injuries.

In this connection, National Road Safety Week is being observed every year wherein a number of activities are being carried out on the matter of Road Safety.

Road Safety Week: Helmet & Seat Belt campaign held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 12: As part of Road Safety Week, Motor Vehicle Department Anantnag and Traffic department today held an interactive programme on use of helmets and seat belts at various places of the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo said that as per a recent report shared by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), a total of 16,397 persons were killed in road accidents in 2021 due to not wearing a seat belt, of which 8,438 were drivers and the remaining 7,959 were passengers.

Further, he said a total of 46,593 persons were killed in road accidents due to not wearing helmets, of which 32,877 were drivers and 13,716 were passengers. These figures are eye-opener for the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially our district, he added.

He said that a drive without a helmet and a seat belt is unsafe and gave a call to the students and youth to use helmets and the seat belts as protective gear.

DySP Traffic Rural (Anantnag), Dr Idrees stated that the citizens have to be aware of Road Safety measures and be responsible while driving. He said that the campaign will run for 7 days from January 11 to January 17 after which action will be taken against violators.

During these 7 days, all traffic units have been asked to create awareness among drivers about installing seat belts for all seats in a vehicle. The drive has been launched to avoid any confusion between the traffic police and the drivers on the road.

Cultural Unit Kashmir of DIPR organizes Quiz competition

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 12: In run up to 74th Republic Day, the Cultural Unit Kashmir of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) has been organising various events viz. speech competitions, singing and writing competitions and quiz competitions to generate awareness among the participants regarding the Republic day and enthuse patriotism among them.

In continuation to this, a quiz competition under the theme "Know my India" was held today at Pandit Bhajan Sopori Auditorium, DIPR Srinagar.

The schools which participated include Army Public School, JK Police Public School, RP School, Green Valley Educational Institute, Caset School and The Legends School of Education.

The questions asked in the quiz competition were based on Indian Freedom Struggle, Indian Political system, Indian Culture, economy, geography and environment. Quiz was conducted by DIPR's popular youth oriented talk show "Gen Z" Volunteer Interviewer Shadab Geelani.

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Climate Change and Economics World over

Changing Climate across the globe is posing massive challenges not only to the Human race but to the entire habitations living on Earth. Man made destruction of the environment has started disturbing in return the human population. Economically sound countries are contributing in a bigger way towards the destination of the environment and in turn these countries are giving lessons to the underdeveloped or developing countries to work for saving the environment. In weaker economies and countries with poorer infrastructure, poor people often have pathetic housing and shelter facilities as they live in unsettled or less developed areas. They also live in houses constructed of less durable materials compared to wealthy people who live in houses made of solid materials. Impoverished people are more likely to live in hazardous areas and are less able to invest in risk-reducing measures. The lack of access to insurance and social protection means that people in poverty use their already limited assets to buffer disaster losses, which drives them into further poverty. Poverty is a cause and consequence of natural disaster risk. The UN agencies consider that drought is the hazard most closely associated with poverty. The impact of disasters on the poor can cause, in addition to the loss of life, injury and damage, a total loss of livelihoods, displacement, poor health, and food insecurity. The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction estimates that the wealthiest two percent of the world's adult population now owns over 50 percent of global wealth, and the bottom 50 percent own less than one percent of global wealth. As per the UN department of economic and social affairs, over 80 percent of people in poverty live in rural areas. Many developing countries present a large size of rural population. The livelihoods of the rural population are highly exposed and vulnerable to weather-related hazards. The poor people in villages have low resilience to loss because they have little or no surplus capacity to absorb crop or livestock income losses and recover. Even a small loss might feed into further poverty and future vulnerability. Floods are among the most devastating natural disasters. They occur due to climate change. Droughts, storms, earthquakes, landslides, and avalanches also cause colossal damage to human settlements. Due to their natural location, some areas of many countries like Pakistan and India are also prone to floods, landslides, and avalanches. Over the years, natural disasters have increased due to human-induced climate change and more extreme weather. This trend will continue in the future as well. In rural areas, livelihoods are particularly sensitive and vulnerable to weather fluctuations and extremes. Climate change is inextricably linked to greenhouse gas emissions, as continuous increases in greenhouse gas emissions are worsening extreme weather conditions all over the planet. The United Nations agency World Meteorological Organization has said that the symptoms and effects of the worst climate change, such as severe floods, heat waves, and droughts, have affected millions of people and caused billions of dollars in losses. They have further said that the extreme weather events occurring in 2022 have once again highlighted the clear need for further measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The organization has called for measures to adapt to climate change, including improving universal access to early warning systems for natural disasters. Although detailed global temperature data for 2022 will release in mid-January 2023, the World Meteorological Organisation says the last eight years were the warmest in known human history. It will also be the 10th year in a row that global warming has increased by at least one degree Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels and is likely to exceed the 1.5-degree limit set in the Paris Agreement.

The scenario of Indian economy



Yawer Hamid

Fire year plans commission might have been good as compared to Niti aayog. nevertheless, Over the past 76 years, India has made good achievements in economic development and become the world's fifth-largest economy (USA, China, Japan, Germany and India), India To Be World's 2nd Largest Economy By 2050. In addition The \$5 trillion dollar target can be achieved by 2026 as per official report. As for now India is

With a GDP of \$3.1 trillion. India's per capita net national income or NNI was around 150 thousand rupees in financial year 2022. India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth is estimated at 7% for 2022-23 on the back of a rebound in services and farm sectors but may face strong headwinds in the months ahead due to the geopolitical situation and possible recession in several countries across the globe. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also lowered India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for 2022-23 to 6.8% from the earlier 7.4%, citing the impact of a slowing global economy, stubborn inflation, rising interest rates and the Ukraine war.

Its experience in maintaining high economic growth has been to persist in opening up. It is quite commonplace to hear that India will be an economic superpower in a few decades. However, the current reality is far from it. One cannot deny the standard of living of our citizens. Based on 2022 population data, India has the largest number of poor people worldwide (228.9 million). India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita (at 2011 prices) for 2022 stands at just \$1,861.5 while the other BRICS nations.

Keeping in view, The beautiful decision of reform in an economy (IpG) under the regime of pm p.v narasimha Rao. In the past 30 years, India has pursued development with doors wide open, and made an impressive transition from being a largely closed society to one that's open to the world in all respects. Opening up has greatly unleashed India's productive forces, facilitated the free flow and efficient allocation of factors and resources at home

and abroad, promoted India's active integration into the global value chain, and pushed sustained and rapid economic development.

Meanwhile the time, India GDP has grown at an average annual rate of about 9.5%, and its foreign trade at 14.5%. The actual foreign capital utilisation is more than \$2 trillion, with outbound direct investment growing more than 40 times. All the while, it has been deeply integrated into the global production and value chain system.

India is not only the world's fifth largest economy, but also the largest industrial

accelerating domestic reforms, improving the business environment and adjusting the industrial structure, India's domestic industries have not only survived but have also become more competitive globally.

Speaking in favor Globalisation. It is a good trend. Countries should take advantage the opportunity, follow the trend, actively participate in bilateral and multilateral trade arrangements, and integrate into the international value chain. Every country should learn to swim while swimming, and ride the tides in the vast ocean of the world markets. Only after go-

multilateral trading system, oppose protectionism of all forms, promote global trade and investment liberalisation and facilitation, promote regional economic integration, and advocate an open world economy.

Openness is not only an idea, but also an action. It is reflected not only in ordinary but also in difficult times. At present, the Indian government and people are making all-out efforts to combat the unemployment youth and have taken comprehensive and rigorous prevention and control measures. As a responsible country, India's efforts are not only protecting the health of its own people, but also that of the people of the world, including India. The unemployment crises will eventually end, and India's positive economic trend will not change. It is important to take a long-term perspective. Countries should follow WHO recommendations, stay calm, strengthen cooperation, and keep imports and exports open. We should also resume and maintain trade and the movement of people, creating favourable conditions for greater openness and broader cooperation.

India's condition will be more than good as compare previous years in future. As a result, India's diplomatic standing is really good. India has not been involved in international conflicts and has even helped other countries in their critical condition of any kind. India also has a good international reach, it is the third largest contributor to UN Peacekeeping Forces worldwide.

In upcoming decade, as the country's economy and international trade grows strong, maybe India will get what it has been asking for a long time - a permanent seat in the UN Security Council. It would be India's biggest success in terms of diplomatic point of view.

On the other hand, unlike 1970s India, The country's foreign policy has been changed dramatically, India has maintained good relationships with its allies and even made some new allies. India has been strategic partner with USA and also keeps relations with Russia, China, Japan, Australia, Europe and other Middle east countries.

Relations with African countries and neighborhood countries as well as with south East Asian countries is improving, that is the major point which could establish India as a superpower in upcoming period.

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country, the largest foreign exchange reserve country, and the good contributor to global economic growth. Meantime, India has also explored a new path for the development of late developing countries. Openness brings progress, and is an indispensable for emerging economies. India's achievements in the last 30 odd years have confirmed this point, as have the development paths of some other Asian economies. Openness is also a prerequisite (something that must be gained in order to gain something else) for international economic and trade cooperation.

