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HEADLINES TODAY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former Minister; acclaimed Painter call on Lt Governor

JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Sh Sunil Sharma, former Minister called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan today. The former Minister apprised the Lt Governor about various issues of public importance. Sh KK Gandhi, acclaimed Artist & Painter also called on the Lt Governor and discussed important matters related to the promotion of art and culture in Jammu Kashmir.

16-yr-old boy commits suicide in Sopore

Sopore, Jan 27: A 16-year-old boy has allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself to death in Batapora locality of Sopore town in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said here on Friday evening. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that a boy (name withheld) hanged himself to death at his residence in Sangrampora Batapora area of Sopore town. They said that he was rushed to SDH Sopore where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Patwari arrested red-handed while accepting bribe in Ganderbal

Ganderbal, Jan 27: The Anti-Corruption Bureau on Friday said it caught a Patwari red-handed while demanding and accepting bribe in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that Tariq Ahmad Shah, posted as Patwari Halqa, Hathbura, Ganderbal was caught red handed by sleuths of ACB of CBI Srinagar in a well laid trap while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 50,000 from a complainant. He said the amount was recovered from the accused Patwari on the spot in the presence of the independent witnesses.

Police guarding BJP leader dies of a heart attack in South Kashmir

Srinagar, Jan 27, : A policeman deployed at a guard post of a BJP leader in South Kashmir died after suffering from a heart attack. