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HEADLINES TODAY



Landless, Common Masses, Poor wouldn't be Touched : LG Manoj Sinha

"Influential People Who Misused Power, Grabbed State Land Shall have to face the Music"

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SRINAGAR, Nov 19: J&K's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that common masses and poor people wouldn't be touched during the ongoing drive launched by his administration to retrieve state land from encroachers.

Talking to reporters, as per news agency—Sinha said common masses and poor people wouldn't be touched during the ongoing drive against land encroachers in Jammu & Kashmir.

"Common man and poor people wouldn't be touched by the administration. The government is concerned to safeguard the interests of poor people," he said.



He said that the influential people misused their positions and encroached on state land in violation of

the laws. Sinha said there were directions from the High Court to retrieve state land from encroachers.

On January 9, the J&K government directed all deputy commissioners to ensure 100% removal of encroachments from State land by January 31, 2023.

To a question about holding assembly polls in Jammu & Kashmir, Sinha said the Election Commission of India has made a statement on the issue. On Wednesday, Chief Election Commissioner said that polls in Jammu and Kashmir are due and would be held after taking into account weather conditions, security scenario and other factors into consideration—

Lt Governor pays obeisance at Mata Zeashta Devi Temple Srinagar



SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today paid obeisance at the holy Zeashta Devi temple at Zeathyar Srinagar and prayed for peace, progress and prosperity in Jammu Kashmir and wellbeing of all the citizens.

During his visit, the Lt Governor also took appraisal of the demands

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CS launches online services for Migrants & Employees

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today launched five services developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for the migrants registered with Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation & Reconstruction (DM-RRR) and retiring government employees, seeking 'No Demand Certificate (NDC)' from the Estates Department.

The meeting was attended by Commissioner Secretary, IT and Information Department; Secretary, GAD; Secretary, DMRRR; Directors of Estates Kashmir/Jammu; Scientists from NIC and many other concerned officers.

Some of the officers participated in the meeting through video conferencing. Dr Mehta stressed upon the officers to bring quality and promptness in the availability and delivery of all

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Chief Secretary directs officers to put STPs to optimum use

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today directed the officers to focus on optimum utilisation of all the Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Jammu and Kashmir. He passed on these directions during a

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G20 Summit...

Div Com Kmr conducts extensive tour of major Roads, Parks, Sites; takes stock of preparation for G20 Summit

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: In the run-up to host first ever G20 Summit in Srinagar in May, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole today conducted an extensive tour of major roads and prime sites along these roads including parks, government buildings, commercial structures and under construction sites in Srinagar.

At the outset, Div Com Kashmir held a meeting of officers at Srinagar Airport during which he highlighted the importance of hosting G20 Summit at Srinagar and issued slew of instructions to en-



hance the facade of roads through development of foot paths, medians, traffic

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Kashmir parts receive light snowfall, MeT predicts cloudy weather till Jan 22

SRINAGAR, Jan 19: The parts of Kashmir Valley including Srinagar received light snowfall in the intervening night of Wednesday-Thursday while the weatherman here has predicted cloudy weather conditions till January 22 and light to moderate snowfall across the Valley from January 23.

People in Srinagar and elsewhere woke to a thin layer of snow this morning. The officials in the Meteorological department told the news agency—

said that the weather conditions would remain generally cloudy with chances of light to moderate snow or rains in plains of Jammu over scattered to fairly widespread places till January 22nd.

The officials further informed that with 60 per cent chances, the middle and higher reaches of Jammu would receive widespread moderate to moderate to heavy snowfall in between January 23-January 25.

On January 26, there is a

possibility of rainfall in Jammu region and cloudy weather conditions in Kashmir.

Moreover, the MeT has appealed to people living in snowbound areas to remain alert and cautious while venturing in areas which are vulnerable to snow avalanches.

Meanwhile, the night temperature has increased across Kashmir. Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K has recorded a minimum temperature of

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SDMA issues avalanche warning in J&K

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SRINAGAR, Jan 19 (UNI) The State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA) on Thursday has issued a low danger avalanche warning for the people living 2500 to 3500 meters above sea level in seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement the SDMA said that avalanche with Low Danger Level is likely to occur above 2500 to 3500 meters above sea level over Ganderbal district in Central Kashmir, Bandipora and Kupwara districts in north Kashmir and Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch and Ramban districts of Jammu division in next 24 hours. It has also advised people living in these areas to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders. The MeT forecast from January 19-22 chances of light to moderate Snow/rain in plains of Jammu over scattered to fairly widespread places

Ban on issuance of individual Arms Licenses revoked in J&K

For grant of license Aadhaar Card made mandatory as proof of identity

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SRINAGAR, Jan 19: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Thursday revoked restrictions on district magistrates for issuing fresh individual Arms Licenses in the Union Territory.

According to an order issued by J&K Home Department, a copy of which lies with the news agency—fresh guidelines for issuance of individual arms licenses have also been issued for district magistrates.

"In supersession of Govern-

ment Order No. 922 - Home of 2018 dated 12.07.2018, it is hereby ordered that the restriction imposed on the District Magistrates in the UT of J&K, for issuing fresh individual Arms Licenses, is revoked with immediate effect," reads the order.

It reads that all the concerned including district magistrates (Licensing Authorities) should adhere to the additional conditions besides following the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 2016.

It reads district magistrates, while considering an application for grant of individual Arms License, to necessarily obtain Aadhaar Card as a proof of identity.

"The District Magistrates shall ensure that they entertain only such applications for grant of license or for accessing any other service from an applicant, who is a resident of that particular district and in no case they shall either grant a license or renew

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Center approves Rs 135 Cr Apple Cluster for Shopian

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JAMMU, JANUARY 19: Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) today approved an "Apple Cluster" for Shopian district in Jammu and Kashmir under Cluster Development Programme. This was announced during a daylong conference on 'India Cold Chain Conclave', organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in conjunction with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi. During the conference, Secretary MoA&FW, Manoj Ahuja, formally announced the decision with regard to setting up of the Apple Cluster for the district under Cluster Development Programme and nod to the 'Acceptance Letter' to J&K for implementation. The Shopian Apple Cluster envisages development of Shopian Apple on three verticals including

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Govt all set to provide digital education in all villages Anurag Thakur

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Hamirpur (HP), Jan 19 (UNI) Union Information-cum-Broadcasting Minister, Anurag Thakur said on Thursday that the Central government was determined to provide digital education to the people in all parts of India including Hamirpur. Thakur said this during a function held here today in which Laptops were given to teachers of 140 'Ek Se Shrestha' centers and school bags cum study tables given to 2500 children.

Anurag Thakur said the problems related to employment, migration and economy in Himachal can be solved only by giving proper education to children.

Thakur on this occasion started



Digital Ek Se Shrestha Kendra to every village of Hamirpur Parliamentary Constituency giving the slogan "Hamara Sankalp, Hamara Prayas, Sabko Shiksha, Sabka Vikas". About 6000

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Prolonged use of earphones may cause hearing loss, expert warns

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SRINAGAR, Jan 19: Keeping earphones plugged in for a long time may cause hearing problems in the long run, experts have warned.

According to medical professionals, the main issue with headphones or earphones is the loudness to ears as well as their prolonged use.

"Earphones are capable of creating very loud levels of sound very close to the ear and so are

quite harmful," Dr Irfan Ul Shamas, a prominent ENT expert in the valley, told the news agency—He said it is not only about the loudness of the headphones, but also about the duration, the earphones are plugged in.

Dr Shamas said they are not witnessing any major cases of hearing loss currently in Kashmir. However, there are more chances of 'Occupational Noise Induced Hearing Loss' (ONHL) due to high volume or prolonged use of earphones or headphones, he added.

Speaking about the ONHL scenario, Dr Shamas said this typical hearing loss happens at a frequency of 4000 Hz, and in its early stage, a person cannot hear sounds like the noise of birds or the sound of flowing water. "One should not continue the prolonged use of headphones

or earphones or at high decibels as its excessive usage will definitely cause Noise Induced Hearing Loss," he said.

The ENT specialist strictly warned against the use of earphones or headphones by younger people, especially children, saying young people, especially students, are at a potentially high risk of getting affected by 'Occupational Noise Induced Hearing Loss' due to excessive and prolonged use of hearing gadgets.

Sharing his clinical experience, he highlighted that people from the coppersmith profession are also vulnerable to hearing loss as a maximum of their work without any ear-protecting gear. "When coppersmiths are at work, the sound

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Advisor Bhatnagar addresses workshop cum technical session for MGNF fellows

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JAMMU, JANUARY 19 (KNS): Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today said that formulation of Skill Development plans and upgradation of skilling ecosystem is need of the hour as it forms the core of development of any region.

Advisor stated this while addressing a workshop cum technical session



and Academic Module program held for the fellows of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF).

Director IIM Jammu, Professor B S Sahay; Mission Director, JK Skill Development Mission, Leena Padha; Chairperson, Executive Education, IIM Jammu, Dr. Pankaj Agarwal; Program Manager, IIM Jammu, Dr. Shahid Jibrani; fellows of MGNF scholarship and other concerned persons were present during the session. While addressing the MGNF fellows,

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Digital J&K...

E-Unnat ensures efficient, reliable services to common citizens

215 services available on portal, 1472350 certificates issued till date

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Keeping pace with digital revolution taking place in present era, E-Unnat has been successful in extending efficient, transparent and reliable government services to common citizens fulfilling their basic needs in a more robust and responsive manner.

With this vital technological intervention, the people now can easily avail all government services at the click of a button thus getting much



needed relief from unnecessary hindrances at different official levels. Jammu and Kashmir administration has made a remarkable achievement in the digital journey of Jammu and Kashmir with e-Unnat having 215 services available to the public. Besides, the portal is acting as a window for government

to obtain feedback from citizens on any subject related to service delivery to identify grey areas for further improvement.

Through e-Unnat, citizens need to first register and apply for any service by filling an application form. After that, they will receive an output certificate/report as the service deliverable.

Notably, Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, inaugurated the integration of Public Service Guarantee Act (PSGA) portal having Auto-Appel System feature with the e-UNNAT to provide a major impetus to transparent, citizen friendly and efficient governance. With this step, the J&K government has now integrated the online

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"My roots are here": Rahul Gandhi as Bharat Jodo Yatra enters J&K

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Jammu, Jan 19 (UNI) Finally reaching its last destination, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra entered Jammu and Kashmir from neighbouring Punjab via Lakhanpur on Thursday evening.

On reaching Lakhanpur, Rahul Gandhi addressing the jam packed venue near Maharaja Gulab Singh statue asked people of Jammu and Kashmir to walk with him to 'save' India.

"Support me in my mission to 'save India'. I am here to share the grief of the people of Jammu and Kashmir who have suffered on many fronts in



past decades," Gandhi said addressing a gathering of more than 2500 people. National Conference president Farooq Abdullah along with senior Congress leaders Digvijay Singh, Jairam Ramesh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Punjab MP Pratap Singh Bajwa, Shiv

Sena MP Sanjay Raut, and senior leaders from J&K Congress shared the stage with Rahul. Attired in white t-shirt, Rahul walked with a torch and paid obeisance at the statue of Maharaja Gulab Singh.

However, Punjab's Congress unit president Raja Warring handed over the party flag to Jammu and Kashmir Congress president Vikaar Rasool Wani at a customary ceremony amidst the presence of Rahul Gandhi. "BJP and RSS have spread hatred in the country," said Gandhi while highlighting hatred, violence, unemployment

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BOSE textbooks to be used in all private schools: Director Education

SRINAGAR, Jan 19, : Director Education, Tasaduq Hussain today said that books prescribed by the Board of School Education (BOSE) will be used for the learning process in private schools from now onwards.

He said BOSE textbooks will be used in all private schools as soon as the March session starts.

The Director was addressing a press conference here in Kashmir capital Srinagar.

He said the sale of tobacco products has been banned within a 500-meter radius of all educational institutions.

Tasaduq Hussain said that Education

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National Lok Adalat to be held across all Budgam Courts on February-11

BUDGAM, JANUARY 18: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Budgam is going to organize National Lok Adalat on 11 February, 2023 in the premises of District Court Complex Budgam and Taluka Courts at Magam, Beerwah, Chadoora and Chrarisharif.

Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Budgam and before Taluka Courts and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims / matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach the concerned Courts by or before 05 February, 2023.

Besides parties whose cases are not pending (i.e. Pre Litigation matters) in any court but desires to settle their disputes can also approach Secretary DLSA

Budgam on cell no's 7006884946, 6005861030 and 9906921210 email id: dlsabudgam2020@gmail.com by or before 05 February 2023. So that their cases, claims or matters can be settled amicably in the National Lok Adalat.

Cases related to NI Act cases under section 138; Money recovery cases, Labour dispute cases, Electricity and water bills cases (excluding non compoundable), Maintenance cases, Other (Criminal compoundable, and other civil disputes) and other cases shall be taken up for disposal. Parties or their Advocates whose cases are pending before any Court at District Court Complex Budgam and before Taluka Courts and are desirous to settle their cases/ claims / matters through the Lok Adalat scheduled herein above shall approach.

Dr Samoon reviews physical, financial progress under Capex Budget 2022-23

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the physical and financial progress under Capex Budget 2022-23.

The meeting was attended by Director Skill Development Department, Chief Engineer R&B Kashmir, Principals and Superintendents of Government Polytechnics and Industrial Training Institutes while Managing Director, JKPC, Chief Engineer, R&B Jammu, Director State Motor Garages, General Managers of JKPC, District Executive Engineers and other officers participated online.

Threadbare discussion was held on latest work wise detail regarding both physical and financial progress achieved under Centrally Sponsored Schemes including the status of new Polytechnics of CAPEX



Budget 2022-23 of the department.