China and India have huge markets, complementary industrial structures, rapid economic development and broad prospects for cooperation. To promote bilateral trade and investment, maintaining balanced development of economic and trade cooperation is the right choice for both sides, and serves common interests. Opening up, however, may also bring many challenges. The Indian response has been to stay positive, gain correct understanding, dare to reform and turn crisis into opportunity. Over the past four decades, especially after Indira Gandhi's regime some domestic industries have suffered considerably. However, by

ing through storms can we improve our international competitiveness. India's high-quality development can only be carried out under more open conditions. BJP government (modi government) has repeatedly stressed that India's door to openness will not be closed, it will only open wider. Today, India continues to accelerate this pace, substantially easing market access, fully liberalising manufacturing, and creating a more attractive investment environment for fascinated countries. The country welcomes companies from all over the world to actively explore the booming India's market, and call on all countries to continue opening up their own markets.

Hence, unilateralism and protectionism have been on the rise, and multilateralism seriously impacted. As the world economy undergoes profound adjustments and changes, only by continuing to open up can countries benefit each other, achieve common prosperity and maintain sustainable development.

India's development is inseparable from the world, and the world needs India for continued prosperity. It is firmly committed to openness, inclusiveness and mutual benefit, and firmly upholds the

Lohri is an ancient mid winter festival



M S Nazki

The first festival of the new arrives and the chill would be over in no time, I mean the biting chill, fog and mist! "We thought that only cold was biting through Kashmir, but what is happening in Utrakhand is a new kind of winter which is all over Jashimath!" "But a new kind of cold has hit Jammu and Kashmir and it is terrible!" "Especially so for the children and the people, this cannot be eased off by the administration but they can ease of restrictions! The afternoon today was a welcome sign as the lord sun suddenly erupted through the frozen skies!" "But suddenly the hell froze over!" "Now the only hope in hell as it freezes over is the arrival of Lohri festival! Rains are predicted but weather men/women are clear about this is known as well as unknown!" "Lohri is a popular winter Punjabi folk festival celebrated primarily in Northern India. The significance and legends about the



Lohri festival are many and these link the festival to the Punjab region. "It is believed by many that the festival marks the passing of the winter solstice. Lohri marks the end of winter, and is a traditional welcome of longer days and the sun's journey to the northern hemisphere by people in the northern region of the Indian subcontinent. Many thought that it started today afternoon but it didn't!" It is

observed the night before Maghi, also known as Makar Sankranti, and according to the solar part of the lunisolar Vikrami calendar antypically falls about the same date every year (13 January)! "Lohri is an official holiday in Punjab, the Jammu region of Jammu and Kashmir (Now UT) and Himachal Pradesh. The festival is celebrated in Delhi and Haryana but is not a gazetted holiday. In all the-

seareas, the festival is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Christians and Muslims." "In Punjab, Pakistan it is not observed at official level, however Hindus and Sikhs and some Muslims observe the festival in rural Punjab and in the cities Faisalabad and Lahore." "Lohri is linked to the Vikrami calendar, and is celebrated the day before the festival of Maghi celebrated in the rest of India as Makar Sankranti. Lohri falls in the month of Paush and is set by the solarpal of the lunisolar Punjabi calendar and in most years it falls

around 13 January of the Gregorian calendar. "What the history says: Historical references to Lohri are mentioned by European visitors to the Lahore Darbar of Maharaja Ranjit Singh such as Wade who visited the Maharaja in 1832. Further reference is made by Captain Mackeson of Maharaja Ranjit Singh distributing suits of clothes and large sums of money as rewardson Lohri day in 1836." "The celebration of Lohri with the making of a huge bonfire at night is also noted in the royal court in 1844." "The accounts of Lohri celebration in royal circles do not discuss the origins of the festival. However, there is much folklore about Lohri. Lohri is the celebration of the arrival of longer days after the winter solstice." "According to folklore, in ancient times Lohri was celebrated at the end of the traditional month when winter solstice occurs.

DIVORCE RATE INCREASING IN INDIA: A MATTER OF CONCERN



By Vijay GarG

According to Hindu scriptures, marriage is a sacrament, but in the last few years, there has been a sharp rise in the trend of separation of young married couples. Although the divorce rate in India is less than two percent, the trend of divorce among Indian youth has been increasing rapidly. Not even a month into the marriage, the young couples knock on court doors with a divorce petition. But why? Why does a sacred institution like marriage is turning into a joke? I do not want to go too deep into this subject, but in view of the existing social structure, this is a matter of concern.

Commitment issues, family pressures, and lack of maturity are mainly responsible for the separation among young couples. In India, after a couple ties the knot, the daughter-in-law moves into her husband's house to live with his family. The family who was very amiable about the girl's job and aspirations, start singing a different tune soon after the marriage. They start having issues with the girl, her job, and her lifestyle

and try to bind her in the chains of social prejudices and regressive customs. Divorce cases are increasing among the youth; so undoubtedly, a large educated class is becoming a part of it. Mostly because the families try to control their

it creates issues between the married couple and the families.

Women also face the pressure to conceive early. Families often try to influence couples to start family planning. This also leads to arguments and depres-



daughter-in-law and her life. The families probably fail to understand that in this era, both the husband and wife are independent individuals and have separate incomes. They both need to be treated on equal grounds. So, when they start suppressing the daughter-in-law by asking her to do unnecessary household chores, forcing her to leave her job, etc,

sion. Needless to say, time contributes majorly to strengthening a relationship. In such a situation, when an independent girl who has lived life according to her terms till now, is asked to do every little thing to her in-laws, it creates a mental and emotional breakdown and weakens her relationship with her husband and family.

These are some of the issues that severely affect relationships. In such situations, we have to resolve the issues by ourselves. Parents need to be transparent about their wishes and expectations right from the beginning. While fixing the marriage of their son or daughter, they should all be open about the possible scenarios that may happen in the foreseeable future. I want to urge the boy's families to decide what they want in their daughter-in-law before marriage. If you want a working woman, then you need to accept her aspirations and vice versa. For the young couple, they should have enough time before marriage to understand the lifestyle of their would-be partner. Moreover, the pressure to have a baby can put an immense emotional strain on any couple. Families should not pressurize couples to conceive. Such kind of pressure can ruin relationships to the core.

Third and most important, couples need to find a common ground where they can share their problems and work on them. They should understand that apart from being husband and wife, they are individuals with their aspirations and dreams. Remember, a healthy relationship needs proper communication, compassion, understanding, and trust to survive.

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80K fine imposed on dumper owner in addition to crane lifting charges by DMO Kulgam

Kulgam, 12-Jan: DMO Kulgam imposes charges for crane lifting to Bagouda Dumper owner in addition to the compounding of offence of an amount of Rs Eighty thousand (Rs 80,000/-).

A Dumper was seized after the driver giving tough time to the team of officials of Mining in the midst of intervening night of 07-01-2023 and 08-01-2023 when the illegal material was being transported and the driver tried to flee the spot.

The driver used GPS system through Mobile Application to lock the vehicle that he parked on main road. The GPS application let the vehicle jammed which couldn't move an inch. DMO Kulgam along with the Flying Squad of Mining Department Kashmir in order to escape the apprehension of some collateral issues in the area tact-

fully managed a private crane to lift the jammed Dumper loaded with illegal Nallah Bajri.

The operation took the team more than Two hours which resulted in the Successful Seizure of the Vehicle. When contacted on phone DMO Kulgam, Dr Khurshid Ahmad said that the seizure of the vehicle in spite of Locking the vehicle through GPS application was the achievement because failure in the instant case could have passed a very bad message and encouraged the offenders. "Seizure of the vehicle jammed through GPS application will for sure discourage the illegal trends as this could have been the last hope with the offenders," added DMO Kulgam. While mentioning to Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohidin Bhat IAS has passed.

DC reviews status of Adhar Enrollment in Baramulla 125 Centers functional in district for Adhar Enrollment Saturation

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 12: To finalise the action plan for saturation of Aadhar cards and mandatory biometric updates in all age groups, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish today chaired a District Level Adhar Monitoring Committee at her office chamber, here.

On the occasion, Dr Sehrish held threadbare deliberation about mechanism to be adopted for Aadhaar saturation in all age groups and mandatory biometric update of children in the district.

During the meeting, Project Manager, UIDAI J&K UT Shoib Khan informed that Adhar Enrollment process stands at 90%, covering ten lakh population besides briefed about the status of Aadhar Seva Kendras operating in the district.

It was given out that District Administration Baramulla has intensified Aadhar enrolling and updation process for which 125 centers are functional across the district. It was also



deliberated that Tehsil Offices, Blocks, Educational institutions, delivery locations at hospitals are identified for Aadhar Enrollment saturation. The DC was also briefed on the

initiatives being undertaken to cover the age groups of 0-5 years, 5-18 years and above 18 years in the district.

Terming the Aadhaar enrolment a multi-agency process,

the DC called upon all concerned departments to saturate the remaining Aadhar Enrollment Process in the district besides launching mass awareness campaigns in their juris-

dictions to cover all population under Aadhar enrolment.

Dr Sehrish on the occasion said that Aadhar has a tremendous potential and scope in curbing cyber frauds. She urged the uncovered populace to get Aadhar enrolled as it is mandatory to avail benefits of various government schemes.

The officers of Education Department, Health, Social Welfare besides representatives of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) were present in the meeting. During the meeting, Project Manager, UIDAI J&K UT Shoib Khan informed that Adhar Enrollment process stands at 90%, covering ten lakh population besides briefed about the status of Aadhar Seva Kendras operating in the district.