Principal Secretary had a detailed project wise review besides enquiring about the present status of all the ongoing development works. He assessed physical and financial progress on projects taken up

during the current financial year 2022-23 under the Capex budget.

Dr Samoon asked the concerned heads of the executing agencies to expedite the remaining ongoing works so that the buildings would be handed over to the department at the

earliest. He directed the concerned officers to take appropriate measures for execution of new works under both the sectors 'Polytechnics as well as ITIs' to ensure utilization of funds earmarked for the purpose under Capex Budget 2022-23.

It is pertinent to mention that the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development had sanctioned 18 new Polytechnics during 2009-2010 for uncovered districts of J&K under "Sub-Mission on Polytechnic under coordinated action for Skill Development" Scheme.

Out of 18 Polytechnics, 09 are being constructed in Kashmir division including at Kupwara, Bandipora, Budgam, Anantnag, Baramulla, Ganderbal, Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama. Besides, 09 Polytechnics are being established in Jammu division at Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban, Poonch, Udhampur, Reasi, Kathua, Samba and Rajouri.

Out of these 18, two (02) Polytechnics of Rajouri and Pulwama have been established in the campus of Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah and Islamic University of Science and Technology Awantipora, Pulwama respectively.

KVK Bandipora organises Training programme under Natural Farming

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 19: Krishi Vighyan Kendra (KVK) Bandipora on Thursday started a two days training programme under Natural farming at KVK Putushay, here.

More than 60 farmers, farm women and rural youth from different villages of the district are participating in the programme.

Dr. Tariq Sultan, Head KVK Bandipora gave a brief account of the training and delivered a powerpoint presentation on the need and importance of natural farming and its beneficial effect on human health.

Dr. Nazir Ahmad Mir, Scientist (Animal Science) KVK Bandipora explained core components of natural farming including Beejamrit and Jeevamrit preparation through method demonstration.

Dr. Saba Bukhari (SRF, NICRA) also interacted with participants and highlighted the importance of adoption of natural farming practices.

J&K SDRF, NDRF celebrate its Annual Raising Day at SDRF Bn Hqrs Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: J&K SDRF and NDRF celebrated its Annual Raising Day today on 19th January at SDRF Bn Hqrs, Srinagar.

The contingents of SDRF and NDRF presented a March past/ Parade jointly on the occasion.

Firdous Iqbal, Divisional Commandant, Homeguards, Kashmir presided over the function and took salute on March past.

Addressing officers/officials and contingents of SDRF/NDRF, the Divisional Commandant highlighted the dedication exhibited by SDRF and NDRF while conducting Rescue operations during disasters and conducting Disaster preparedness Awareness programmes in different institutions and at the community level.

Wasim Qadri, SSP, Commandant SDRF 1st Bn was also present during the Raising Day function. Besides, various officers of SDRF/NDRF and Civil Defence participated in the Raising Day function including Dev Darshan, Dy Commandant NDRF, Amara Naseem, Dy Controller, Civil Defence and Rashad Khan, Dy SP SDRF.

BIS J&K organises Awareness programme at Kulgam

KULGAM, JANUARY 19: A daylong sensitization program was today organised by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) at Resthouse Kulgam here.

The awareness program was presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Vigar Ahmed Giri besides district officers and engineering departments participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion ADC said that the aim and objective of the programme is to focus on consumer welfare and safety of consumer rights.

Officers from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) added that BIS works to promote Quality Consciousness and benefits to General Public and the aim and objective of the programme is to aware the Heads of Departments in District Kulgam about the Quality of products available in markets which eventually benefits General public.

MVD Anantnag intensifies drive against violation of traffic rules

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 19: Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Anantnag has intensified enforcement drive against the instances of overloading, without seat belt, without Helmet and other violations under the Motor Vehicle Act and Central Motor Vehicle Rules. Acting under the guidance of District Development Commissioner Anantnag, a team of MVD officials and Traffic conducted a special enforcement drive from Khanabal to Ashajipora Road.

During the Enforcement drive, around 120 Vehicles including School Buses, passenger vehicles, Tata Magic were checked for different offences viz. Route Permit violations, Overloading, Over speeding, driving without Seat Belt and without SLD.

Dozens of vehicles were black listed and dozens were challaned/ compounded by traffic officials.

Amount of Rs 60000 is expected to be realized from the Challans. Assistant Regional Transport Officer Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo also sensitised the youth about the "MUMKIN" scheme and new LA rules on spot. He further said that the Government has liberalised the permit policy and unemployed youth should come forward and avail this opportunity for earning the livelihood. Assistant Regional Transport Officer Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo also sensitised the youth about the "MUMKIN" scheme and new LA rules on spot. He further said that the Government has liberalised the permit policy and unemployed youth should come forward and avail this opportunity for earning the livelihood.

Anti-encroachment drives intensified in all tehsils of Ganderbal



GANDERBAL, JANUARY 19: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir, a joint team of Revenue and Police department led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today retrieved 718 kanals of State and Kahcharai land in various tehsils of the district.

During ongoing drive, the District Administration has so far retrieved 11600 kanals of State and Kahcharai land across the district which can be used for community purposes.

While giving details about the anti-encroachment drives undertaken to preserve Government land, the DC said that the drive will continue and no one will be spared and all the illegal encroachments on state as well as Kahcharai land will be removed.

The District Administration has given strict directions to the Tehsildars and enforcement teams to speed up the drive against the land encroachments in their respective jurisdictions with added zeal and dedication so that all State/Kahcharai land is retrieved in the district, which can be subsequently used for public purpose.

The District Administration has sought cooperation of the general public in retrieving the government land from land grabbers and also warned of action under relevant laws in matters of encroachment on State/Kahcharai land. On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Shyambir, a joint team of Revenue and Police department led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah today retrieved 718 kanals of State and Kahcharai land in various tehsils of the district.

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Director Health Services Kashmir Chairs preparatory Shri Amaranath ji Yatra 2023 meet

Srinagar: Director Health Services Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather today chaired a preparatory meet for the upcoming 2023 Shri Amaranath ji Yatra, after successful completion of 2022 Yatra.

The other officials who attended the meeting were CAO DHSK, CMOs, yatra Nodal officer and other members of dedicated yatra Team. Dr Mushtaq directed the officials to make better use of technology to make the yatra safer, comfortable and more convenient for pilgrims.

"We should convey the message of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' to the whole country through this Yatra," he said and added that that large crowd of devotees are expected to throng the holy cave this year due to low covid restrictions.

He asked the CMO Anantnag and CMO Ganderbal to examine the condition of all health



facilities and to start all arrangements for the pilgrims along the way.

He directed the officials to explore the possibility of setting up of mini intensive care cells to handle emergency cases. He further directed Principal RIHFW Dhoiwan to arrange special training programs for health care workers with special emphasis on modern gadgets to tackle emergency cases during Shri Amarnath ji Yatra.

Further he emphasized

that recent trend of heart attack cases has imposed a threat and our health workers during Amarnath Yatra duty should be well versed to tackle such cases.

Dr Mushtaq urged officials to come with innovative ideas to improve health care facilities for pilgrims. He directed authorities to identify deficiencies before time so that the remedial measures will be taken for the smooth conduction of Yatra.

DC Baramulla chairs DMC meeting; reviews progress of FPOs in district 7 New Blocks approved for FPOs to saturate under Self-employment generation schemes

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 19: In order to review the progress of Farmer Producer Organization (FPO's) for better collectivization and commercialization of farmer's produce and approval of new FPO Blocks in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar who is also Chairman DMC today chaired a meeting to review the progress of Centrally Sponsored Scheme for formation and promotion of FPOs.

At the outset, a brief discussion was held on various aspects including deliberation on submission on ground level progress report of FPOs by implementing agencies viz NABARD, NAFED and SFAC, cold storage, market linkages, farmer mobilization and progress on new FPOs.

It was informed that the membership of the Kandi Apple FPO Wagoora, Shejaar Vegetable FPO Singhpora, Payam Dairy Cooperative Limited Kunzer has increased its members to large numbers.

During the meeting, formation of New Farmer Producer Orga-



nization (FPOs) were approved for 7 new blocks in Baramulla district to saturate the target under employment generation schemes.

On the occasion, the DC directed the concerned to provide consultation services to the FPO members on a regular basis and also provide the training to the board of directors of FPOs regarding the general business and equity grant. She

also directed them to diversify the market linkages and sell the FPO products on e-commerce platforms.

Among others, the meeting was attended by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Dr Balbir Singh, Chief Agriculture officer Yadvinder Singh, Tehsildar HQ, DDM NABARD, officers of Horticulture, Fisheries Departments and other concerned functionaries.

DC Baramulla inspects progress of ongoing works at CHC Dangi wacha

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 19: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar accompanied by various other senior officers yesterday visited Dangi wacha Baramulla and inspected the ongoing work process of Community Health Centre (CHC) there.

During her visit, the DC took a detailed stock of the progress of Community Health Centre and directed the concerned executing agencies to speed up the working progress of the health institute so that it becomes fully functional at an earliest.

She passed on spot directions to the concerned officers to pace up the construction works to complete it within the stipulated time frame.

Meanwhile, the DC also interacted with the people there and enquired about the issues making hurdles regarding the smooth functioning of the health institute.

While projecting demands, people raised various issues like providing of potable drinking water facility, establishing of proper boundary walls, repair of lanes and bye lanes besides other issues for the Community Health Centre.

The DC gave a patient hearing to all the issues and demands projected on the occasion and assured people that all issues will be redressal for the smooth functioning of the Health Centre meant for providing better health facilities to the people of the said jurisdiction. During her visit, the DC took a detailed stock of the progress of Community Health Centre and directed the concerned executing agencies to speed up the working progress of the health institute so that it becomes fully functional at an earliest.

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Dr. Samoon inaugurates development works at Kashmir Govt Polytechnic, Gogjibagh

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, today inaugurated Sports activity hall, Computer Laboratory, renovated Leather Technology Workshop and wood Technology Workshop at Kashmir Government Polytechnic during his visit to the Institute.

Principal Secretary appreciated the establishment of this Computer Laboratory with latest LAN networking and CCTV surveillance.

While inaugurating the renovated leather technology laboratory, Dr. Samoon lauded the efforts of Principal and the faculty



for restoring the flood hit leather machinery. He laid emphasis on full utilization of this machinery for practical training of students. He said that the Leather Technology has huge potential in the market which needs to be

exploited. While inaugurating the indoor sports hall, Principal Secretary expressed happiness that sports activities are being given a boost which will go a long way in building overall personality of students.

Ayush Bandipora organises Seminar on Medico-legal & Ethical issues in medical practices

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 19: The Department of Ayush Bandipora on Thursday organised a daylong seminar on "Medicolegal and Ethical issues in Medical Practice" for Ayush Doctors working in Ayush department and this working under NHM Block Bandipora.

The aim of the seminar was to sensitize Medical officers regarding Consumer protection Act related to health services.

The programme was presided over by District Nodal Officer coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak and was attended by District Nodal Officer Ayush Bandipora Dr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Doctors from Ayush and other concerned.

Dr. Irfan Hussain Bandy presented the brief presentation on the issue of medico-legal and ethical issues.

On the occasion Medical officers were given basic insight regarding ethical issues in medical practice including changing doctor-patient relationship,

the need to introduce ethical training to medical professionals and the legal issues covered including basics of medical negligence, changing concepts of informed consent, and the practical issues of medical negligence cases with representative case decisions from the Indian courts. The programme was presided over by District Nodal Officer coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak and was attended by District Nodal Officer Ayush Bandipora Dr. Reyaz Ahmad Khan, Doctors from Ayush and other concerned.

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Anti-encroachment drive, Budpora Admin retrieves 1571 Kanal & 14 Marlas of State/Kahcharie land in single day

75% of encroached Kahcharai land retrieved

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 19: Acting tough against land grabbers, the Administration Bandipora retrieved around 1600 kanals of Government land in a single day during anti-encroachment drives carried out across the district, today.

With these 1571 Kanals, the total retrieved land has increased to around 28000 Kanals which includes 13217 kanals of State land and 15471 kanals of Kahcharai land.

It was informed that in the last one week around 3000 kanals of land was retrieved from the land grabbers including 500 kanals of land in Sumbal lying adjacent to Highway having industrial utility. The retrieved land is also being earmarked for various public purposes like developmental projects,

playgrounds, village centric amenities, industries, etc. by the Revenue officials in consultation with concerned villagers/PRI and sign boards are also erected immediately after the eviction drives.

It was given out that out of total 20887 of Kahcharai land, 15471 Kanals of land has been retrieved amounting to 75% of Kahcharai land in the district and the concerned Tehsildars have already issued notices to the encroachers and the efforts for removal of encroachments on the rest of the land are underway in full-swing.

Deputy Commissioner, Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad said that illegal occupation of Government and public land puts stress on land resources and urged the encroachers to voluntarily remove illegal occupancies or face action. He said anti-encroachment drives are underway across the district and urged the public to cooperate in anti-encroachment drives carried out by administration.



He said that the District has created a land bank of around 25000 Kanals out of which around 1550 Kanals have been earmarked for Industrial Estates, 2000 Kanals for Industrial Use (Out of which around 1377 Kanals stand already transferred), around 100 Kalanls

for Handloom/ Handicraft and other agri-based activities and around 200 Kanals for setting up of Housing Colony in Watpora Bandipora.

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Dr. Owais also appreciated the efforts of concerned Tehsildars and other field officials of Revenue Department in anti-encroachment drives and asked them to speed up the drives with added efforts and dedication. At Sumbal 500 Kanals of prime land having industrial utility lying adjacent to highway was retrieved last week and anti-encroachment drives are taken to preserve Government land from illegal possession of land mafia and use the land for public good.