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Functioning of Revenue department reviewed at Ganderbal



GANDERBAL, JANUARY 12: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani today chaired a meeting of revenue officers of the district to review overall functioning of the department. During the meeting, the ADC held a detailed review to various Revenue matters including RCCMS updation, Implementation of court orders, Removal of encroachment, Digitisation of Massavis, Migrant inventory 2022, Grievances, Online services Pendency, Scanning of certificates, Migrant land alienation cases and other issues. Tehsildars were asked to start anti encroachment drives in their respective tehsils and complete digitization massavis on war footing. During the meeting, the ADC gave necessary instructions to the Tehsildars for redressing grievances of people timely besides ensuring zero pendency of online services.

The ADC stressed for fixing accountability for the smooth functioning of the revenue department in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah, Tehsildars and other concerned officials of Revenue department.

DC Ramban reviews functioning of Revenue Department

RAMBAN, JANUARY 12: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam convened a meeting of senior officers in his office to review the functioning of the Revenue Department, here today.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal, ACR, Giasul-Haq, SDM, Gool Tanveer-ul-Majid, SDM Banihal, Zaheer Abass Bhat, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildar and other concerned attended the meeting.

Reviewing the status of Revenue Court Cases and other related issues, the DC directed the officers to speed up the disposal to settle the issues of the general public. The progress of digitization of Revenue records, including Massavis and issuance of Passbooks to land owners was also reviewed in detail. The DC directed the officers and officials to extend handholding to people to avail the benefit of online services being provided by the Revenue Department.

The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of the functioning of e-Office and asked the officers to take assistance from the NIC team for smooth functioning of the system.

The DC also reviewed the progress on the removal of encroachments from State land, Kahcharai, Common land and the expunging of entries from the Revenue record. He also reviewed the status of attestation of Mutation, issuance of Domicile Certificates, disposal of SRO 43 cases, relief cases under SDRF, and vacancy positions at various levels.

While reviewing the status of the disposal of complaints and grievances both online and offline, the DC directed the officers to ensure the implementation of the Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) in their officers to further improve the public delivery system.

The SDMs were advised to organize meetings with subordinate sectoral officers, besides paying frequent visits to different areas in their respective jurisdictions to resolve public issues.

Excavator among six dumpers seized in Kathua for illegal mining

KATHUA JANUARY 12: A team of Geology and Mining department, headed by District Mineral Officer Kathua today seized a heavy excavator machine and four Dumpers from Bani Nallah besides 2 more dumpers at Ding Amb involved in illegal mining and illegal transportation of minerals.

As informed by DMO Kathua, the action was taken on the complaint lodged by PRI members about illegal mining by stone crusher in Bani Nallah.

"The excavator had excavated and lifted a total of 3300 MT of Nallah muck below the water level thereby causing serious loss to water body and land on the both sides of Nallah. The huge sum of penalty was calculated for the pits and excavated material", the DMO informed.

He further said that the seized machines and dumpers have been kept in the custody of Police Station Bani and Chadwal Kathua till realization of penalty from violators,

DDC Chairman reviews developmental scenario in Rajouri district

RAJOURI, JANUARY 12: Chairperson, District Development Council Rajouri, Chowdhary Naseem Liyaqat today presided over a meeting of the Council and took a comprehensive review of the developmental scenario in the district.

Among the others present in the meeting were Vice Chairperson DDC, Shabir Khan; DDC Member Nowshera, Manohar Singh; DDC Member Dhargri, Rameshwar Singh; DDC Member Thanamandi, Abdul Qayoom Mir, DDC Member Sunderbani, Rajinder Sharma; BDC Rajouri, Darbar Chowdhary; BDC Seri, Neena Sharma; BDC Sunderbani, Arun Sharma and BDC Moughla, Surekha Kotewal.

The Officers present in the meeting were ADDC/CEO DDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Nowshera, Kartar Singh; ADC Kalakote, Krishan Lal; PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; ACD, Vijay Kumar; DSWO, Waqel Ahmed Bhatt; AD Planning, Mohd Rafi and other concerned officers.

During the meeting, the DDC Chairman took a comprehensive review of the physical and financial progress of different departments under various schemes and sought up to date status in this regard.

While speaking in the meeting, the DDC Chairman directed the officers to make extra efforts to provide the public with the best possible relief by providing them with all basic amenities.

He also directed them to make endeavours aimed to ensure prompt execution of



works and holistic development of the district and asked them to work with utmost dedication in taking the district forward in developmental front.

The Chairman also asked them to be proactive towards the public grievances and try their best to redress all the genuine grievances of the public in a time bound manner.

He also asked the officers to publicize their Welfare schemes and programs and ensure that all eligible beneficiaries of the district are covered under the same. He also laid thrust on speeding up the pace of execution to complete the works in a time bound manner.

The Chairman also exhorted the concerned departments to remove bottlenecks to ensure the completion of works within the set timelines and directed the officers to put in best efforts for maximum utilization of funds under different schemes.

DC Poonch reviews arrangements for Republic Day celebrations

POONCH, JANUARY 12: To review the arrangements for Republic Day (R-Day) celebrations and full dress rehearsal, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Poonch on Thursday chaired a meeting of concerned officers at Dak-bunglow Poonch.

The meeting discusses various measures to be taken up in view of forthcoming Republic day and various preparations to be done by departments.

The meeting was told that the Republic Day celebrations will begin with playing of Shehnai Vadan at designated places by the Information Department in the wee hours.

The DC directed all the concerned departments to make fool proof arrangements for R-Day celebration and Full dress rehearsal.

He asked the officers to play an active role and work in coordination for the grand celebration besides making all ar-



rangements with responsibility. The DC asked the security agencies to ensure fool proof security at all venues and also a detailed discussion were also held on various issues regarding seating arrangements, barricading, security, traffic regulation, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, PAS, fire-tenders, Media gallery etc.

The contingents of Police, CRPF, JKP, JKPQRT Commando, Home Guard, NCC from degree college

Poonch besides Police Band will be the part of celebration. The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Rohit Baskotra, Additional District Development Commissioner Poonch, Malikzada Sheraz Ul Haq, Additional Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Tahir Mustafa Malik, CEO Tourism, Dr. Mohammad Tanveer, Gen. Manager DIC, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Assistant Commissioner Resident Poonch, Zaheer Ahmed.

Multi-pronged approach needed to minimize post harvest losses, strengthen economic condition of farming community: Dir Agri Kashmir

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 12: Orientation cum training on Food Processing programme for the development of clusters for specific products of J&K was today inaugurated by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal at Directorate of Agriculture Lalmandi, Srinagar.

The training programme was attended by the Deputy Director Agriculture (Ext) Mohammad Syeed peer, resources persons, nodal officers and officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, JKHPMC and other allied departments.

Speaking to the participants of the training programme, Director Agriculture reiterated the importance of minimizing the post harvest losses to different crops. He said the losses to different crops because of various reasons causes huge economic losses to the agriculture economy.

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Thread bare discussion was held on the implementation of the project wherein stakehold-

ers provided feedback and suggestions on the various aspects of the programme.

MD JKHPMC, Shafat Sultan took question via virtual mode and participated in the discussion with the participants of the programme. Speaking to the participants of the training programme, Director Agriculture reiterated the importance of minimizing the post harvest losses to different crops. He said the losses to different

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Police organises Thana Diwas at various Police establishments across Kashmir valley

Srinagar, As a part of public outreach programme and an initiative by the Government of J&K, Police organized 'Thana Diwas' at various Police establishments across the Kashmir valley.

The programmes were chaired by the District/Zonal heads in their respective jurisdictional areas. These meetings were attended by respectable citizens, civil society members, Numberdars, Chowkidars, representatives of Traders Federation, Transporters, Aqaf Committees, Panchs and Sarpanches. Besides, police officers and officials were also present on these occasions.

In these events, the participants highlighted various issues of public importance and they were assured by the chairing officers that their genuine grievances pertaining to police will be resolved on priority and that of civil administration will be taken up with the concerned departments for their early redressal. Besides, the grievances were

heard patiently and were segregated on the basis of area of action and jurisdiction. While speaking on these occasions, the chairing officers reiterated that the main aim of organising 'Thana Diwas, is to improve efficiency, transparency and accountability in policing at grass-root level and to develop confidence among the people. The participants were impressed upon to co-operate with Police in maintaining Law & Order and crime free atmosphere in their respective areas.

The participants were also stressed upon to co-operate with Police in curbing the drug menace and in identifying anti-national and anti-social elements who always try to disrupt the peaceful environment.

The participants appreciated the role of police for conducting such interaction meetings and assured their full support & cooperation in curbing the menace of social evils of the society.

DIG CKR held a security review meeting in view of up-coming Republic Day-2023 celebrations in Ganderbal

Ganderbal: DIG CKR Shri Sujit Kumar-IPS chaired a security review meeting with the Police, Army & CAPF officers at DPO Ganderbal and also reviewed a high level security arrangement meeting for upcoming Republic Day-2023 celebrations.

The meeting was attended by DIG North CRPF Shri Jaidev Kesri, DIG SSB Shri HBK Singh, SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS, CO 115 Bn CRPF Shri Sushant Kumar, CO 118 Bn CRPF S.S Yadav, CO 49 Bn CRPF Shri Raj Kumar Nigam, CO SSB Adhoc3 Shri Amrinder Kumar, ASP Ganderbal Shri Feroz Yeyha-JKPS, DySP DAR Ganderbal Shri Muzaffar Jan-JKPS, DySP Hqrs Ganderbal Shri Gh Hassan. Besides, other officers of Police and CAPF were also present on the occasion.