MD JKPC reviews development works in Kashmir division



SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: Managing Director, JK Project Construction Corporation Limited, R K Shivan, conducted an exhaustive three day tour of Kashmir division to review status of major development works being executed in the region.

He had a detailed assessment of progress on several ongoing works in Srinagar and Anantnag districts with the concerned Deputy General Managers. He issued directions to the concerned DGMs to further gear up the pace of works ensuring completion of vital projects within the stipulated time.

MD also inspected development works being executed in Government Medical College Baramulla, Government Degree College, Boniyar with an estimated cost of Rs. 113.49 crore and Rs. 13.92 crore respectively.

MD was accompanied by concerned Deputy General Manager and other Engineering staff during the inspection who apprised him of progress on several ongoing works.

He also took stock of issues being faced by contractors like non-release of payments due to cash crunch.

MD, later, met with various deputations of contractors, stakeholders and officials of concerned departments and listened to their issues and concerns.

Meanwhile, a delegation of JKPC working women called on the MD and raised their grievances.

Republic Day, 2023 arrangements finalised at Shopian

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 19: To finalise the arrangements for Republic Day, 2023 celebrations, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a meeting of concerned officers at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex, here.

The meeting finalized arrangements for smooth and error-free conduct of national event.

The DC directed all the concerned departments to make fool proof arrangements for R-Day Celebration. He asked the security agencies to ensure fool proof security at all venues throughout the district.

Various issues including seating arrangements, barricading, security, traffic regulation, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, PAS, fire-tenders, Media gallery were discussed and finalized.

The contingents of Police, CRPF, JKP, Home Guard, NCC, School children, besides Police Band will be the part of celebration.

The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Tanushree; Additional Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Yar Ali Khan; District and sectoral officers.

DDC Shopian releases District Statistics Digest/ Shopian Update

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 19: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today released District Statistics Digest/ Shopian Update in his Office Chamber at Mini Secretariat here.

The digest highlights the statistical data of diverse sectors of the district.

The data like Census data, Administrative Units, Educational institutions, Social Welfare schemes, Banking sector, Health and Family Welfare, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, Industries and Commerce, Agriculture and Horticulture etc has been incorporated in the Digest.

Joint Director Planning, Khursheed Ahmed Khan; officers and officials of District Statistics and Evaluation Department Shopian were present.

Capacity Building programme for Women PRI members concludes at J&K-IMPARD, Srinagar

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: A three days Capacity Building programme for Women members of Panchayat Raj Institutions of J&K under the programme 'She is a Change Maker' of the National Commission for Women, New Delhi concluded on 18th January at J&K Institute of Management, Public Administration and Rural Development (J&K IMPARD), Srinagar.

The Capacity Building programme is part of the series joined by elected women members of Panchayat Raj Institutions of all districts of Kashmir Valley including District Development Council Members, Block Development Council Members and Village Panchayat Members.

The series is being fully sponsored by the National Commission for Women to foster Gender Responsive Governance in the system.

The elected members were trained by learned resource persons on different important areas of intervention for the overall empowerment of women.

DHEW Ganderbal conducts awareness camp at Badampora

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 19: District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Mission Shakti Ganderbal in collaboration with Sakhi One Stop Centre and NRLM Ganderbal today conducted an awareness camp cum outreach programme at Badampora block Wakura, here. Programme was attended by almost 200 people including adolescent girls, local women and registered SHGs beneficiaries of block Wakura, team from DHEW, OSC and NRLM. On the occasion the participants were made aware about the working and functioning of the District Social Welfare department at district level besides awareness was raised on different schemes like Pension schemes, Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids, SMAS etc.

The team also threw light on Women empowerment schemes available at District level such as DHEW, OSC, WHL 181, Shelter Home, Marriage Assistance Scheme, PMMVY and Employment genera-



tion schemes viz. Tejaswini, Mumkin, PMEGP, etc. DHEW team provided awareness regarding updated schemes, criteria and documentation.

The team also gave detailed information on how DHEW-Mission Shakti is playing an effective role by providing awareness/training among young female folks to generate self-employment by taking advantage of available schemes at District level.

Problems such as domestic violence, eve teasing, cybercrimes and other problems faced by women and their solutions were also discussed.

Later, many women were linked under different schemes and pamphlets of all helplines were distributed among the ladies. On the occasion the participants were made aware about the working and functioning of the District Social Welfare department at district level besides awareness was raised on different schemes like Pension schemes, Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids, SMAS etc.

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Ensure availability of vehicles for public in evening hours: DC Kulgam to MVD

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 19: Ensure availability of vehicles for public in evening hours to avoid inconvenience to people, instructed the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam Dr. Bilal-Mohi-Ud-Din-Bhat to ARTO Kulgam during a meeting of officers held at mini secretariat, here.

The DC convened the meeting to review implementation status of traffic decongestion plan in the town.

During the meeting, the DC reviewed the current traffic scenario in the district and reviewed the measures which have been taken to decongest the traffic.

The chair was informed that both the bus stands at Laroo and Chawlagam are fully functional and parking spaces at Old bus adda and Qazigund Adda near the Clock Tower are being properly utilized for parking of private vehicles.

The DC instructed ARTO and traffic authorities to maintain smooth traffic



flow in town by deploying additional staff at main points and junctions.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Showkat Ahmad Rather; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vigar Ahmed Giri; Dy.SP, ARTO, Tehsildar HQ, officers from traffic, Executive Officer, Municipal Council Kulgam and other members. The DC convened the meeting to review implementation status of traffic decongestion plan in the town.

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BBBP Week: Mahila Sabhas held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 19: As part of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Week, a weeklong calendar of activities has been framed by District Social Welfare Officer Anantnag for celebrating the week and spreading awareness regarding the flagship programme in Anantnag district.

The department today organized mahila sabha in various areas of the district. The mahila sabhas witnessed participation of females of all ages and issues pertaining to females in areas of development, coverage under welfare schemes, etc were discussed.

A sticker campaign was also held in which informative stickers were pasted in all public offices displaying information regarding the scheme and the steps taken by the department for promoting

welfare of girl child. Previously, the department organized pledge ceremonies throughout the district regarding the BBBP programme and felicitated new born girl children.

The activities under the program will be held throughout the week. The department today organized mahila sabha in various areas of the district. The mahila sabhas witnessed participation of females of all ages and issues pertaining to females in areas of development, coverage under welfare schemes, etc were discussed.

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DC Bandipora conducts extensive tour of Hajin, Naidkhai & adjacent areas

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 19: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Thursday conducted an extensive tour of Hajin, Naidkhai and adjacent areas.

The DC interacted with the public and took feedback regarding the post-Snowfall situation. He also listened to their issues and passed on spot directions for their redressal.

Dr Owais along with DDC Chairman inaugurated a Hotline for NTPHC Naidkhai to ensure uninterrupted power supply to NTPHC and augment health infrastructure. They also inaugurated Digital X-Ray of NTPHC Naidkhai.

Dr.Owais said that hotline and digital X-ray for NTPHC Naidkhai was long pending demand of



the public and said that it will benefit around 40k people of the area.

The DC also reviewed the functioning of NTPHC and assured availability of a stationed ambulance for NTPHC.

While interacting with the public, Dr Owais urged them to avail the benefits of Amnesty scheme to clear pending electricity dues. He said

the eligible consumers who fail to avail the Amnesty Scheme and do not pay the outstanding dues shall invite penalty and legal action besides disconnection of power supply.

He appreciated the work done by DDCs, BDCs, PRIs for upgrading the infrastructure and facilities in schools and health sector. He said focus is on, to

complete pending works of electricity upgradation, schools and health.

He urged the public to participate in Gram sabha for proper development planning of their respective areas.

Among others SDM Sumbal Amir Choudhary, CMO Bandipora, Block Medical Officer Hajin and other concerned were present on the occasion. Dr Owais along with DDC Chairman inaugurated a Hotline for NTPHC Naidkhai to ensure uninterrupted power supply to NTPHC and augment health infrastructure. They also inaugurated Digital X-Ray of NTPHC Naidkhai.

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Joint efforts of Gram Panchayats, Social Forestry leading towards creation of green assets in rural areas

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: The shared endeavors of Social Forestry Department and Gram Panchayats has substantially proved of huge magnitude towards creation of green assets in rural pockets of Jammu and Kashmir.

Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir government, after successfully establishing three tier Panchayati Raj system in the Union Territory, devolved powers and responsibilities with respect to various departments, which marked the beginning of collaborated working between Department of Social Forestry and Gram Panchayats.

Vacant community/state lands under the control of Gram Panchayats

are being utilized for taking up plantations which are being maintained by Village Panchayat Plantation Committees (VPPCs). Various successful plantation units have been established in Gram Panchayats during past 4 years under new decentralized working set up.

"The plantation assets are yielding benefits to local people in the form of Grass and leaf fodder, fuel wood and small timber on equitable basis which is catalyzing the economic well being of rural people", stated Nazir Benazir, member of J&K Executive Committee, CAMPA. The Executive Committee sanctions and monitors various afforestation activities being funded under CAM-



PA in Jammu and Kashmir.

Benazir, who recently conducted an extensive field visit of Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts along with senior officers of Social Forestry Department, met members of more than a dozen Gram Panchayats of these districts and inspected the plantation works established in various Gram Panchayats. He interacted with members of VPPCs and local people.

The collaborative working between Social Forestry and Gram Panchayats is an apt example of responsive local self governance which can help accelerate the pace of development in rural areas besides making GPs self reliant.

Nazir was highly appreciative to note that afforestation activities are not only ensuring continuous flow of free benefits like fodder, fuel wood to villagers but Gram Panchayats are earning substantial funds as proceeds of mature plantations which are being used for development works by Gram Panchayats.

During past nine months of this financial year, 27932.25 quintal fodder and 17982.85 quintal fuel wood has been distributed among 29043 households in 20 districts of the UT. An amount of Rs. 3.33 crore is expected to be transferred to the Village fund accounts of 45 Gram Panchayats as 75% share of the proceeds of mature plantations.

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Essence of LIFE ; In Light of Quranic Teachings...

Don't be surprised to find this religious topic as today's Editorial. Let me first begin with very reason for choosing such a topic in greater public interest. We are at the threshold of Loosing our future generations to drugs. The social fabric is about to pose a tough challenge amid moral and cultural degradation. I thought it imperative to ponder over this all important but untouched topic. Inculcation of moral values into our future generations. The best way is the knowledge of wisdom which we must possess. Irrespective of religious ideologies try to read and understand the best and the only essence of life....

There is a profound question that each and every one of us reflects on at some point during our lives: "Why am I here, what is my purpose?" The Quran puts forward a simple but powerful argument with regards to our origins: "Were they created without any agent? Were they the creators?" (Quran 52:35)

The Quran engages its audience by inviting us to ponder some rational, logical questions which we can use to arrive at a conclusion about our origins. The first question that the Quran poses to us is: were we created by nothing? Can something really come from nothing? This is impossible, as we know from our own personal experiences of life as well as the laws of the universe that we couldn't have come out of nothing, because out of nothing, nothing comes! This leads us to the next possibility that the Quran proposes: did we create ourselves? Can something create itself? This is a self-contradiction, because for you to create yourself you would have to already exist, and you can't exist and not exist at same time. This would be like saying that your mother gave birth to herself. Since something cannot come from nothing, and self-creation is absurd, this leaves one final possibility: we have a creator. This is the best explanation not only for our origins but also the universe and everything in it, because it is intuitive and also agrees with reality: whatever begins to exist has a cause or a creator. This cause or creator must itself be uncaused due to the absurdity of a never-ending chain of causes. To illustrate this better, if the cause of the universe had a cause and that cause had a cause and so on and so forth forever, then there wouldn't be a universe to talk about. For example, imagine if you were told that you couldn't read this book until you handed it to someone else, and then this other person would also have to give it to someone else, and this went on forever, then would anyone ever read this book? The answer is no. If we apply this principle to the universe then we would have to conclude that the cause behind it is uncaused out of rational necessity. The Quran confirms the uncreatedness of the creator: "He begot no one nor was He begotten." (Quran 112:3)

Now, having a creator is one thing, but how do we know we have a purpose? Everything in this universe has a purpose. Even simple things like a chair, a bowl and even the book you are holding in your hands serves a purpose. Wouldn't it be sad if we didn't too have a purpose? If we reflect and look at the world around us, we can easily come to the conclusion that we must have a purpose. Think about the vastness of our universe with all its billions of galaxies and trillions of planets. The Qur'an tells us that God did not create all this for no reason: "We did not create the heavens and the earth and everything between them playfully." (Quran 21:16)

The sun gives us warmth, the clouds give us rain and the trees and animals give us food. Since a lot of the systems that God has put in place in our universe are to ensure our survival and wellbeing then God must have a purpose in mind for us, too. This is what the Quran tells us: "It is God who created the heavens and earth, who has sent down water from the sky and with it brought forth produce to nourish you; He has made ships useful to you, sailing the sea by His command, and the rivers too; He has made the sun and the moon useful to you, steady on their paths; He has made the night and day useful to you and given you some of everything you asked Him for. If you tried to count God's favours you could never calculate them" (Quran 14:32-34)

So that nagging question comes up again, what is our purpose? Again the Qur'an has the answer: "I created jinn (Quran spirits) and mankind only to worship Me" (Quran 51:56)

Now, what do you understand about 'worship'? Most will say prayer. This is correct, however in the Qur'an, worship is much more comprehensive than just praying. It includes all acts of obedience that are pleasing to our Creator. Even exercise and eating can be an act of worship if our intention is to stay healthy as we can't stand up and pray if we are ill. Why perform worship? It's important to understand that our Creator does not need our worship. In fact the Qur'an tells us this; it is us who are in need of worship. We as human beings are more than just flesh and bone, we have a spiritual side that also needs nourishing. Many people are wealthy materially speaking but unhappy with their lives because they neglect their spiritual wellbeing. In order for us to experience true peace both our bodies and souls need to be in tune with our Creator: "Truly it is in the remembrance of God that hearts find peace." (Quran 13:28)

So by converting every aspect of our lives into pleasing our Creator, then we will be in a state of constant remembrance of God and our hearts will be at peace. This is a revolutionary way of thinking but practically, if someone were to do this, a lot of their actions wouldn't change; however their thought process behind their actions would and they would find the inner peace so needed in today's society! So, the question arises - what is the best way to worship God? Let's think about mobile phones. Mobile phones are obviously not as sophisticated as human beings, but we share many things in common. We both have a life span, we both require energy to function correctly, and we can both be damaged if we are not taken care of properly. When mobile phones develop a problem, the first thing most people do is to refer to the instruction manual for the mobile phone. Why? Because it has been made to show us the best way of using it and we rightly listen to the experts! The creator of the phone knows the best way to use that phone and they have imparted their knowledge to us in the form of instruction manuals. Similarly then, the Quran is like an instruction manual for humanity as it is from the one who made us. God, our Creator, knows us better than we know ourselves and this is why His knowledge, His guidance for how we should live will always surpass any human invented philosophies and ways of life.