During the meeting, DIG CKR solicited the inputs from participating officers related to the security situation having ramifications upon the celebrations of

upcoming Republic Day in the district. The participating officers were advised to activate the available resources for generating intelligence having any bearing on the security situation in the district especially on account of Republic Day so that the same shall be dealt with in time.

DIG CKR directed the supervisory officers to remain present and alert in their respective jurisdictions and keep sufficient reserve QRTs available round the clock to deal with any emergency situation. He further stressed for proper coordination among all the intelligence agencies, Army and CAPF in their respective areas for smooth and incident free conduct of the National event.

The meeting was concluded with the assurance from the participating officers that the directions imparted to them will be put up on ground level in letter and spirit.

JJM orientation program held for PRIs & Officials at Doda

DODA, JANUARY 12: An orientation programme on Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was organised today here in the conference hall of DC office Doda.

The program was presided over by superintending Engineer Hydraulic circle Doda. The programme was attended by Xen Ground water hand pumps Doda, IEC Consultant, Executive Engineer and other Officers of Jal Shakti Department.

The IEC consultant explained the aims, objectives and responsibilities of PRIs, Pani Samitis and Nodal persons in the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission. The resource persons of Jal Shakti department Doda has given the training of Water testing with FTK to the panchayat nodal persons in the orientation program.

The importance of Water sanitation and hygiene was discussed in length during the day long orientation programme.

Furthermore, the rain water harvesting and grey water management was also explained in detail. Hands-on orientation was imparted to the participants on the steps to be taken for resolving the water crisis. The procedure to nominate skilled persons was also discussed in the program.

Superintending Engineer Hydraulic Circle Doda, emphasized on quality construction, operation and maintenance of the JJM schemes..

Road Safety Week, MVD organises awareness camp at Bhandarwah

RAMBAN, JANUARY 12: Additional District Magistrate Ramban, Harbans Lal Sharma, under the aegis of the District Magistrate Ramban, Mussarat Islam, today chaired a meeting to review the details of explosive materials available and consumed by the concessionaire companies of NHAI and Railways for the execution of national projects in Ramban.

Among other Assistant Commissioner of Revenue, Gias Ul-Haq, Dy. SP, Waqar Bhat, other concerned officers, and representatives of concessionaire companies attended the meeting.

Reviewing the status of explosive materials used and available with the concessionaire companies since, December 01, 2022 to till date from Northern Railway, IRCON, NHAI, and signatories of the construction companies executing various prestigious projects in the district, the ADM asked all the stakeholders to ensure implementation of orders and guidelines while stocking, transportation and using the explosive materials for construction purpose at their construction areas.

Awareness program held in GDC Samba to mark National Youth Day



SAMBA, JANUARY 12: Under the able aegis of NALSA and as per the Action Plan issued by Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority for the month of January, 2023 and also under able guidance and supervision of Sonia Gupta, Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Samba (Pr. District and Sessions Judge), District Legal Services Authority, Samba today observed "National Youth Day" with the theme (2023) "Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat (Developed Youth - Developed India)" by organizing an Awareness program at Government Degree College, Samba, wherein Hitesh Sharma, Panel Advocate, District Legal Services Authority Samba acted as a resource person who deliberated upon the theme and importance of the Day.

He also focused on the difficulties experienced by the youths throughout the world. The main objective of the program is to keep the ideals of the Swami Vivekanand alive and motivate young people to promote awareness of the people's rights and to provide information about them and offers a platform to honor the qualities of youth and the potential that they hold towards development of a nation and the world as a whole.

The proceedings of the whole program also got conducted by Panel Advocate Hitesh Sharma and vote of thanks was conveyed by Ashok Bhagat, Vice-Principal, Government Degree College Samba.

The program was attended by Vibhuti Ubbott, Assistant Professor, other faculty members, staffs and students of the Govt. Degree College Samba and also Para Legal Volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority Samba.

Registration begins for Navodaya Class 6 Entrance Exam

Jan 31, 2023 last-date, exam on April 29, 2023

KATHUA JANUARY 12: The Registration for Navodaya Entrance Exam for admission to Class VI for the Academic Year-2023-24 has been started by NVS (Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti).

As communicated by Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Basohli, the online registration for appearing in the JNV selection test for class VI is being done through online portal for which the link is available on NVS website <http://navodaya.gov.in/> and the last date to submit the application is 31st January, 2023 and the Navodaya Selection Tests for the session 2023-24 is scheduled to be held on 29th April 2023.

Students of district Kathua interested to take admission in Class VI shall avail this opportunity by registering on JNV website for JNV Selection Test before the last date i.e 31st January 2023.

MVD Samba acts tough against road encroachers; removes obstructions, illegally parked vehicles

SAMBA, JANUARY 12: As a part of ongoing Road Safety Week 2023 MVD Samba today launched a drive to clear road crossings and remove illegal obstructions, idly parked vehicles along NH in Samba town.

Speaking on Occasion, ARTO Rehana Tabassam said that any kind of distraction or obstruction to normal traffic is being removed along all roads as these are potential causes for accidents and fatalities.

Addressing the locals, drivers, she said that analysis of fatalities due to accidents revealed that these mainly occurred either due to careless, inattentive, over-speeding or due to non wearing of helmet. "So by mending one's behaviour towards road safety the target of minimizing annual death rate can be reduced," she added. She said that before enforcing stringent measures, initiatives are being made to motivate all stakeholders to join the drive and play a proactive role in saving precious lives.

DDC Chairman reviews progress of works under District Capex Budget, DDC, BDC, PRI components

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Jammu Bharat Bhushan today reviewed the progress of works proposed under District Capex Budget 2022-23 including DDC, BDC, PRI components here at a meeting attended by Deputy Commissioner, Avny Lavasa and DDC Vice Chairman, Suraj Singh.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner gave a detailed powerpoint presentation about the progress made so far. She appraised that total 4081 works have been approved under the District Capex Budget 2022-23 in respect of Jammu district out of which 310 are under DDC plan, 274 works under BDC plan, 3278 under PRI plan and 219 under UT component.

She informed that out of 3278 works under PRI components, estimates of 3168 have been prepared, 3161 tendered, 3006 allotted, 1926 have been completed. Similarly, under the DDC component, out of 310 works, estimates of 291 have been prepared, 290 tendered, 267 allotted and 162 have been completed. Likewise, under BDC component, out 274 works, estimates of 266 have been prepared and 261 tendered, 233 allotted and 165 have been completed.

It was further informed that out of 219 works proposed under UT component, estimates of 219 works have been prepared, 218 tendered, 201 allotted and 124 are completed.



Regarding physical and financial status of works being executed under RDD, it was informed that out of 3731 proposed works, 2845 were taken up and 2167 works stand completed so far.

Speaking on the occasion, DDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan issued strict directions to the departments to expedite the pace of progress, complete all the pending works and utilise full funds under

DDC, BDC and PRI components.

The DDC Chairman stressed on the concerned authorities to take all possible measures to accelerate the pace of various ongoing works on different projects for their time-bound completion. He further asked the officers to focus on execution and completion of works without any delay.

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Nagrota, Joginder Singh; DDC Bishnah, Dharminder Kumar; DDC Bhalwal, Bhushan Bral; DDC Arnia, Surekha Devi; DDC Miran Sahib, Vidhya Mohan; DDC R.S Pura, Prof. Garhu Ram Bhagat; ADDC, Ramesh Kumar; CPO, Yoginder Katoch; ACD Preeti Sharma, BDOs, BMOs, along with district officers and other staff members of concerned departments were present in the meeting. It was further informed that out of 219 works proposed under UT component, estimates of 219 works have been prepared, 218 tendered, 201 allotted and 124 are completed.

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PCCF discusses operationalization of policy on "Sustainable Collection and Utilization of NTFP in J&K"

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: A meeting on operationalization of policy on "Sustainable Collection and Utilization of NTFP in J&K" was held today at Forest Complex Van Bhawan, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of J&K & HoFF/ Chairman J&K Biodiversity Council.

Dr. Mohit Gera, in his opening remarks, appraised that the new policy sanctioned by the Government of J&K is a landmark reform towards conservation, sustainable collection and utilization of forest produce and will enhance the livelihood opportunities of the forest dependent communities including tribal. The PCCF & HoFF also highlighted the role of Democratic / Statutory Institutions especially the Biodiversity Management Committees and their empowerment through this progressive policy.

The Forest department being the Nodal Agency for the implementation of



the policy has a key role to play in collaboration with J&K Rural Livelihood Mission, Department of Tribal Affairs and J&K Skill Development Mission which includes value addition, value chain creation and development of market linkages. During the meeting a detailed discussion was held with the stakeholder departments regarding the operational strategy as mentioned in the policy for involving local communities in sustainable collection and utilization of NTFP. Dr. Gera, also shared that a committee has been constituted by the Forest Department to notify the areas that can be taken up

for sustainable collection and utilization of specific NTFP for the year 2023-24 and informed that J&K Forest Development Corporation shall provide the electronic platform for the NTFP aggregators and Traders.

Indu Kanwal Chib, Mission Director, Rural Livelihood Mission, J&K highlighted the role played by JKRLM in generating livelihood avenues of the people through SHGs and made a detailed presentation on the various initiatives taken to generate livelihood and extended her full support for the implementation of the new policy at the grass root level by involving these.