Eviction of Kacharia and State land



By Mohd Amin Mir

The High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has ordered that 'shamilat land' meant for cattle grazing known as Kacharia and State land under illegal occupancy of people in one or another form shall be retrieved. This land is meant for common purposes and can be used for constructing schools and other government departments and playgrounds, etc.

About one hundred years ago, such land was recorded as Sri Sarkar Dulatmandar, meaning our government is wealthy and rich as it has enough land and can utilize it for the common purposes of its citizens. It was and is the responsibility of the government of the time to look after it properly and if at any time finds that this treasure is illegally occupied by anyone may have and

can take action against them. A few decades ago, people were having a kind of fear that if such kind of land will be occupied, the government will take action against them. But

tial houses on these patches. Even rich people have illegally occupied these patches for one or another purpose. It should be mentioned here that there is a provision that if

toes as the deadline is approaching nearer. Each day statements are issued that such lands were retrieved today and the remaining will be retrieved on a war footing basis and the graph will reach zero before the deadline. Some revenue officers have started issuing notices to the encroachers.

It is a good step as such lands are used for different public purposes. This author sees that tehsil authorities are issuing statements daily in this regard and when one examines these statements and if they are based on facts then it looks like the goal is near. But if the statements are like the preparation of Goshwara Jiniswar then the situation will be like the previous one after the deadline. This author appreciates revenue authorities for this hardworking but statements should be based on facts, not 'Kagzi Goray', and the authorities should think about residential houses constructed on these lands by the poor people as it is a matter of concern and only serving a notice to these downtrodden people is not a proper way out. Think before acting.

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over the last three decades, people first encroached on these patches either by fencing or planting fruit-bearing trees, and after a few years, started constructing residential houses; later on, commercial constructions on such patches. The revenue department is the caretaker of these lands. Many poor people have constructed residen-

anybody has a requirement of this kind of land it can be interchanged with the propriety land by a mutation after completion of formalities but it is for selective cases and this time it can be utilized for the benefit of those people who may have constructed residential houses on these patches. The revenue department is on its

Taxes on food products, ridiculously a bad idea



BY M S NAZKI

First make the middle class pay out of their noses, then tax them also, good idea because taxes have to be paid, then get their lives be reduced to 'Misérables', then auction Government jobs where corruption rules the roost, finally the only tax that was to be paid remained taxes on food products! Is the government helping the poor or middle class or helping the rich to become richer!

This is nothing but 'Baniagiari' Traders workshop in another sense. In India no one can sustain a family where people are more and sources less. Everyone cannot become a contractor. GST on food is a resoundingly a bad idea! Prices have increased, agricultural land is going to become lesser so from where will the food come. Honestly speaking, people who used Five Kilogram flour have to pay Rs. 190! This is no development!

-'Agreed that infrastructure is being built in a huge way especially as far as surface and aerial communications go! A very good idea!'

-'But tax on food is a bit of a bad one -'I asked from street food vendors (Why is the increase in food prices). The counter questions from us are?'

-Query-1: Whether Sale of food by a restaurant is a supply of goods or a supply of service? both ways it is payment that matters!

- Query 2: Sir i am having a small shop of samosa, jalebi and gulab jamun, previously I was paying 1 % on turn over now what should I do?

-Ans: GST has different slab rates for goods, services and



composite supply. Now, it becomes imperative to determine whether the supplies made by a restaurant will be treated as a supply of goods or supply of services. In this regard, Point 6 (a) of Schedule 2 to the CGST Act provides that a composite supply: 'by way of or part of any service or in any other manner, of food, drinks or any other article for human consumption shall be deemed to be supply of service.' As per section 2(30) of CGST Act, composite supply means: 'A supply of two or more taxable goods

or services which are naturally bundled.' But is food taxable? I asked a question. What do you think?

The answer from the shopkeeper: We are no one to answer?

-'Now, consider below 3 situations: Serving food in a restaurant: This involves two activities, sale of cooked food and serving in a restaurant with a good ambience. Since it involves a natural bundle of two supplies, it will be considered a composite supply and will be deemed to be a supply service. Home delivery of food: This also involved two activities, sale of food and service of home delivery. Since this is also a natural bundle of two supplies, it will be considered a composite supply and will be deemed to be a supply service.

- Counter sale from restaurant: Counter sale or sale of parcels involves only one element of sale of food. Sale of a Samosa is one such example. There is no element of service involved in this case. Therefore, it would be classified as a supply of goods and GST rules and rates relating to taxability of goods would apply on such transactions.

But can the middle class which is being silently reduced to the poorer class afford this! Max in India love government jobs and there are a few honest men too. It's the middle class who pay but GST on food is a bit of an unacceptable thing! At worst it can be said that it is a bad idea! In all senses food prices are going to increase, as such they are doing so every day? But why? Taxes and more taxes are reducing the middle class to a zero! By the way, that is the only invention that India has made by the way!

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Swami Vivekananda: The Greatest Visionary of Modern India



By Zeeshan Rasool Khan

The impact of British rule, religious and social ills, the caste system, the depressing position of women, reluctance to Western culture, etc. persuaded Indian intelligentsia to pull out all stops to bring much-needed reforms. At the beginning of the 19th century, many great minds strove to awaken the masses, revolutionize their minds and struggled to root out various ills plaguing Indian society. They came up with a new vision that was to shape the future of India. Among those, Swami Vivekananda emerged as a thinker, leader, and great reformer, honorably known as the prophet of modern India. Swami Vivekananda or Narendranath Dutta was born in Kolkata on Monday, 12 January 1863. His father, Vishwanath Dutta was an attorney-at-law in Kolkata High Court and was proficient in English and Persian. He had a great liking for the study of the Bible and Hindu scriptures in Sanskrit. Vivekananda's mother Bhuvaneshwari Dutta was an accomplished lady. Regal in appearance and gracious in conduct, she was deeply religious. It is said that before the birth of Vivekananda, she yearned for a son and made religious offerings to Virresvara Siva. After that, one night she dreamt that Siva promised to be born as her son. Vivekananda was born sometime afterward.

At the age of six, Vivekananda was sent to a primary school but only for a short duration. His father noticed that Vivekananda had learned some bad habits there from his classmates. Therefore, a private tutor was appointed to teach him at the home. Parental care of pious parents guarded him against every kind of immorality and developed in him an interest in religious and spiritual matters. Under the auspices of her mother, he memorized long passages from the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. At the age of eight in 1871, he entered high school. After securing good ranks in the following classes, he joined the Presidency College of Kolkata and then the Scottish Church College for higher studies. William Hastie, a professor at the college, was the first to familiarize Vivekananda with Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, who later became his spiritual mentor. Vivekananda's inborn inclination towards spirituality made him restless and he tried to find comfort. Initially, he associated himself with Brahmo Samaj, but curiosity remained unsatisfied. As luck would have it, he remembered the words of his professor about god-man Ramakrishna Paramahansa. His cousin Ramachandra Dutta also coaxed him to visit the saint. Paramahansa had attained the highest spiritual experience available to Hindus. Paramahansa believed that

traditional ways of renunciation, meditation, and bhakti are effective in achieving salvation. Also, he recognized the fundamental oneness of all religions and emphasized that Hari, Krishna, Ram, Christ, and Allah are different names of the same God. In his opinion, there are many ways to God and salvation; 'As many faiths, so many paths'. He concluded that all religions; Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam in particular were the ways to the realization of God-consciousness and carry the same message. In 1881, the historic meeting between the two great souls



took place and at the feet of Paramahansa, Vivekananda found the solace and answer to his questions. Vivekananda asked Sir have you seen God? Paramahansa responded, 'Yes, I have seen Him just as I see you here, only more intensely'. Paramahansa was the one who had an answer to this query. Vivekananda's doubt was dispelled and his training began. Gradually, Vivekananda yielded himself to his mentor. And Paramahansa guided him in a way that the rebellious spirit of Vivekananda was calmed, his doubts were replaced by certainty, and his anguish by spiritual bliss. After testing the disciple in so many ways, the mentor eventually decided to transmit his power to him. A few days before death, Paramahansa told Vivekananda, "By the force of the power transmitted by me, great things would be done by you; only after that will you go to whence you came." In this way, Vivekananda became the successor of his master to carry his mission forward. Vivekananda subscribed to the Vedanta, which according to him is a fully rational system with a superior approach. His New-Vedanta philosophy aims at encouraging the individual to work selflessly. It tries to promote social equitability. Even at an early age, he was concerned about equality. He would question why one human being should be considered superior to another. In his father's office, separate tobacco pipes would be provided to clients belonging to different castes and religions. Muslims would not use the pipe marked for the Hindus and vice-versa. Vivekananda once smoked tobacco from all pipes including one marked for Muslims. And when reprimanded he remarked, "I cannot see what difference it makes". His egalitarian approach only strengthened

under the tutelage of Paramahansa, who believed in Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava (all religions lead to the same goal). He said that the masses need two kinds of knowledge - 1) Secular knowledge about how to work for their economic upliftment and 2) Spiritual knowledge to have faith in themselves and strengthen their moral sense. He strived to promote equity, unity, tolerance, and universal fraternity. In 1893, he represented India on the world stage - Parliament of Religions held in Chicago where he made remarkable impressions on the audience through his learned interpretations. In that much-celebrated speech, Vivekananda stressed three important and novel facets of Hindu life. First, he said that Indian tradition believed 'not only in toleration' but in acceptance of 'all religions as true'. Second, he opined that Hinduism was incomplete without Buddhism and vice versa. Lastly, at the last session, he stated: "If anybody dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of the others, I pity him from the bottom of my heart, and point out to him that upon the banner of every religion will soon be written in spite of resistance: 'Help and not fight', 'Assimilation and not Destruction', 'Harmony and Peace and not Dissension'".

He not only shaped India's secularism but also addressed youth and students to motivate them to realize their dreams. He fostered new enthusiasm for progress among them. He popularized the slogan 'Arise! Awake! And stop not till the goal is reached' that continues inspiring youngsters, especially students. He truly deserves the title of 'youth leader' that is why his birthday - 12 January is celebrated as National Youth Day.

In 1897, he founded Ramakrishna Mission. Being a great humanitarian, he used the Ramakrishna mission for social work and humanitarian relief. Vivekananda advocated for the doctrine of services i.e. the service of all beings that makes the cardinal objective of the Mission. Due to its spiritual, social, educational, and philanthropic contribution, the Mission attracted people globally and grew into a global organization. The Mission continues to stand for religious and social reformation and operates worldwide. Although it is a deeply religious body, it has abstained from proselytizing. The mission is strictly adhering to the teachings of its founder - Vivekananda, who in a Chicago speech said, "If anyone here hopes that this unity will come by the triumph of any one of the religions and the destruction of the others, to him I say, Brother, yours is an impossible hope." And this is one of the strong reasons for the success of the Mission.

Swami Vivekananda's message can serve as a guiding light and 'Magna Carta' (the great charter) for all irrespective of social and religious barriers and the imbibition of his message is a compelling need in current times. Swami Vivekananda died on 4 July 1902. He was cremated on the bank of Ganga in Belur, opposite where Paramahansa was cremated sixteen years earlier.

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DC Rajouri interacts with ITI trainees

RAJOURI, JANUARY 19: Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kundal today visited Industrial Training Institute Rajouri and interacted with the trainees pursuing courses in different technical trades.

The batch of the trainees was recommended for the different courses by the visiting officers during the recently held B2V4 program in the district. It is pertinent to mention here that identification and training of the unemployed youth under skill course was one of the key points under B2V4.

The Deputy Commissioner interacted with the trainees and enquired about the training protocol and curriculum. He expressed his satisfaction over the impressive, fully digitized infrastructure, experienced faculty and highly qualified trainers which he found at the ITI.

He also interacted with the teaching staff of the institute and assured full support of district administration to ITI in optimization of the training course. He also praised the students for opting for skill training and motivated them to constantly update their knowledge and skills to stay ahead in the tough competition.

"The Government has taken a number of initiatives to boost employment and necessary training under skill development schemes is being imparted to the unemployed youth to enable them to stand on their own" he said.

Similar training programs would also commence shortly in all other ITIs.

Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Imran Rashid Kataria; Principal ITI Rajouri, Rashid Sheikh and DIO, Narinder Kumar also accompanied the DC.

PSPS Govt PG College for women shines in Yuvtarang competitions

JAMMU, JANUARY 19: Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government PG College for women Gandhinagar has bagged first position in various inter-college competitions held under the aegis of Yuvtarang.

The event witnessed a series of literary activities being held in Cluster colleges.

Haspreet Kour of BSC sem 3rd of PSPS Govt PG College for women bagged first position in Debate Competition, while Mansha Akhter of B.A Honours Sem 1st got first position in poetry and Mehak Sharma of BA Sem 5th got 3rd position in elocution. The team of the College participating in Quiz competition bagged 3rd position. The team comprised Kamna Sharma, Jai Pathania and Shakshi Sharma all students of B.A Sem 1st.

The students were mentored by Assistant professor Anupama Sharma. Professor Paramjeet Singh, Cultural coordinator, Dr Revika and Assistant Dean Student welfare Dr Javed Iqbal, Dr B.D Sehgal Associate Professor lauded the students for bringing laurels to the college.

GDC Ramgarh conducts Plantation Drive on College Campus

SAMBA, JANUARY 19: The National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of Government Degree College Ramgarh conducted a plantation drive on the campus here today.

The drive was conducted on day-two of the ongoing '7 Days NSS Special Winter Camp' under the banners of 'My College My Pride' and 'My Town My Pride'. The drive was conducted under the able guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, the Principal of the College.

On the occasion, she said that tree plantation is not just something that should be done; instead, it is a necessity, the urgent need of the hour. Planting trees is especially important to protect our environment against air pollution and global warming. She elaborated that the young volunteers should actively participate in organizing tree plantation campaigns. Considering the manifold benefits of trees, including that they release oxygen into the air, absorb unpleasant odours as well as harmful gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide from the air and purify it, protect us from dangerous ultraviolet rays, provide us with food and the pivotal role played by trees in preventing soil erosion, maintaining ecological balance and most especially in lessening the effects of global warming. Besides all these benefits, trees and plants enhance the ambience of the plantation areas and surroundings.

Dr. Shamsher Lal, the NSS Programme Officer, motivated the NSS volunteers to participate in such activities with zeal and enthusiasm. He encouraged them to plant more and more trees and plants for environmental conservation and sustainability.

The plants, including mango plant, Joquat plant, peach plant, some flower plants, etcetera, were brought by the faculty members, the NSS volunteers and other students. Moreover, the NSS volunteers of the College dug the holes in the ground of the campus. Thereafter, the College Principal, faculty members and volunteers planted these plants and watered them adequately.

Many other activities of importance to environment and the society will be conducted by the NSS unit 'Prabha' of the College in the coming days. The Camp will conclude on 25th of January, 2023.

DEO Kishtwar reviews arrangements for celebration of National Voters Day 2023

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 19: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav who is also the District Election Officer, today chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the celebration of upcoming National Voters Day.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Sham Lal, ADC Kishori Lal Sharma, Dy DEO, Naresh Kumar, ACR Varunjeet Singh Charak, DPO Sunil Bhutyal, DIO Amit Kumar, Deputy CEO, DYSSO, SVEEP Consultant, representatives of Degree Colleges and other concerned officers.

Threadbare discussions were held in the meeting on the arrangements to be placed in and activities to be conducted on occasion of the NVD to be held on 25th January.

Dy DEO and SVEEP Consultant apprised the meeting about various activities to be organised on the occasion.

The meeting decided to hold the main programme in the KV School wherein the students, citizens and other stakeholders shall participate in the celebration of NVD.

The DEO directed to launch an awareness campaign across the district for maximum participation of citizens in the electoral process and to encourage the newly eligible voters.

It was decided that the NVD pledge ceremony, screening of awareness films and "Main Bhi Bharat" Song, Quiz competition besides the felicitation ceremony of Youth Icons will be organised on the occasion.

Doda Admin hosts maiden virtual Lumbardar, Chowkidar Conference

Asked to act as whistleblowers against perpetrators of drug abuse; identification, rehabilitation of addicts

DODA, JANUARY 19: The District Administration Doda on Thursday organised a maiden virtual conference of all Lumberdars and Chowkidars to discuss and seek their cooperation in the effective implementation of roadmap for social and economic development of rural areas.

The Conference was also attended by the ADCs, SDMs, SPs, ASPs, SDPOs, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars, SHOs, Chowki Officers and other concerned officials.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, and Senior Superintendent of Police, Abdul Qayoom interacted with the Lumberdars and Chowkidars along with other concerned officers and officials. Lumberdars and Chowkidars appreciated District Administration for holding maiden conference for them. They also presented their demands and issues, which were listened patiently and ensured to forward the same to the concerned authorities for taking viable decisions.

The SSP, while addressing the audience, informed that a District Security Grid with all the Lumberdars, Chowkidars, SHOs Chowki Officers, VDGs, Volunteers and Executive Magistrates,



as members shall be created soon for intelligence sharing and maintaining peace and brotherhood in the district. He urged the Lumberdars and Chowkidars to report about suspicious person or incident in the area to the nearest Police Station/ Post. He said "Drug menace has jeopardized the future of our youth

and stakeholders need to shoulder the responsibility to identify and report to police about the perpetrators." He asked the participants to act as whistleblowers against perpetrators of drug trafficking and identification and rehabilitation of addicts. Expressing concern over frequent road

mishaps in the district especially in the winters, the SSP appealed them to discontinue and report about unfit vehicles, Untrained Drivers, and Overloading in their respective areas.

Availing the opportunity, the DC discussed in detail scores of issues with them hampering the systematic development of the district. He underlined the importance of strong communication and the relation between Lumberdars, Chowkidars and administration. He said that Lumberdars and Chowkidars are eyes and ears of administration in the rural areas. He asked all the SDMs and SDPOs to make a directory of mobile numbers of all the Lumberdars and Chowkidars of their jurisdiction and stay in touch with them and involve them in all the developmental activities. He urged them to ensure the punctuality of government officials and act as the representative of the Government in their villages and spread the awareness about the individual and community welfare schemes.

The DC informed that the Government has shifted to 100% online mode for providing efficient, transparent, and timely service delivery to the beneficiaries.

DC Ramban reviews implementation of Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

RAMBAN, JANUARY 19: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam on Thursday chaired a meeting to review the Village Development Plan formulated by the line departments for holistic development of village Kanthi identified by the Union MoS and Member Parliament Udhampur-Kathua Constituency Dr. Jitendra Singh under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana.

Among others, Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajinder Sharam, ADC, Harbans Lal Sharma, ACR, Giasul-Haq, ACD, Ashok Singh, CMO, CEO, CHO, CAO, DSHO, Executive Engineers JPDC and Jal Shakti, DSWO, ARTO, BDO and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Discussing the basic objective of the scheme, the DC said it aims to keep the rural areas accessible while providing the local people access to quality basic amenities and opportunities to enable



them to achieve desired developmental goals.

Mentioning that the scheme is unique and transformative as it has a holistic approach towards development of rural areas, the DC asked the officers of Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, Education, Social Welfare, ICDS, Forest and all the departments dealing with job oriented schemes to saturate implementation of the same in Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana village Kanthi which envisages integrated development of the selected village across multiple areas such as.

The DC asked the officers that besides infrastructure development, the

scheme aims at instilling certain values, such as community participation, Antyodaya, gender equality, dignity of women, social justice, spirit of community service, cleanliness, eco-friendliness, maintaining ecological balance, peace and harmony, mutual cooperation, self-reliance, local self-Government, transparency and accountability in public life in the villages so that they get transformed into models for others.

The DC directed the ACD, who is also the Nodal officer for the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, to ensure implementation of the plan in identified villages in coordination.

MVD Reasi issues maiden All J&K Permit DC hands over authorization document to beneficiary

REASI, JANUARY 19: Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal today handed over the First All J&K permit issued by the Motor Vehicle department in the district to the beneficiary Sheetal Singh of Ransoo in presence of ARTO, Rajesh Gupta.

The DC said that any person intending to operate a passenger transport vehicle under All J&K contract carriage segment can apply online for grant of Route Permit (J&K) from the Motor vehicle Department Reasi.

The DDC said that the permit procedures have been simplified as now onwards an applicant can apply directly for the permit online on the transport department website after registration of vehicle under contract carriages segment.

Explaining further, the ARTO said that the applicant has to apply for a Letter of Authority after the approval of RTA/STA, which was mandatory for registration of vehicles and subsequent



issuance of Route Permit under any commercial segment.

As per latest amendment in J&K Motor Vehicles Rules, the applicant can directly approach any concerned dealer, along with requisite formalities for registration of any commercial vehicle in compliance with BS-VI Emission norms (Approved Models Only) under Contract Carriage Segment.

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Justice Dhar reviews working of judicial institutions, inspects progress on infrastructure projects in Reasi District

REASI, JANUARY 19: Justice Sanjay Dhar, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh today visited Reasi where he reviewed the working of judicial institutions and inspected progress on infrastructure projects.

Justice Sanjay Dhar, who is also Administrative Judge for District Reasi took stock of working of Courts, inspected progress of ongoing work of Court Complex at Katra and the site of new Court Complex Reasi along with the Chief architect and other Officers. Justice Dhar interacted with the Bar members at District Court Complex, Reasi where Bar members of district Reasi submitted



a memorandum of demands. While interacting with the judicial officer, Justice Dhar stressed on speedy disposal of cases.

Later, he chaired a meeting of district administration to discuss the issues

pertaining to administration of justice.

R.N. Watal, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Reasi; DC Reasi Babila Rakwal; Archana Charak, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Reasi; Sunil

Kumar, Secretary DLSA, Reasi; Priyanka Mahajan, Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, Reasi; SSP Reasi Amit Gupta; Lakshay Badyal, Munsiff Katra and PP Ranjeev Gupta attended the meeting. Justice Sanjay Dhar, who is also Administrative Judge for District Reasi took stock of working of Courts, inspected progress of ongoing work of Court Complex at Katra and the site of new Court Complex Reasi along with the Chief architect and other Officers. Justice Dhar interacted with the Bar members at District Court Complex, Reasi where Bar members of district Reasi submitted a memorandum.

DDC Rajouri reviews progress of RDD sector works

RAJOURI, JANUARY 19: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to review the performance of the Rural Development Department.

During the meeting, the DDC took a detailed review of the implementation of PMAY-G, Awas plus, ODF plus, development of Amrit Sarovars and status of aadhaar seeding under MGNREGA etc. The meeting was informed that the work on 21699 PMAY houses and 1286 Awas plus houses have been completed in the district so far.

Similarly 101 Amrit Sarovars have been developed in different parts of the district to achieve the goal

of water conservation.

Reviewing implementation of MGNREGA, the DC was informed that Adhar cards of 87 percent job card holders have been seeded with their accounts. DDC stressed on achieving hundred percent aadhaar seeding under MGNREGA at the earliest and asked them to monitor progress in this regard on a daily basis. Similarly, the DC also reviewed the progress of other schemes being implemented by the department in the district. Officers present in the meeting were Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Kumar and BDO Rajouri, Chander Kant Bhagat.

Health department Samba issues 115 age certificates at special camp held in PHC Sumb

SAMBA, JANUARY 19: Health department Samba today organised a special camp under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Health and Wellness Centre-Primary Health Centre Sumb to grant age certificates.

The camp was organised under the supervision of BMO Samba and ZMO Sumb. A special board was constituted for issuing age certificates consisting of all necessary specialities under one roof.

The camp was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Vidhi Bhatia. She informed the people that a medical board for issuing age certificates has been constituted at each Primary Health Centre level and senior citizens can avail the facility



at the nearest PHC. She also made the public aware about the necessary documents required for getting age certi-

cate and availing other online services of health department which include filing of online application on jkeservices por-

tal, 2 passport size photographs, copy of ID proof (aadhar card), Copy of address proof (ration card, domicile certificate, voter card).

The other officers and officials present at the camp were Block Medical Officer, Dr Anju Bala; Nodal Officer RBSK, Dr. Sandeep Rangroo; Dr. Zahida, Medical officer PHC Nud; Dr. Suchitra Dental surgeon, PHC Sumb; Pankaj, MLHP HWC-SC Raypur; Vaishali MLHP, HWC-SC Deveka; Vijay Kumar, Senior Lab Technician CMO office; Puneet Sharma MTS, District Hospital and other staff members of the HWC-SC Sumb.

A total of 115 persons had their age verified and they were issued age certificates on the spot

by the Chief Medical Officer as all the facilities were arranged under one roof.

Earlier, a special board composed of all the designated specialists was established to issue certifications at the camp. Awareness regarding the procedure to get age certificates was also imparted among the public present. The other officers and officials present at the camp were Block Medical Officer, Dr Anju Bala; Nodal Officer RBSK, Dr. Sandeep Rangroo; Dr. Zahida, Medical officer PHC Nud; Dr. Suchitra Dental surgeon, PHC Sumb; Pankaj, MLHP HWC-SC Raypur; Vaishali MLHP, HWC-SC Deveka; Vijay Kumar, Senior Lab Technician CMO office.

President Lava International calls on Lt Governor

JAMMU, JANUARY 19: Sh Sunil Raina, President, Lava International, today called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhawan. Sh Raina apprised the Lt Governor about the initiatives of the company and the steps being taken to make 5G devices more affordable for common masses.