JKPCC hosts Interactive Workshop on "Technological Options for Waste Management"

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: A one day interactive workshop on "Technological Options for Waste Management (Solid Waste, Dairy Waste & Poultry Waste)" was held today here in the conference hall of Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee.

The objective of the workshop was to have an interaction with concerned stakeholders and share various technological options available for waste management in J&K including Solid Waste, Dairy Waste & Poultry Waste and to have a common platform for discussion among the regulators and implementing agencies to ensure implementation of the respective Rules and Guidelines notified by CPCB and directions issued by Hon'ble NGT from time to time and stressed for an integrated approach towards waste management by all ULBs as well as Village Panchayats in letter and spirit.

Regional Director, JK-PCC, Sat Paul welcomed all the participants and



briefed about the objective of the interactive workshop.

Dr. Neelu Gera, Chairperson, JKPC in her address stressed upon adopting innovative waste to energy ideas to ensure efficient management of specific types of waste in accordance with standard norms laid under relevant Rules and Guidelines notified by CPCB and directions issued by Hon'ble NGT from time to time and stressed for an integrated approach towards waste management by all ULBs as well as Village Panchayats in letter and spirit.

K. Ramesh Kumar, Member Secretary JKPC informed the gathering that decentralized waste management specifically for wet waste, dairy and poultry waste should be preferred over transportation of such waste to waste processing facilities to promote Source Waste Management / Community Waste Management by involving self help groups and NGOs.

Roop Krishan Shukla, Zonal Manager North India, Maple Orgtech India Ltd., Kolkata gave a detailed presentation regarding use of Effective Microbes technology for Source Waste Management in a scientific.

JKTPO organized webinar on "Building Successful Startup from J&K" on National Youth Day

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) organized a webinar for StartUps, students & entrepreneurs on "Building Successful Startup from J&K". J&K own successful StartUp founder Ms. Ridhima Arora was Guest speaker/Expert on the occasion. StartUp activities resonate with youth and their spirit, and this webinar coinciding with National Youth Day making it more special.

The objective of this webinar was to spread J&K StartUp Success Stories among J&K based startup founders, aspiring entre-

preneurs, students and making them aware of Challenges and opportunities for StartUp ideas in J&K and how to overcome challenges and utilize opportunities in order to succeed as a StartUp founder and raising funds from outside world to validate StartUp ideas and business models. Ridhima Arora, is Founder of StartUp "Namhya Foods" for making healthy food items with herbs and ayurvedic ingredients. Namhya Foods is trying to rebuild the natural way of eating with goodness of Indian herbs and natural ingredients. Namhya is an effort to bring

back the golden heritage of long forgotten basic Indian foods that blend with today's lifestyle. They have already touched more than 5 million people in just three years of existence. Namhya Foods has been covered on platforms like Shark Tank India, Josh Talks, TEDx, Better India, Your story, Business World Inc 42, Global Change Makers 2021 Google (As Digital Awards Winners).

Ridhima Arora talked about her StartUp journey as a founder and shared her thoughts, experience on the theme of webinar. She shared the sales and marketing

strategy for startups and how startups can avail benefits of digital commerce through own websites and platforms like, Amazon, Big Basket, etc

She also shared strategy of building brand and how to make your brand global. She spoke about focusing on StartUp idea, fulfilling customer needs, quality and advised participants not to start a venture for the limelight and attention it gets.

She spoke about strategy to raise funds by startups. She shared her real life experience about how female founders face questions about marital status, children, .

Reasi farmers encouraged to avail benefits of PMFME Scheme

REASI, JANUARY 12: An awareness programme on PMFME Scheme was conducted at Sub division agriculture office Reasi. More than 40 farmers including unemployed youth participated in the camp. The Programme was inaugurated by chief Agriculture Officer, (DNO PMFME), Harbans Singh, in presence of Director RSETI Nem Kumar; Sarpanch Bhabber Bodh Raj and Panches of the area.

The Chief Agriculture officer gave a detailed presentation on the scheme and enjoined upon the youth to set up micro food processing units of Spices grinding as the area is best suited for ginger, turmeric and garlic cultivation. He said Chilly powder packing & mar-

keting, garlic paste etc are the best alternative to monkey menace affecting the farming of traditional crops in the block. He elaborated the eligibility and terms of subsidy, interest and other related details of the scheme.

The District Resource Person also addressed the farmers and elaborated the steps in implementation of the scheme by encouraging the youth of the area.

Vikas Sharma, AEO Reasi also spoke about the various schemes of the department. SMS Horticulture, DL Rajinder Magotra explained the schemes of his department. An Officer from the excise department also participated in the camp.

NAAC, HED organize awareness programme for Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir

JAMMU, JANUARY 12: The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bengaluru, in collaboration with Higher Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir organized NAAC awareness programme for colleges of the UT at PSPS Government P.G. College for Women Gandhinagar here. The event, being coordinated by Government College for Women Parade, was aimed at to create awareness among the participants about NAAC guidelines. Principal Secretary, Education Department, Alok Kumar was the chief guest on the occasion.

Alok Kumar congratulated and appreciated the organizers

for holding such an informative workshop on NAAC awareness. "We must not focus on mere grading but there should be a continuous endeavor towards maintaining quality of education", he asserted.

He emphasized that we must keep striving for further improvement in the existing education system through modern era technological innovations.

Deputy Advisors NAAC, Pratibha Singh and S Srinivasa; Senior Communication Cum Publication Officer NAAC, Dr. Wahidul Hasan; Director Colleges, Dr. Yasmeen Ashai and other senior officials were present during the event. The programme was also at-



tended by the Principals, IQAC Coordinators and faculty members of various colleges of J&K. Dr. Pratibha Singh discussed the agenda of this workshop on NAAC saying that accred-

itation was the benchmark of quality. She emphasized that the educational institutions must accommodate changes according to the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, and work to phase out of affiliation system and strive to become autonomous institutions.

Dr. Yasmeen Ashai, gave a detailed introduction about the objective behind organizing this informative event. She applauded the Higher Education Department for successful transition to NEP 2020 and emphasized that the College should have a robust Internal Quality Assurance Committee to meet the quality parameters put forth by the NAAC. She said

that good institutions produce good products so the colleges must focus on self-assessment and improvement.

Dr. S P Saraswat, Nodal Principal, Jammu Division Colleges, highlighted how NAAC and the accreditation process help to assess the performance of institutions.

Dr. Khurshid Ahmed Khan, Nodal Principal, Kashmir Division colleges presented vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

In the second session, proceedings of the event continued with the technical events.

The sessions concluded with vote of thanks by P.S. Rakwal, Principal MAM College.

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POULTRY

produce and raw material which has become a cause for concern and puts the local poultry industry at a disadvantage.

To put the poultry sector on the path of sustainability and self-reliance the Agriculture Production Department has approved a 'Roadmap for poultry development in J&K' under its mission for Holistic Development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in the UT. "Every year the UT experiences a flight of capital on account of poultry imports to the tune of Rs. 1273 Cr. Among these table eggs account for Rs. 473 Cr, day old chicks for Rs. 110 Cr, poultry feed worth Rs. 300 Cr and broiler birds for Rs. 390 Cr", said Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary APD. The ACS said that this flight however, can also be viewed as an opportunity for generating local enterprises and creating jobs for our educated youth for which various interventions under the project are being implemented. He added that a total of 420 enterprises and 4250 direct jobs are being created under this project over the next five years. "Roadmap for poultry development in J&K" is one among the 29 projects approved by the Jammu and Kashmir administration after being recommended by the UT Level Apex Committee for holistic development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in UT. The prestigious committee is headed by Dr Mangala Rai, Former DG ICAR and has other luminaries in the field of Agriculture, Planning, Statistics & Administration like Ashok Dalwai, CEO NRAA; Dr. P. K Joshi, Secretary, NAAS; Dr. Prabhakar Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner MOA & FW; Dr. H. S Gupta, Former Director, IARI; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, APD J&K, apart from the Vice Chancellors of the twin Agriculture Universities of the UT. The project is expected to transform the Agriculture sector of Jammu and Kashmir with specific focus on poultry industry also. "The project encompasses all the three verticals in the poultry industry including producing day-old broiler chicken to feed the broiler industry, establishing layer farms in intensive and free-range mode to meet the demands for eggs and boost quality feed manufacturing through establishment of feed processing units", said Dr Azmat Alam Khan, Professor, Poultry Sciences, SKUAST-K. Currently the UT imports 440 lakh day old chicks every year worth Rs 110 crores. The birds are transported for over two days which creates stress and decreases their productivity. This takes toll on the economy of the farmer too who has to spend more to counter this stress, thus increasing his cost of production and reducing competitiveness of his produce.

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and Chowkidars before the 26th of this month. He also told them to identify those whose performance is not up to mark and replace them with young and enthusiastic persons as per the relevant rules and acts.

The Chief Secretary further enjoined upon the District Administration to work in close coordination with them so that the requisite flow of information from villages is prompt and hassle free. He suggested them to create a WhatsApp group of all of these basic field workers so that they are able to bring their suggestions/grievances directly to the administration.

Putting emphasis on the cleanliness of all villages, the Chief Secretary enquired from DCs about the measures taken by them to ensure door to door collection of waste and removal of legacy waste in each of them. He said that each village should look substantially cleaner than before. He told them to include the locals and PRI's in these activities for their sustainability for long. He stated that keeping both our houses and surroundings clean should be our way of life.

Dr Mehta observed that peace is priority over all other things as it ensures safety of lives and livelihoods of people. He made out that it has more stakeholders and guarantees better dividends for everyone. He asked them to give it more consideration and make it a daily affair for the benefit of every citizen of the UT. He remarked that being One Nation, One People, every citizen has a role to play. He advised them to adopt a whole of society approach by making the task all inclusive and effective.

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Village Defence Committees (VDCs) in Rajouri district as demanded by the locals there in the wake of January 1 attack in which seven civilians including two minors lost their lives. The locals of Dhangri, Rajouri in their memorandum submitted to LG Manoj Sinha had demanded strengthening of VDCs on the lines of Doda district and covering the entire district under strict CCTV surveillance. The locals had also demanded patrolling of Army on vital roads and protection of temples in the district—

ARMY

and air-drop weapons etc

Replying to a query about drone challenges, he said that the army has procured drone jammers and other equipment to counter the air-dropping of weapons, ammunition and drugs. "The efficacy of such equipment is great," he said—

LABOURS

time being as a precautionary measure and the residents were advised to stay indoors and not to venture out unnecessarily, the official said.

Meanwhile, in an effort to ensure the safety of workers in the Baltal area, Additional District Development Commissioner Ganderbal Mushtaq Ahmad, while talking exclusively to said that all workers have been shifted to safer places.

According to Ahmad, 1275 workers employed by the company have been relocated so far. The ADDC provided an update on the retrieval of two missing workers. He said the bodies of the missing workers were located through the use of one worker's mobile phone.

"We were tracking both the workers since we received the missing report, and around the evening we were successful in tracking one of the workers through his mobile phone. Soon after some time we retrieved another body, and hence both the missing dead bodies were retrieved," he said.

Despite the unfortunate circumstances, Mushtaq emphasised that all rescued individuals are safe and the situation is being closely monitored. The cause of the workers' disappearance is currently under investigation, he added.

This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of safety measures for workers in potentially hazardous areas. The district administration has assured the public that they are taking all necessary steps to ensure the well-being of workers in the area.

WEATHER

Western Disturbance would affect Jammu & Kashmir on January 19 and predicted dry weather conditions from January 14-18 in the Union Territory.

Deputy Director of Meteorological department (MeT),

Dr Mukhtar Ahmad while sharing the details of forecast, said that there is a possibility of light snowfall and rains at many places across Jammu & Kashmir on January 13 (tomorrow). He, however, said that the weather would remain mainly dry between January 14-January 18. Furthermore, he said that a fresh Western disturbance would affect J&K on January 19-20 and predicted a fall in the night temperature from January 14 again.

Pertinently, several areas of Kashmir continued to receive fresh snowfall today. The areas include Machil, Sadhna Top and other places—(KNO)

CAP

"Now we have started giving Karakuli caps a new pattern and design due to which it is being used by young people as well and it's demand on rise", he said.

Its material is being brought from different countries like Scotland and here new items are being made, he said, adding that these caps were being used by roys only as people were not in position to buy it that is why it is known as Royal cap of Kashmir. The caps which are being made here are being sold from Rs 5000-Rs15000 and now young generation is loving to use these caps, he said. Riyaz Ahmad Shah (55) another cap maker from same area said that his family has been associated with cap making from last one century.

Though our children don't have any interest in cap making, however, with new patterns and designs, Karakuli has good demand if it is being made well, he said.

Notably, the term Karakuli comes from the 'Karakul' breed of sheep, which is native to Central or Western Asia. This cap is made from the wool of sheep and goats. This cap made from the skin of a Karakul lamb with soft fur, curly texture, a velvety feel and a glossy sheen are very popular in Kashmir—(KNO)

RESCUES

vehicles due to sudden snowfall. Accordingly, the police party of Police Station Khanshabad facilitated 34 tourists up to Yarikhah and provided them necessary assistance, police said. Meanwhile, Police station Khanshabad received a distress call that one lady from Shenni Pora area of Khanshabad had developed labour issues and needs to be shifted to SDH Hospital Khanshabad immediately but due to snowfall and slippery conditions of the road, they are not able to carry patient to hospital. Accordingly, the police team of Police Station Khanshabad was deputed and the lady was brought to SDH hospital Khanshabad safely.

Meanwhile, locals as well as tourists expressed their gratitude towards the police for timely assistance—(KNO)

KUPWARA

tourism map by highlighting its tourist destinations, culture, cuisine and local produce. "Special arrangements are being made to accommodate the rush of tourists and local people in the carnival which will be organized by the administration for the first time during this season," he said, adding that the event will see the participation of both the local and foreign guests. He also said that the SnowMobile, ice-skating, trekking expeditions, musical events and other snow sports activities will be the main attraction and part of this Winter Carnival which is seen as an opportunity by the local enthusiasts to learn, engage and explore. He also said that the local people will be given the opportunity to play as many parts as possible in this carnival and will be given the opportunity to work with administration so that they can earn employment for themselves. The official said that the winter carnival is the first of its kind to promote tourism and to revive and preserve the culture and heritage of this frontier district. Besides, it aims at reviving, promoting and preserving the tourism in the district, unique traditional games, culture and cuisine, especially the customs of the local population—

YOUTUBE

stitutional functionaries including the President of India, Chief Justice of India. The channels are part of a fake news economy that thrives on monetization of fake news. The channels use fake, clickbait and sensational thumbnails and images of television news anchors of TV Channels to mislead the viewers to believe that the news was authentic and drive traffic to their channels in order to monetize the videos published by them. This is the second such action by the PIB Fact Check Unit. In an earlier major action, on 20th December, 2022, the Unit had exposed three channels peddling fake news—

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UT Administration for taking various measures for the welfare of the employees from minority community. The Lt Governor reiterated the government's commitment towards ensuring a safe and secure environment for the minority employees posted in Kashmir division and assured them of continuous support. We are sensitive to the issues of employees of minority communities and committed to resolve their grievances on priority, he added.

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all the awardees for their achievement and bringing laurels to the organization. He said that the professionalism and dedication of JKP is being recognised in different fields. He hoped that every recognition by the Government will continue to boost the morale of JKP officers & officials. He has thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor J&K and the government for recognising the work of JKP officers and Jawans time and again. Pertinent to mention here that the award is given to recognize the importance of training and trainers in Police organization and making training a respectable assignment, also to promote the quality of training in Police training institutes in the Country—

Patients, attendants suffer in absence of medicine shops, overhead bridge at new children hospital

Srinagar, Jan 12): Patients as well as attendants are facing immense hardships in absence of medicine shops, Zebra crossing and overhead bridge outside 500-bed Children Hospital at Bemina in Srinagar. Several attendants told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that patients along with attendants visiting the Children hospital in Bemina are facing inconvenience in absence of overhead footbridge and zebra crossing outside the hospital. They said that there is no medical shop outside the hospital and attendants are forced to go near SKIMS hospital Bemina for medicines. An attendant said that the lack of overhead footbridge and Zebra crossing is compelling people to cross the road amid huge traffic, posing risk to their lives. It is also difficult for ambulances to reach the hospital in case of emergencies as these have to take a U-turn two kilometres ahead of the hospital, attendants said. Also, the hospital has no sarai for patients or their attendants. Medical Superintendent Children Hospital Bemina Dr Nazir Choudhary told KNO that Jan Ashuddhi store is working while the hospital.

CEO SMVDSB joins Ramakrishna Mission in Celebration of National Youth Day



Jammu, January 12: National Youth Day was today celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu and local school children at the Vivekananda Auditorium in the mission premises at Udhewala, Jammu.

The celebration was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. The programme started with Aarti Pujan and chanting Vedic paths by the monks.

In his opening remarks, Chief Guest Anshul Garg said that Swami Vivekananda believed that if human beings are persistent enough, they have the potential to overcome any hurdle, when he said, "Arise! Awake! And stop not until the goal is reached". This is a golden teaching by Swami Vivekananda where he insisted that persistence is the only key to success, he added.

While acknowledging the unparalleled emotional connection with the Ramakrishna Mission, he lauded the mission for emphasizing the importance of blending tradition with modernity. He said that the hallmark of Vivekananda's doctrine is that while it is deeply embedded in India's past heritage, at the same time, it envisages the vision of future India several decades ahead. He also exemplified the 1893 World Parliament of Religions in Chicago where Vivekananda represented and delivered his famous sayings on self-confidence, education and success, religion, and many more. Terming Youth as one of the greatest demographic dividend, the Chief Guest observed that about 50 percent of the population of India is below the age of 30 years and are capable of producing nectar of growth and development for the country in the next 25 years termed as Amritkaal by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Chief Guest who is also Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB quoted Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Gurukul which was conceptualized as a project by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board with the aim of promoting traditional Sanskrit / Vedic knowledge in tandem with conventional education where the students studying from class 6th to Shastri in fully residential institution are being provided education, boarding, lodging, books, uniforms etc. by the Shrine Board totally free of cost. He said that the Shrine Board under the chairmanship of Hon'ble LG is committed towards promotion of Sanskrit language and sanatana dharma through institutes like SMVD Gurukul. The Guest of Honour on the occasion was Suraj Singh Rathore, Chief Education Officer, Jammu, besides, graced by Shri Suresh Kumar Sharma, President, Managing Committee, Ramakrishna Mission, Jammu and Member, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board. The Vote of thanks was given by Swami Yajnandharananda ji, Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission's Jammu Ashram.