As high speed 5G networks have started to roll out, very soon we will have the services available across the UT, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor complimented the efforts of IT sector for producing innovative solutions



bundled with latest technologies. "The IT sector is showing a very robust and consistent growth. Use of best of the technologies ensuring responsive,

transparent and easily accessible governance," the Lt Governor said. Pertinently, under the directions of Lt Governor, the J&K government had taken a proactive step to form a Working Committee headed by Financial Commissioner (ACS), Home Department in November 2022 for facilitating 5G roll out in Jammu and Kashmir. The breakthrough 5G technology will further strengthen "Digital J&K Mission" and improve the disposal & quality of 100% services that are now being offered by the J&K government through online mode.

DC Baramulla inaugurates Sanitary Napkin Incinerator & Vending Machine at Baramulla

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 19: The Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission (JKRLM) in collaboration with Vatsalya Foundation, a Non Government Organisation Baramulla today installed Vending and Incinerator machines in various schools at Baramulla here under Aspirational District Programme.



After inauguration of the unit, the DC said that this project will simultaneously help in spreading awareness on the benefits of adopting hygienic practices and overcoming

problems of availability and affordability of sanitary napkins to women in the area.

She further said that this is a much needed initiative that will help serve

a key area of women's health, and therefore will be of immense benefit to the overall community.

While briefing with regard to the installation of Machines in Educational institutions, the DC informed that initiatives are being taken to saturate all schools across the district with Vending and Incinerator machines.

She further said that out of 232 identified Higher Secondaries, a total of 209 schools have already been saturated with the machines while as remaining 26 schools will be covered by the February 2022.

Awareness event on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao held at Panchayat Hidyal

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 19: An awareness programme was today organised on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao by the Mission Vatsalya, DHEW Mission Shakti and One Stop Centre (OSC) Kishtwar here at Govt. UPS Traksena Nagni Panchayat Hidyal.

Sarpanch, Pyare Lal Parihar and a large number of local women and civil society members attended the program.

Protection officer (NIC) Mission Vatsalya DCPU, Touseef Iqbal Butt educated the participants about women centric schemes and laws for the protection of the rights of womenfolk. He said a special focus has been laid on defeating the practice of female foeticide.

He said the aim of the "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" Mission is to ensure that the women and girls get equal opportunities and their survival and security be given top priority.

Hina Jaan Coordinator DHEW, Mission Shakti Kishtwar also spoke about the government initiatives taken for protection of women rights and their



empowerment. The team of DHEW Mission Shakti Kishtwar also pasted stickers of Beti Bachao Bati Padhao in and around the District Hospital and spread awareness about the scheme.

Shanu Rana Gender Specialist DHEW Mission Shakti, Kajal Parihar Case Worker (One Stop Centre), Ruchi Sen (Office Assistant) also spoke on the occasion.

Ladakh LG RK Mathur releases Exam Warriors book Advises students to face Class 10 & 12 board exams with courage

Leh, January 19, 2023 The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, today virtually released 'Exam Warriors'- a book by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, at the DC Conference Hall in Leh.

The revised version of Exam Warriors, which was first launched in the year 2018, is being launched across the country between January 15 to 19. Hon'ble PM Modi would also address students, teachers and parents during the 6th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha on January 27.

Terming the students as a vulnerable group and exams as a vulnerable time for students, LG Mathur appreciated Hon'ble PM Modi's initiative for successfully addressing the issues faced by the students in Mann Ki Baat



and Pariksha Pe Charcha. He stated that the 34 mantras given by PM Modi in the book

show his in-depth thinking and analysis of the problems faced by the students. He further stated that the PM's interaction with students during Pariksha Pe Charcha shows his concern and the need to reach out to students along with the teachers and parents who play an important role in preparing the students to face the board exams.

Highlighting some of the mantras given by PM Modi in the book, LG Mathur reiterated the need for the students to become a warrior instead of worrier while facing the Class 10 and 12 board exams. He emphasised the need for parents, guardians and teachers not to convey their worry to the students and instead create an atmosphere of festival during the board exams.

Distt Admin Kulgam intensifies Anti-encroachment drives

KULGAM, JANUARY 19: Acting tough against encroachments, the District Administration Kulgam has launched intensive anti-encroachment drives to retrieve all State/Kahcharie land across the district. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat has passed strict directions to all Tehsildars for intensifying the anti-encroachment drives in the district for retrieval of all encroached State and Kahcharie Land. Following these directions, teams from revenue department in all tehsils

have launched massive and intensified anti encroachment drives across all tehsils and in last two days administration has retrieved more than 253 Kanals of encroached State and Kahcharie land. Besides, village wide notices were also served by Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars across the district to encroachers and they were warned to vacate the encroached State Land/Kahcharie Land/Shamilat Section 4, within one week or else they have to bear the consequences under Law. Assistant Commissioner

Revenue informed that so far atleast 40 percent of encroached land has already been retrieved in the district. He said the process is being monitored by DC and other senior Officers of the district. Besides, village wide notices were also served by Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars across the district to encroachers and they were warned to vacate the encroached State Land/Kahcharie Land/Shamilat Section 4, within one week or else they have to bear the consequences under Law.

Orientation/ training programme on "Promotion of Medicinal & Aromatic plants cultivation in the UT of J&K" held at Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19: The Divisional level orientation cum training programme on "Promotion of Medicinal and Aromatic plants cultivation in the UT of J&K" was today held at Agriculture complex Lalmandi, here.

Speaking to the inaugural session of training programme, Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal marked the importance of medicinal and aromatic plants. He said there is a huge potential to grab in this sector.

Director Agriculture said cultivation of the medicinal and aromatic plants on commercial lines, participation of educated youth in this allied wing could help in the socio-economic transformation of concerned farming families.



Iqbal said that under the holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors a multipronged project has been approved for the promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants cultivation in the UT of J&K. He said the department has already taken the nec-

essary steps for the promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants wherein the demonstration sessions are held with concerned farmer, agripreneurs at departmental farms so that the modern technologies and interventions in the concerned areas could be

imparted to the farmers in a comprehensive manner. Director Agriculture also highlighted the importance of branding and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants. He said the capacity building for the implementation of different projects is also of utmost importance therefore the participants must go through all the details of the approved projects under holistic development document. The programme was attended Joint Director Agriculture (Ext) Mohammad Syeed Peer, Joint Director Agriculture and Mushroom Tabassum Naz, Officers of Agriculture production department, Officers/Scientists of SKUAST-K, KYKs and other allied departments.

DAP holds protest against land eviction order in Ramban

Ramban January 19 (KNS): : Hundreds of workers from Democratic Azad Party on Thursday held a peaceful demonstration against the land eviction order by the government urging authorities to reconsider its decision.

According to a statement issued to KNS, reads, that the leaders and workers marched to DC office and handed over the memorandum to DC Ramban in presence of General Secretary R.S.Chib, G.M.Saroori Vice President, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Aslam Goni Working Committee Member, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, Arun Raju Secretary, Ch Farooq Provincial Secretary, Shahrukh Bhatti Counselor, Mohd Amin Bhatt, Farooq Katoch, Shakeel Singh, Dharam

Chand, Budhi Singh Manhas & others. General Secretary R.S.Chib said that the order is hurting thousands of families and will render them homeless in these harsh winters. "Our protest will continue as long as the order is not revoked. The aim of laws is the welfare of common people but in our UT laws are framed to disempower people," the he said. He said the elections shall be immediately held so that Jammu Kashmir will have an elected government. "How long they will leave us at the mercy of bureaucrats. It has been more than five years we are without a government. We shall not allow these officers to decide our fate," he added. G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, said that the land under the Roshni Scheme was provided to poor and needy people

after the Assembly approved the legislation. It was a pro poor initiative by the then Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and the present regime is undoing it. He said DAP will not silently watch the handling of crucial affairs of Jammu and Kashmir by some officers. "Our voices will be for people and we will not sit aside and let the people suffer. We stand united against this anti people land eviction order," he further said. In democracies, the DAP Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami said, the elected governments have only the mandate to frame the public policies but our UT is denied of this constitutional right and a bunch of officers are empowered to write our fate. Among others who participated in the protest were Munner Bhatt, Dr Asif Khanday,

Republic Day: Security Jammu issues guidelines for visitors

JAMMU, JANUARY 19: Security Jammu has issued guidelines for people participating in the Republic Day celebration this year.

In this regard, Senior Superintendent of Police, Security Jammu, Swarn Singh Kotwal, today issued a detailed information regarding do's and don'ts for general public in connection with observance of national event in the region.

He said that great public participation is expected in the Republic Day function on 26th January, 2023 so the Security Jammu has sought cooperation from the visitors to facilitate their safe and comfortable entry and partaking in the event at M A Stadium.

As per a public notice issued in this regard, the public has been asked not to carry cell phone, camera, arms/ammunition, sharp edged weapons, hand bags, polythene bags, transistor, toys, tools, stop watch, any kind of powder, inflammable material like cigarettes, match boxes and lighter and related objectionable items while entering into the venue.

The general public has further been advised to extend full co-operation to the frisking/checking teams deployed at dif-

ferent gates, which is in fact meant for their own safety and peaceful culmination of the Republic Day function. Besides, the expected visitors have also been asked to maintain queue while entering the gates through Door Frame Metal Detector installed at the gates and avoid unnecessary altercation with security personnel. The notice has also advised the public to ensure their presence well in time so that they could enter the venue and be seated comfortably without any inconvenience. "Do not hesitate to disclose your identity in case you are requested for the same by security personnel or the uniformed police personnel", notice explained to general public.

It was informed that proper parking slots have been earmarked for all categories/types of vehicles. The public can seek help from Traffic Police personnel for parking of their vehicles at the appropriate parking places.

Security Jammu has fervently appealed the public to immediately inform the police personnel on duty in case of any suspicious person or item is noticed without touching the same.

Public Notice

I have lost my Husband's Death certificate who died on 27 /07/2006. Now I am applying for its duplicate certificate if anybody has any objection in this regard He /She may contact with concerned authorities within 7 days from the date publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained.

Hafeeza Begem
W/O Mohammed Ashraf Parray
R/o Hail Jageer
Tehsil kreeri

Public Notice

It is informed to general public that my Date of Birth wrongly mentioned in school record as 15 /07 / 2007 instead of 01/11/2010 .now I want to correct it .If anybody have any objection He /She may file His /Her objection in the office of Millat Model School Darwa

NameMANZOOR AHMAD WANI
S/o.... ABDUL MAJEED WANI
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Public Notice

I namely Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat Properiter of trouvaikle kashmir tour travels located at Want to bring in public notice that i have established an entrepreneur on the name of Trouvaikke kashmir tour travels. If anybody have any objection in the title of firm kindly contact on number 6005282838

NameMUSHTAQ AHMAD
Properiter OF TROUVAIKLE KASHMIR TOUR TRAVELS

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OBITUARY

With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of **MTR. MASOODA NAZIR WIFE OF LATE NAZIR AHMAD KALOO** who passed away on Tuesday January 17th 2023 corresponding to 24 Jamad ul Thani 1444 (AH) in peace,

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنّٰی إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

Congregational Fateh Khawani will take place on **Friday 20th Jan 2023 at 11 am** at her Mazar in Bona Battapora, HYDERPORA Just behind Ziyarat Syed Hyder R.A. Followed by a brief condolence meeting at our residence in Ibrahim Colony, Hyderabad.

Bereaved:

G H Kaloo (Journalist) | Dr F A Kaloo | Dr Khurshed Ahmad Pandit | Dr Basharat Ahmad Pandit | Rayees Ahmad Qureshi | Arshad Nazir Khan | Fayazullah Qadri Dr Rameez Shah | Muneer Ahmad Pandit

Before the Hon'ble court of Additional District and sessions Judge at Sopore

In the case of:
1. Mohammad Sultan Malik
S/o Late Ab Khalik Malik
2. Danish ul haq
S/O.Late Khazir Mohammad Malik
R/o Both residents of Sangrama Tehsil Khoie Sopore
District Baramulla
(Caveators)
Versus
Public At Large

(Non-Caveator)
In the matter of:
Caveat petition under section 148 A of CPC for providing right of prior audience to the caveators before passing any order if the non caveator/or from any body from the public may chose to file any proceedings against caveators before this honblecourt

Caveators through counsel
Advocate Aasif Abdullah and associates
Advocate at add. District and sessions court sopore

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

E-UNNAT

dashboard (<https://aas.jk.gov.in>) for all citizen centric services available on e-Unnat Portal, as per the provisions of PSGA.

In the process, J&K has become the first UT in the country to implement such a robust system. This step of the government is expected to be a game changer as it empowers the citizens and would go a long way in curbing delays in providing services to citizens, weed out red tapism, inefficiency, lethargy and culture of apathy and impunity. Under this system, the service delivery timelines, details of defaults and penal provisions besides generation of statistics and drill down facility together with auto escalation / auto-appeal feature is available online.

The aim of the government in incorporating the auto-appeal and auto-escalation feature in the portal is that the provisions of the PSGA get integrated into the online application processing and service delivery mechanism to be strictly adhered to.

Meanwhile, J&K has also become the first Union Territory to launch its own Unified Citizen Services Portal (<https://eUnnat.jk.gov.in>) incorporating 'Meri Pehchaan' (National Single Sign-on) to make available Citizen Centric Services to the common man under a single portal.

The TEJAS Dashboard on the e-UNNAT portal would show, at a glance, the online e-service applications received, services delivered, applications pending, applications rejected, with the delayed services delivery break-up further displayed based on time delay periods, less than a week, one to two weeks, more than two weeks, and so on.

At the same time, the e-UNNAT portal now also provides a glimpse into the My Scheme portal of the Government of India by mapping, initially, six schemes of the J&K government and providing access to information on those by re-directing through a single URL.