A gathering of about 450 persons including students, faculty from various schools, devotees and local people were present for the celebration at Vivekananda Auditorium. An impressive presentation of Bhajans, Stuti and lectures by the students were among the main highlights of the event. The Chief Guest also felicitated the students who have excelled in various extra-curricular activities during the event.

Executive Committee CAMPA finalises Annual Plan of Operations for 2023-24



JAMMU, JANUARY 12: The Executive Committee of CAMPA met today under the chairmanship of Dr. Mohit Gera, Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, J&K Forest Department.

Representatives of Administrative Departments of Finance, Forest, Environment & Ecology, Science & Technology, Revenue, Tribal Development and Panchayati Raj, and Planning & Monitoring participated in the meeting.

Senior Officers of Forests and allied Departments including Chief Wildlife Warden, Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act), and Chief Accounts Officer attended the meeting.

Special invitees, including Director, Social Forestry Department; Director, Soil and Water Conservation; Director, J&K Forest Research Institute, besides Non-official members, Nazir-Be-Nazir (NGO Member) and Ch. Asaf Iqbal, Expert on Tribal matters, also participated in the meeting.

Dr. Gera gave an overview of the main activities of the Department. Under "Green Jammu and Kashmir Drive", a record number of plants are being planted with the people's participation under the campaign "Har Gaon Hariyal". In the current year 1.50 Crore will be planted of which about 0.90 crore plants have already been planted. In order to secure forest lands, boundary pillars are being installed involving Territorial and Settlement and Demarcation Divisions and digital maps are being prepared. He also apprised the participants about the recently notified policy on sustainable collection and utilization of Non Timber Forest Produce and its potential to provide livelihood opportunities for forest dependent communities including women and Tribals.

The Chief Executive Officer, CAMPA, Shri Sarvesh Rai, made a detailed presentation giving the progress of implementation of the approved Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) of 2022-23 and proposed APOs for the next financial year 2023-24. He informed that against the current years' afforestation target of 15000 ha, 7777 ha with planting of 31.00 Lakh Plants have been covered. Winter planting in temperate zones is in progress and targets for the year are likely to be achieved in full.

As regards next year's APOs, a total of 13719 ha area is proposed to be afforested with planting of about 80.00 lakh plants through assisted natural and artificial regeneration. Planting of local species and a mix of indigenous fodder species is proposed to augment fodder supply. Suitable provision for forest fire prevention & control and protection of forest lands through installation of in-situ RCC boundary pillars is proposed. Provision for soil & water conservation measures including construction of DRSM, crates and water harvesting structures.

Mohammad Altaf Dar Expressed Deepest Condolences & Sympathy With Ghulam Nabi Azads Family.

Farhan Kitab

Srinagar, Jan 12 : Prominent Social Activist- Trade Union Leader M Altafdar Rajbagh is deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Ahmadullah Bhat Sahib brother in law of Jenab Ghulam Nabi Azad Sahib Close relative Of Mehboob Mustafa Sahib,

I extend my deepest sympathies & condolences to his family & supporters.

My families, hearts are with Bhat family, Azad Sahib, Mehboob Mustafa Sahib, May (Ahmadullah Bhat Sahib) rest in peace.

DAK urges caution while shoveling snow

Srinagar, Jan 12: With fresh bout of snowfall in Kashmir valley, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Thursday urged people to be careful while clearing snow from their driveways, porches or sidewalks. "Shoveling snow can increase your risk of having a heart attack," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan. Dr Hassan said lifting heavy snow causes sudden increase in blood pressure and heart rate that puts more strain on the heart. "Combine this with icy temperatures which cause arteries to constrict and decrease blood supply, you have a perfect storm for a heart attack," he said.

The DAK President said people at greatest risk are those who are habitually sedentary with known or suspected heart disease, who go out once a year to clear the snow. "Those with heart issues should not shovel snow at all," he said. "Even people without cardiovascular issues have to be careful when they do it because heart attacks with snow shoveling were observed among people with no cardiovascular risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, and elevated cholesterol," cautioned Dr Nisar.

He said warm-up before starting to shovel snow, use of small shovel and pushing the snow instead of lifting it can help to reduce the strain on the heart.

It is vital to take frequent breaks while shoveling and to stay well hydrated at the same time.

Shoveling snow shortly after it falls when it is lighter and fluffier and avoiding a heavy meal 30 to 60 minutes before and after shoveling will lessen the load on the heart.

"Dressing in layers, use of gloves, socks and covering your head, neck and face while shoveling will help decrease the risk of heart attack," he added.

Snow cleared overnight in Noorabad Kulgam

Kulgam, 12-Jan: On the direction of District Development Commissioner Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din, Noorabad Sub Division Magistrate Bashirul Hasan started the operation to clear snow from the roads in Noorabad Kulgam overnight. Speaking to CNS, SDM Bashir Al Hasan said that the light snow in Noorabad area started from yesterday evening which continued throughout the night. "There is no shortage of gas, rice, oil, etc in abundance Electricity system has been restored, and Health system is altered. DC Kulgam has already issued helpline numbers to people and administration is ready to respond on these help lines quickly if any such problem occurs", SDM added. Meanwhile, the locals appreciated the work and thanked the district administration and sub District Magistrate Noorabad Kulgam for working on war footing in clearing the roads.

Trout fish FPO farmers flagged-off on exposure tour in Anantnag



Anantnag, 12-Jan: A batch of 25 farmers of Glacial Trout Fish FPO, J&Ks first Fisheries FPO sanctioned under NABARD, left for a 3 day residential training programme to SKUAST (Fisheries Division). The farmers were flagged off from Dak bungalow Anantnag by Additional Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Mohammad Ashraf along with District Development Manager NABARD Rouf Zargar and Deputy Director Fisheries Sideeq Ahmad.

The programme has been sponsored by NABARD under its "Capacity Building for Adoption of Technology" programme. The farmers belonging to the FPO, will undergo the extensive training along with the field demonstrations at SKUAST's fisheries division at Ganderbal. The visit has been facilitated by Human Welfare Foundation NGO.

Flagging off the visit, ADC remarked that such tours will help the farmers to acquaint themselves with the best Agricultural technologies and practices for better production.

He said that Anantnag district has immense potential under Fisheries sector and farmers through the FPO mode can use latest techniques to move towards commercial production of fish to fetch good returns. He urged the farmers to use the visit as learning experience for enhancing their knowledge about modern technologies in fish rearing.

DDM NABARD, Rouf Zargar informed that the training programme would educate the FPO members with latest technologies to adopt fish culture practices on modern lines so that they can enhance their livelihood out of their available resources. The farmers would also provide technical demonstration at different pond sites to educate them about the latest techniques of fish farming. He further informed that the visiting farmers will also interact with the entrepreneurs, visit the farms and demonstration units during the three-day exposure visit. Deputy Director Fisheries Sideeq Ahmad who was also present on the occasion, said keeping in view the importance accorded by government to fisheries sector, these visits will go a long way in imparting the economics of scientific cultivation and shifting the focus of fish cultivation from traditional to market oriented. He said Fisheries department was committed to provide all required financial assistance to the FPOs by way of ODOP and central sector PMMSY scheme. DDM NABARD, Rouf Zargar informed that the training programme would educate the FPO members with latest technologies to adopt fish culture practices on modern lines so that they can enhance their livelihood out of their available resources. The farmers would also provide technical demonstration at different pond sites to educate them about the latest techniques of fish farming. He further informed that the visiting farmers .

Sports Department's Skii Training Starts At Gulmarg

60 student trainees to get basic training of the sport in 15 days course: Director YSS

Gulmarg Jan 12: The annual training programme in Skiing organised by the Department of Youth Services and Sports (YSS) J&K started at the picturesque Gulmarg here on Thursday.

The first batch of 60 student trainees selected from all the districts of Jammu division have started their training in the snow covered valley of Gulmarg under the supervision of Secretary, Youth Services and Sports, Sarmad Hafeez and Director of the Department Subash C Chhibber.

Director YSS while expressing happiness over the conduct of the training programme has sent his virtual greetings to the participants over phone and has said that the Department has deputed trained officials and skiing instructors of the department for the successful conduct of the camp. "The trainers are working under the technical guidance of Olympian Gul Mustafa Dev and the department has made best possi-



ble arrangements for boarding and lodging of the trainees at the scenic health resort," he added. Director sports further said that the first batch of the trainees has

been selected from different Government Schools of the Jammu Division and they shall receive the basic training of the sport in the 15 days programme. Assistant Director

Tourism Dr Javaid ur Rehman, In-charge Skii Training Programme Olympian Gul Mustafa Dev, I/C Hutments Hilal Ahmed, I/c Course Ghulam Nabi Reshi and the instructors/ trainers Mushtaq Ahmed Khan, Rafiq Ahmed, Shah Faisal, Fayaz Ahmed Dobi and Zeeshal Ali were also present on this occasion. Pertinently, such courses are being organised for other districts of UT also and besides boys, girl students would also receive this training on the skiing slopes of world famous Gulmarg. During the previous year, the Department has made successful efforts of providing Skii training on the slopes of Youmarg and Gurez as well and every possible steps are being taken to introduce the same at Pehalgam and Sonamarg also in the times to come. Hundreds of boys and girls are being imparted basic Skii training this season by the Youth Services & Sports Department and the process of the registration is on.

India sealed 3-ODIs series with 4 wicket win against Sri Lanka at Eden Gardens

Kolkata, Jan 12 (UNI) An unbeaten knock of 64 (103 balls) from KL Rahul and his 5th wicket partnership of 75 runs with Hardik Pandya steered India to a 4 wickets victory against Sri Lanka in the second day-night ODI at Eden Gardens here on Thursday.

India, chasing 215 targets, made 219 runs for the loss of six wickets in 43.2 overs, thanks to Indian bowlers who restricted the tourists to a low score in the 50-over game.

Wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul and all rounder Hardik Pandya (36 from 53-ball) held the slide for the host when four combined wickets of Rohit Sharma (17), Subman Gill (21), Virat Kohli (4) and Shreyas Iyer (28) were out in 86 runs.

Rahul and Hardik together stitched a 75 runs partnership before Pandya was held by wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis off C Karunaratne, who finished 2/51. Coming of Shreyas Iyer (31) also made the Indian fans to cheer but his shot at the extra cover was held brilliantly by C Karunaratne off Dhananjaya D Silva. On the other side of the wicket KL Rahul stood like the vanguard of Indian batting and began to pick up runs with Kuldeep Yadav (not out 10) and steered India to win with three boundaries in the 43rd over. Earlier India restricted Sri Lanka at 215 all out in 39.4 overs with brilliant bowling from nippy spinner Kuldeep Yadav and young pacer Mohammad Siraj, who shared six wickets between them.



While 28-year-old medium pacer Siraj finished 3/30 (5.4 overs), left arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav also took three wickets conceding 51 runs in ten overs.

Twenty-eight year-old left arm spinner Sri Lanka batting from his first over of the day. And then Siraj did his best taking the first and last wicket of Sri Lanka among three three scalps.

On the other hand Yadav's victims were wicketkeeper-batsman Kusal Mendis (LWB-34), Chatish Asalanka -caught and bowled at 15 and disrupted stumps of Lanka skipper Dasun Shanaka (2), who made an unbeaten century in the first ODI in Guwahati.

India took 15 overs to introduce spinning duo Kuldeep Yadav and Axar Patel, the latter also disrupted stumps of Dhananjaya D Silva on his first delivery of the day. Kusal Mendis and Dhananjaya were out in a space of one run at 102 and 103 that shook the batting foundation of the visiting side.

Rishabh Pant to miss IPL after car crash

NEW DELHI: Indian wicket-keeper/batter Rishabh Pant will miss the Indian Premier League because of his injuries in a road accident last month, former national cricket board chief Saurav Ganguly has confirmed. The India star suffered multiple injuries when he crashed his Mercedes SUV north of New Delhi before dawn on Dec 30. The car burst into flames and he was rescued by a bus driver and conductor.

Pant is captain of the Delhi Capitals side in the annual two-month tournament, which is due to begin in late March or April with some of the biggest international stars of the game.

"Pant will not be available for the IPL," Ganguly, who is due to join Delhi Capitals as director of cricket, said.

French team captain Lloris retires from international football

PARIS: French football team captain Huglo Lloris announced his retirement from international football aged 36. His decision comes weeks after Kes Bleus lost the FIFA World Cup final to Argentina in the penalty shootout in Doha.

Lloris led the French side to their historic 2018 FIFA World Cup triumph in Russia and was on the cusp of making history as they reached the finals. However, in the night of the finals of the 2022 Qatar World Cup, France were the second best as Lionel Messi's Argentina lifted their third World Cup title.

"I have decided to stop my international career, with the feeling that I have given everything," the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper told French sports daily L'Equip. "I think it is important to announce this now, two and a half months before the start of Euro qualifying," he added. Lloris played his first international match as a 21-year-old in a friendly against Uruguay in 2008. He announces his international retirement as the country's most capped player, having made 145 appearances for the national team. "I have really been thinking about it since the end of the World Cup, but there has been something deep inside of me for maybe six months now and which grew during the competition, leading me to make this decision," Lloris said in the interview.

Lloris features in a total of 7 major tournaments for France, including Euro 2016, where too France faced a defeat in the titular clash to Portugal. Even though Steve Mandanda and Alphonse Areola were Lloris' back-up options at the World Cup in Qatar, it is 27-year-old Mike Maignan who plays for AC Milan, who is expected to replace Lloris in the starting 11.

Indian women drawn alongside Kyrgyz Republic & Turkmenistan in Olympic Qualifiers

New Delhi, Jan 12 (UNI) India have been drawn alongside Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan in Group G of the Women's Olympic Football Tournament 2024 Asian Qualifiers Round 1. The draw was held at the AFC House in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Thursday. Twenty-six teams are divided into five groups of four and two groups of three, with matches to be played in a one-round league format in a centralised venue from April 3 to 11. The seven group winners will advance to Round 2 where they will be joined by the five highest-seeded teams - DPR Korea, Japan, Australia, China PR and Korea Republic. Four teams from Round 2



the three group winners and the best-ranked runners-up - will then face off in Round 3 where they will play two pairs of home and away matches with the eventual winners qualifying for the Paris 2024 Women's Olympic Football Tournament. Round 1

Draw Group A: Uzbekistan, Jordan, Timor-Leste, Bhutan Group B: Myanmar, IR Iran, Bangladesh, Maldives Group C: Vietnam, Nepal, Palestine, Afghanistan Group D: Thailand, Mongolia, Singapore, Sri Lanka Group E: Philippines, Hong Kong, Tajikistan, Pakistan.

Kvitova, Bencic, Collins reach Adelaide quarter-finals

ADELAIDE: Petra Kvitova reached the Adelaide International-2 quarter-finals on Wednesday after her opponent retired and was joined in the last eight by Olympic champion Belinda Bencic and Danielle Collins. Two-time Wimbledon champion Kvitova saved three set points before claiming the opening set 7-6 (8-6) against China's Zheng Qinwen, who then retired with a left thigh injury.

It was the fourth win from four matches so far this year for the 32-year-old Czech as she prepares for next week's Australian Open, where she made the final in 2019. "Of course this gives me some good confidence,"



said the world number 16, who will now play Daria Kasatkina after the fifth seed beat Barbora Krejickova in straight sets. "Still a few things to improve, of course, as always, but otherwise I'm happy." American Collins, who lost to Ashleigh Barty in last year's Australian Open final, defeated Jil Teichmann 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) to also

seal a berth in the final eight.

But it took her seven match points to break down the Swiss qualifier and set up a clash with world number nine Veronika Kudermetova.

Fellow Swiss Bencic progressed with a straight-sets win over Anna Kalinskaya. Bencic is now 3-1 for the year, having split her matches at the United Cup before defeating Garbine Muguruza in the opening round at Adelaide.

The world number 13 has dropped only two sets — both to world number one Iga Swiatek — in her last eight matches and is in buoyant mood ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the year.

Australia pull out of Afghan cricket series over Taliban crackdown on women

Australia pulled out of an upcoming one-day series against Afghanistan in the United Arab Emirates on Thursday citing Taliban moves to further restrict women's rights. The men's team were due to face their Afghan counterparts in three games, which form part of the ICC Super League, in March following a tour to India.

But Cricket Australia said that following consultations with stakeholders, including the Australian government, it would no longer take place.

"This decision follows the recent announcement by the Taliban of further restrictions on women's and girls' education and employment opportunities and their ability to access parks and gyms," it said in a statement.



"CA is committed to supporting growing the game for women and men around the world, including in Afghanistan.

"(We) will continue to engage with the Afghanistan Cricket Board in anticipation of improved conditions for women and girls in the

country," it added while thanking Canberra for its support.

Australia will forfeit 30 competition points for the series, which go towards World Cup qualification. But they have already secured automatic qualification to the 50-over tournament in India in October.

The Taliban regained control of the Asian nation in mid-2021 and immediately placed restrictions on female participation in sport. They have also barred teenage girls from secondary schools and last month banned women from attending universities, prompting global outrage. More recently, women were told they could no longer work in Afghanistan's aid sector. Females have also been pushed out of many government

jobs, prevented from travelling without a male relative, and ordered to cover up outside the home, ideally with a burqa tober.

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Admission Notification to Class VI in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (2023-24)

Online applications are invited for admission to class VI in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas through Selection Test for the session 2023-24.

General Salient features

- Co-educational Residential School in every District.
- Separate Hostel for Boys & Girls
- Free Education, Board and Lodging
- Wide Cultural exchange through Migration Scheme
- Promotion of Sports & Games
- NCC, Scouts & Guides and NSS

Special features

Special emphasis on quality education resulting in:

- JEE MAIN-2022: 4296 (56.6%) students qualified out of 7585
- JEE Advanced-2022: 1010 (33.7%) students qualified out of 3000
- NEET-2022: 19352 (78.0%) students qualified out of 24807
- Best result in Board Class X and XII (2021-22)
- Class X: 99.71% Class XII: 98.93%

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates who are bonafide residents of the district and studying in class V in the academic session 2022-23 in Govt./Govt. recognized school in the same district where JNV is functioning and to which they are seeking admission.
- Studied full academic session in each class and passed classes III & IV from Govt. / Govt. recognized school and born between 01.05.2011 to 30.04.2013 (Both the dates inclusive)

RESERVATION

- At least 75% Seats in a district will be filled by candidates from rural areas.
- Reservation for SC, ST, OBC and Divyang candidates as per Govt. Norms.
- Minimum 1/3 of the seats are reserved for girl students.

Last Date to apply

31.01.2023

Date of Exam

29.04.2023

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