The statistics of response received on the platform has revealed that 1937127 applications have been received for above services. Out of these, 1472350 certificates have already been issued digitally with just 464777 applications under process.

RAHUL

and price rise as the main issues confronting the country and blamed the media for not highlighting them.

Gandhi also said that in Jammu and Kashmir, he was feeling like returning home as his ancestors belonged to this land.

Meanwhile National Conference president, Farooq Abdullah said that many years ago, Shankaracharya had undertaken a yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and today you (Rahul Gandhi) are doing it.

He said that Bharat Jodo Yatra is trying to unite India and before he dies, he wants to see a united India having peace and harmony.

However, tight security arrangements are in place to prevent any untoward incident during the Yatra.

The Yatra with a night halt at Lakhnapur, will start from Hatli Morh (Kathua) on Friday for Chadwal (23 Kms) and have a night halt.

After a day break on January 21, the yatra will resume next day from Hiranagar upto Duggar Haveli, Nanak Chack (21 Kms) in Samba district and will further start from Vijaypur upto Satwari on January 23 and the night halt will be at Sidhra.

Former Chief Ministers, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti will join the yatra at Srinagar.

Tight security was in place en route to the Yatra.

CLASS 8TH

Department has been showing signs of improvement and there is a scope for more improvement.

"Our department is the most resourceful department and it has so far surrendered 666 buildings to other departments," he said. [KNT]

LG

for the augmentation of facilities for the devotees. He passed explicit directions to the officials to address all the issues at the earliest.

The Lt Governor was briefed on the action taken to address the demands pertaining to security, installation of solar lighting & heating, dedicated water connection for the temple, construction of waste disposal unit and development of temple complex.

The Lt Governor took on the spot appraisal from the concerned departments and directed for speedy implementation of related projects.

Sh Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Sh Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sh Athar Aamir Khan, Commissioner SMC; Sh Rakesh Balwal, SSP Srinagar; Chief Engineers of concerned departments, and other senior officials were also present.

DIV COM

road furnishing, landscape improvement, installation of roadside VMDs, installation of hoardings besides removal of wooden poles, rusted plant guards, hanging cable wires and unnecessary road dividers and debris.

On the occasion, Div Com directed for painting of Government buildings and commercial building walls along the roads to increase the aesthetic value of those structures. He directed for pruning of trees, plantation of ornamental green plants on medians, removal of withered trees. Also, Div Com instructed for use of Swachh Bharat Mission symbols and boards with the ranking of the city on SBM. Besides, he underlined the installation of welcome signages and boards at different locations.

To meet the developmental requirements and upgradation works on time, Div Com set the time frame for all the departments and asked them to submit a compliance report of planned works after every 15 days. He fixed the deadline for all the works by 15 April, 2023 beyond which he said no work shall extend. He directed for homogeneous & synchronized display boards of commercial establishments at markets and along the said roads.

Div Com also inspected ongoing works at Lal Chowk, for redevelopment of Lal Chowk precinct, Jhelum Bund, Ghats and other sites.

CENTRE

pre-production-production, post-harvest management and value addition and logistics, marketing and branding to make it globally competitive. Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, while highlighting broad contours of the project, said that Agriculture Production Department, with the technical support of National Horticulture Board and Grant Thornton (Ministry's Consultants for the CDP) invited RFPs for selection of Implementing Agencies (IAs) to execute the verticals in Shopian district and M/s FIL emerged as the successful Implementing Agency for the project. The project is estimated to cost Rs 135.23 crore, of which, about Rs 37.05 crore would be provided by the MoAFW as grant-in-aid. The IA shall provide an equity to the tune of Rs 29.91 crore

and raise a term loan of Rs 68.27 crore.

The project is expected to be implemented in four years and it is expected to transform the landscape of the horticulture eco-system of Shopian district.

ADVISOR

Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized upon them to focus on solutions rather than dwelling on problems. He told them to make use of the fellowship and work hard to become the face of skilling in their respective districts.

Advisor further said that Skill Development plans prepared by the fellows will give tremendous boost to skilling and development scenario of different districts. He advised the fellows to utilise the expertise of IIM Jammu while drafting Skill development plans.

In his address, Director IIM Jammu, talked in detail about the initiatives being taken up by the fellows towards the skilling initiative and the way forward. He motivated the fellows to work harder and face challenges with a broad and innovative mindset.

During the workshop, Program Manager, Dr. Shahid Jibrin, briefed the participants about MGNF program. He also spoke on the work done by fellows across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir, Leh, Pondicherry, West Bengal and Chandigarh. whose fellows were participating in the workshop.

During the workshop, the fellows talked about the district skill development plans that have been formulated besides sharing their experiences in the skilling sector. The fellows shared their experiences on the field and the work they have initiated in districts.

Later, Advisor had a constructive interaction session with the fellows.

WEATHER

minus 1.4 degree Celsius while the mercury in Gulmarg and Pahalgam settled at minus 7.6 and minus 4.3 degree Celsius respectively.

In Qazigund, the mercury settled at minus 3.4 degree Celsius—(KNO)

ARMS

a license of an applicant not residing within the jurisdiction of their district," it reads.

It further reads for ascertaining the area of residence of an applicant, a specific report from the Police, certifying the same, shall be obtained by the district magistrates before processing any application.

"In no case, the District Magistrates shall deviate from the Rules 17 & Rule 24 of Arms Rules, 2016, concerning addresses of the licensee."

It reads district magistrates shall obtain a report from CID Wing of J&K Police, regarding the character and antecedents of the applicant, in addition to the Police verification prescribed under Arms Rules, 2016, in order to ensure that the Licensing Authority is in a position to ascertain the suitability of granting license.

CS

of the services. He enjoined upon them that any undue delay would be unacceptable. He remarked that the main objective for offering various services in online mode to public is their easy accessibility, timely delivery and transparency.

He maintained that when most of the services are provided online to public, the need is to integrate them with Auto-appeal system so that the same are provided within the period envisaged in the Public Services Guarantee Act. He observed that integration of relevant services with the auto-appeal facility would be a game changer in real sense and bring about utmost responsibility and accountability among the serving departments.

He urged the IT Department to set targets for itself for integration of these services with auto-appeal system and RAS, besides on boarding them on platforms like e-UNNAT, Service Plus and DigiLocker. He applauded them for performing yeoman's job by bringing about an IT revolution for taking the administration at the doorsteps of people. He directed them to sensitize the officials on ground to be the facilitators and friends of common people.

STP

meeting here to review the functioning of the 30 MLD STP at Bhagwati Nagar Jammu. The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) and other concerned officers.

While chairing the meeting, CS directed that our endeavour should not only be enhancing the treatment capacity of the STPs but on the quality of treatment done by them. He said that there is no point treating some waste water to a high degree and mixing it with untreated water.

He said that STP at Bhagwati Nagar should be put to its optimum use. He said that maximum benefits will be reaped only when it reaches to its full capacity of 30 MLD. He said that it needs to be studied whether we have reaped the fruits we capable of from creation of such public assets.

EARPHONE

of short burst sound goes to ear as high as 120 decibels levels. However, if they use protective gear like ear plugs or at a minimum with cotton with Vaseline that can give them protection to a certain level," he said.

Notably, an observational research study was conducted by a team of valley-based doctors in the department of ENT & HNS of the government medical college Srinagar and SMHS hospital for a period of two years from Aug 2011 to Oct 2013, in which a total of 158 patients were included in the study who were exposed to audiometric analysis apart from clinical examinations.

According to the research, the purpose of that observational study was to evaluate the incidence of occupational noise-induced hearing loss (ONHL) among the local industrial population of Kashmir which is involved in occupations exposed to noise. In its conclusion report, the research stated that the people who are exposed to the noise of more than 90db for more than 8 hours a day working in local industries of Kashmir have high-frequency sensorineural hearing loss.

EDUCATION

people of Hamirpur parliamentary constituency reached the teacher's felicitation ceremony, giving Anurag Thakur's initiative the form of a mass movement. 'Ek Se Shrestha' is a visionary initiative of Anurag Singh Thakur which aims to provide quality education to every village for a bright future for every child in the region. Notably, at present, in 140 panchayats of Hamirpur parliamentary constituency, 'Ek Se Shrestha' centers are being operated where more than 2500 children are being given free education and employment opportunities are also being given at panchayat level. In 'Ek Se Shrestha' centers, children are provided with all necessary facilities for education like books, copy, white board, statio-

Fenesta Expands its Retail Presence in Anantnag



Anantnag, Jan 18, KNT: Fenesta, India's largest Windows and Doors brand, reinforced its retail expansion with the opening of another new showroom. The exclusive showroom, Faiz Enterprises, is located at KP Road, Khanabal and brings the best in class uPVC Windows & Doors, Aluminium Windows & Doors, and Internal & Designer Doors. On the launch of the new showroom, Saket Jain, Business Head, Fenesta said, "Our firm commitment towards our customers, together with our excellent product portfolio with diverse options, have escalated our growth. At Fenesta, we strive to use innovation and modern designs to offer maximum customer satisfaction." With this launch, Fenesta marks another milestone to ensure an interactive and informative buying experience for our existing and potential customers. Fenesta Showrooms have been successfully contributing to a significant customer reach and positioning as a market leader. The Fenesta showroom at Anantnag displays a range of products from windows, doors and various design and colour possibilities. With this launch, Fenesta now has a presence in more than 350 locations. [KNT]

Electrical employees to resume postponed strike from February 2

Srinagar, Jan 19, KNT: Electrical employees in Jammu and Kashmir have decided to resume their postponed strike from next month to attract the attention of the government towards their 'legitimate' demands.

"The strike will start on February 2 next month. There will be a massive protest program at the Chief Office on February 14 and 15 with mass casual leave," said a member of the Electrical Employees Union Central Core Committee.

He told news agency Kashmir News Trust that if their grievances are not addressed, there will be a protest in all circles a day in a week.

The electrical employees alleged that the government is buying time and only giving false assurances.

"Step motherly treatment to employees is done on various issues like delay in conduction of DPC on state, divisional and circle level from last two decades, fixing of seniority, scrapping of welfare scheme and wages of unpaid TDL /PDL employees and various issues of clerks and drivers." [KNT]

Unit Holders in South Kashmir's Pulwama yet to obtain lease-land rights despite paying hefty sums

Pulwama, Jan 19, KNT: Despite paying the lease amount and rent since August last year, district administration Pulwama has not given possession of land to the Unit Holders who want to set up their units at Industrial Growth Centre Lassipora. At least 8 Unit Holders have taken 15 Kanal land each on lease and for which every Unit Holder has paid Rs 4.50 lakh per Kanal.

"Besides the lease amount, we have been paying rent since August last year and despite fulfilling all the formalities, no possession of land has been given to us," one of the Unit Holders from South Kashmir's Pulwama district told news agency Kashmir News Trust.

The Unit Holders said that the leased land which they are supposed to obtain from the district administration Pulwama is still under the 'illegal' occupation. "Even Assistant Commissioner Revenue along with other officers visited the spot and assured us of possession of land, but till date, we haven't got the possession," they said adding that not only they have paid the hefty sums but also paying the rent for the land which is still not under their possession. Pertinently, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has started a drive to evict people in possession of alleged 'state-land'.

When contacted a top official from the administration said that all formalities have been completed and encroachers will be evicted from the state-land. He said land will be handed over to lease-holders. [KNT]

CHILDREN UNABLE TO REACH HOME: INDIAN ARMY STEPS IN, CONSTRUCTS BRIDGE



Srinagar, 19 Jan 2023. The Indian Army det at Paro, on receiving information about the challenges being faced by the locals, swung into action, to provide a temporary solution.

The Chinari Warriors created a 20 feet long and three feet wide temporary wooden bridge, using dead wood and military construction equipment.

The temporary bridge, shall alleviate the challenges being faced by patients, children and pregnant ladies, in reaching their home across the perennial Hapath Khai Nala, to Ghaggar Hill Village.

The Indian Army, in solidarity with the villagers, continues to pro actively step in for humanitarian aid, at such remote far flung villages. Previously, the Indian Army had evacuated more than eleven ailing villagers, over the past one month, over sleet filled and snow covered roads, to the nearest Public Health Care Centre. Ghaggar Hill, is a remote village in the far flung area of Boniyar Tehsil, Baramulla district. Villagers especially children and women, were facing challenges in crossing over the perennial Hapath Khai Nala, to reach their homes, due to lack of a Bridge. The Indian Army, in solidarity with the villagers, continues to pro actively step in for humanitarian aid, at such remote far flung villages. Previously, the Indian Army had evacuated more than eleven ailing villagers, over the past one month, over sleet filled and snow covered roads, to the nearest Public Health Care Centre. Ghaggar Hill, is a remote village in the far flung area of Boniyar Tehsil, Baramulla district.

ARMY ORGANISES EQUIPMENT DISPLAY AT BUDGAM STADIUM

JAMEEL ANSARI



A mega equipment display was conducted by 5 Sector Rashtriya Rifles under the aegis of Victor Force at Budgam Stadium on 19 January 2023. The event was attended by large number of school children, youth, NCC cadets, retired veteran soldiers and general public from Budgam and adjoining districts. Artillery guns, Air Defence guns, mine detectors, special forces equipment, high altitude clothing used by Army personnel were displayed and the spectators were briefed about utility of these equipment and weapons while undertaking the task of protecting the territorial integrity of the country. A medical camp was also organised for general medical check up of any ailing visitors specially senior citizens in view of harsh weather conditions. Youth were briefed about the Agniveer Scheme of Indian Army and the prospects of a career in the Armed Forces. There was a healthy interaction between the Armed Forces personnel and general public and it further strengthened the bonding of bonhomie amongst them.

The event was organised as a prelude to the Republic Day celebrations of 2023. There has been a vast improvement in the social environment over last three and half years and there are promises of further development in future. All the participants and spectators went back with fond and positive memories of the event and with a hope of a better tomorrow.

Advocate Altaf Lone elected as chairman Municipal Council Ganderbal.

SULIMAN SAITH



Ganderbal 19 Jan: Advocate Altaf Ahmad Lone was elected chairman Municipal Council Ganderbal on Thursday. Advocate Altaf defeated his opponent Ab Rashid. An official said that out of 17 councillors, 12 voted in favour of Advocate Altaf Lone while his opponent polled only 5 votes.

On this occasion, Advocate Altaf while thanking the councillors for electing him, said that he will strive for better civic amenities to the town residents.

"I along with the entire team of Municipal Council Ganderbal including councillors, will ensure that 'Green Ganderbal' slogan is practically achieved.

Our focus will be to provide proper sanitation besides neat and clean atmosphere to the town residents," he added

"The issues of the town are immense. Our priority will be to address all those issues on priority basis and develop this historic town on modern lines," he asserted.

The fresh election for the chairman Municipal council Ganderbal came after former Municipal Council Chairman, Hilal Tantray, lost no confidence motion moved by several councillors in last year.

Tributes paid to Former Minister Late Sardar Rafiq Hussein Khan

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MENDHAR, Rich tributes were paid to Former Minister Sardar Rafiq Hussein Khan on his Second death anniversary at his native village Harni in Tehsil Mendhar of Mendhar Sub Division, today.

Hundreds of people from Mendhar Sub Division paid floral tribute to Former Minister.

The family members of Former Minister also paid tributes and recalled his contribution towards the society.

Eviction of people from 'state-land' triggers protest in South Kashmir

Anantnag, Jan 19, KNT: The land acquisition drive on part of the government triggered a protest in Larno area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district.

People living in far-off areas mostly from the tribal community participated in the protest in the hundreds. They denounced the government policy of evicting people from the land terming it an injustice and anti-human.

Notably, the government has ordered people to evict from the alleged state land by January 31 this month. The diktat from the government has created widespread protests while politicians have expressed resentment, asking the government to reconsider the decision.

The protest that was led by tribal leaders urged the LG administration to roll back the order saying that it will render thousands of people homeless in this chilly season. The drive to evict people from the state land is underway in every district. Notably, the government has ordered people to evict from the alleged state land by January 31 this month. The diktat from the government has created widespread protests while politicians have expressed resentment, asking the government to reconsider the decision.

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“We Really Slipped Up...”: Rohit Sharma Unimpressed Despite Win Over New Zealand

Following his side's 12-run win over New Zealand in the first ODI, Indian skipper Rohit Sharma admitted that his team “slipped up with the ball”. A top-class bowling effort from Mohammed Siraj outweighed Michael Bracewell's heroic ton and partnership with Mitchell Santner as India overcame a late onslaught from these two all-rounders to clinch a 12-run win over New Zealand in the first match of the three-match series at Hyderabad on Wednesday.

“To be honest, the way he (Bracewell) was batting and the way it came on to the bat nicely, it was clean ball-striking. We knew that if we bowl well, we would be okay unless we really slipped up with the ball. Unfortunately, that's what happened. I did say at the toss that I would like to see us challenge ourselves, not quite the situation I expected but that's how it is,” said Rohit during a post-match presentation.

The skipper also lauded Shubman Gill, who scored an explosive double ton and pacer Mohammed Siraj for their performances in the match. “He (Gill) is going really well. The form he was in, we wanted to make use of it and that's why we backed



him in the SL series. Free-flowing batter and it is quite exciting to watch. Siraj has been brilliant, not just in this game but in the red-ball, T20 format and now ODIs. Really good to see what he does with the ball. Executing what he wants to do and he is very clear about his plans. Which is how it should be,” concluded Rohit. Coming to the match, India posted 349/8 in 50 overs. Gill top scored

with a knock of 208 runs. Skipper Rohit Sharma (34), Suryakumar Yadav (31) and Hardik Pandya (28) also played some valuable knocks. All-rounder Daryl Mitchell was the pick of the bowlers for Kiwis with 2/30. Henry Shipley took two wickets, while Lockie Ferguson, Blair Tinkner and Mitchell Santner picked a wicket each. Chasing 351, Indian bowlers dominated Kiwis initially, reducing

them to 131/6, with opener Finn Allen (40) being a notable contributor. But a seventh-wicket stand between Michael Bracewell and Mitchell Santner changed everything. The batters thrashed Indian bowlers all over the park. Bracewell scored his second ODI ton, while Santner also scored a half-century. Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com But Mohammed Siraj, after taking early wickets, helped India make a comeback, dismissing Santner for 57 and breaking the 162-run stand. With 20 runs needed in final over, Shardul Thakur dismissed Bracewell for a valiant 140 off 78 balls, consisting of 12 fours and 10 sixes. India won the match by 12 runs and took a series lead of 1-0. Shubman Gill won the ‘Man of the Match’ for his double ton. India overcame a late onslaught to clinch a 12-run win over New Zealand in the first match of the three-match series. But Mohammed Siraj, after taking early wickets, helped India make a comeback, dismissing Santner for 57 and breaking the 162-run stand. With 20 runs needed in final over, Shardul Thakur dismissed Bracewell for a valiant 140 off 78 balls.

FIFA reveal five billion ‘engaged’ with World Cup

Geneva, Jan 19 (UNI) One month after Argentina won the Qatar World Cup, FIFA announced early figures of the tournament, showing around five billion people have engaged with the World Cup. “On social media, according to Nielsen, there have been 93.6 million posts across all platforms, with a 262 billion cumulative reach and 5.95 billion engagements,” a FIFA news release announced on Wednesday.

Qatar 2022 created a series of World Cup records as 3.4 million spectators watched the matches in stadiums, the most in history, and 172 goals were scored during the tournament, also the highest.

Lionel Messi of Argentina played the most 26 World Cup matches to overtake the record set by Lothar Matthaus of Germany, and a 68-second goal from Canada's Alphonso Davies in a match against Croatia was the fastest goal in World Cup history. At just 18 years and 110 days, Spain's Gavi became the youngest goal scorer at a World



Cup since Pele in 1958. Some of the other firsts include: the first World Cup hosted by an Arabic country; the first female referee at a men's World Cup; the first African team, Morocco, to reach the semifinals; and three Asian teams qualifying for the round of 16 for the first time.

FIH President meets Union Sports Minister

Bhubaneswar, Jan 19 (UNI) FIH President Tayyab Ikram went to Delhi on Wednesday to meet Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Thakur and update him about the 15th edition of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup currently played in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, Odisha, as well as various topics linked to FIH and hockey in general. “On behalf of FIH, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Thakur for taking some of his precious time to meet me. It's an honor for me personally and for FIH,” Ikram said.

“During our very friendly talks, I praised the absolutely remarkable work done by the State of Odisha, together with Hockey India and the FIH team, to put together such a remarkable hockey festival! I've also underlined how wonderful Odisha fans are!” said FIH President.

“Furthermore, we talked about how FIH can assist India in terms of hockey development, especially for coaching. The Minister assured FIH of India's full commitment for our hockey development programmes in the country,” he said.

“I also had the opportunity to give an update on our work towards water-free hockey pitches in the future and underlined the huge potential of Hockey's to develop hockey even further globally,” Ikram said. Talks went on further and touched upon India's Olympics hosting plans.



“The Union Minister is very well aware of my background within the Olympic movement. Therefore, he initiated a conversation about a potential Indian bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games and demonstrated how determined the Government is. It was a very open and rich exchange”, the FIH President added.

Before his meeting with Union Sports Minister, the FIH President had also met SAI Director General Sandip Pradhan to discuss about the Men's World Cup currently played in the country as well as hockey development matters.

The 15th edition of FIH's flagship event for men is being played from January 13 to 29 in Odisha. Before his meeting with Union Sports Minister, the FIH President had also met SAI Director General Sandip Pradhan to discuss about the Men's World Cup currently played in the country.

Hashim Amla announces retirement at 39



LONDON: South African batting great Hashim Amla announced his retirement from cricket on Wednesday after helping Surrey to the English county championship last year. The 39-year-old had already retired from international cricket in 2019. Amla scored 18,672 runs for the Proteas across the three formats from 2004-2019 and is South Africa's second highest Test run scorer of all time behind Jacques Kallis. His 311 not out against England at The Oval in July 2012 is still the highest Test score by a South African player. “I have great memories of the Oval ground and to finally leave it as a player fills me with immense gratitude for what has been,” he told the Surrey website. Surrey Director of Cricket and former England captain Alec Stewart said Amla was a “true professional”. “Everyone at Surrey County Cricket Club will be sad to see Hashim retire, but we all applaud what has been a phenomenal career. He will quite rightly go down as a great of the game,” he added. “Hashim is a fantastic cricketer and a wonderful person. He has been an incredible resource for the team to learn from on and off the field.

“As well as posting big scores at vital moments, he has also shown his willingness to dig in and do what is needed to get his team a result in tough games.”

Priyanka backs protesting wrestlers; demands probe

New Delhi, Jan 19 (UNI) Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday came out in open support of the wrestlers protesting against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and its president, and demanded a probe into the matter. “Our players are the pride of our country. They bring laurels to the country by their performance at the World level. The players have made serious allegations against the Wrestling Federation and its chief. Their voices should be heard,” Vadra wrote in a tweet in Hindi referring to the ongoing protests of the wrestlers at Jantar Mantar here. She added, “The allegations should be investigated and appropriate action must be taken.”

Australia inflict first Women's Championship series defeat on Pakistan

BRISBANE: Pakistan registered their first series loss in the ongoing ICC Women's Championship Cycle as they went down to Australia by 10 wickets in the second fixture of the three-match One-Day International series, giving the hosts an unassailable 2-0 lead.

Australia chased down a paltry target of 126 runs at the Allan Border Field with openers Beth Mooney and Phoebe Litchfield ensuring they took the team across the finish line with 30 overs to spare.

Litchfield, who had struck an unbeaten half-century in the first one-dayer, repeated the feat again, smashing 67 off 61 balls, with the help of 10 boundaries. Wicket-keeper/batter Mooney, added 57 off 55 from the other end, finding six fours in her knock.

Earlier, after opting to bat first, Pakistan lost opening batter Sidra Amin in the second over with only two runs on the board. Muneeba, who went for naught, in the first match was joined by captain Bismah Maroof and the pair added 41 runs for the second wicket before Muneeba perished for 18 off 41 balls, which included three fours.

Pakistan veteran Nida Dar, who scored



a fifty in the first match, showed some resistance again in hope of a middle order fightback, only to run herself out at the non-striker's end. She scored 24 off 38 balls, which included two fours. Bismah was the other notable contributor with the bat for the visitors, hitting a boundary in her 46-ball knock for 21.

For Australia, player of the match right-arm fast Darce Brown took three wickets for 32, while Annabel Sutherland and Alana King bagged two scalps apiece.

The third and final ODI will be played at the North Sydney Oval in Sydney on Saturday.

Nadal bows out of Australian Open, Gauff edges Raducanu

MELBOURNE: Rafa Nadal's Australian Open title defence lay in ruins on Wednesday after an injury-plagued defeat that shook up the men's draw, even as rain wreaked further scheduling havoc at Melbourne Park on day three. Nadal's wife Mery was in tears as a winning Nadal suffered a left hip problem midway through his 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 loss to American Mackenzie McDonald at Rod Laver Arena and gloomily played out the match in pain.

The result not only opens up the top half of the draw, it also hands Novak Djokovic a boost as the Serb hunts a 10th title at Melbourne Park to draw level with Nadal's 22 major triumphs in the Grand Slam race.

“It has been like this a couple of

days,” said Nadal of his injury. “I have a history of hip issues. I've had to do treatments in the past but it was not this amount of a problem.”

For all Nadal's struggles, hard-hitting McDonald was hugely impressive and had the better of the match before his veteran opponent broke down. Humiliated by Nadal at the same stage of the 2020 French Open, their only previous meeting, McDonald was glad to square the ledger.

“He's an incredible champion, he's never going to give up regardless of the situation so even closing it out against a top guy like that is always tough,” said McDonald, who is into the third round and a match against Yoshihito Nishioka



of Japan. “I was trying to stay focused on what I was trying to do and he kind of got me out of my rhythm, and I just got through it.” Another shock appeared set to rock Melbourne Park when Felix Auger-Aliassime went two sets down against Alex Molcan at Mar-

garet Court Arena but the Canadian sixth seed rallied to close out the match 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

There was less tension in the women's side, as Iga Swiatek, hot favourite for the women's title, overcame Camila Osorio 6-2, 6-3 under the roof on Rod Laver Arena.

A highly-anticipated first meeting between tennis prodigies went the way of Coco Gauff, who outshone Briton Emma Raducanu to win 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) in the evening session — offering fans a glimpse of the future of women's tennis in the post-Serena Williams era.

The two good friends went toe-to-toe throughout, exchanging service breaks, but the turning point came in the second set when the American grittily saved two set

points at 4-5. Gauff then edged past the 20-year-old Briton on her third match point in the tiebreak, before they embraced warmly at the net.

“The whole match was great and considering the circumstances I can imagine both of us was nervous. This was a long-anticipated match-up since the draw came out,” said Gauff.

Daniil Medvedev stayed on course to reach a third successive final at Melbourne Park with another straight-sets victory, as the Russian flexed his muscles to ease past Australian John Millman 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

Stefanos Tsitsipas was equally dominant against another home hope in Rinky Hijikata as the Greek third seed won 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

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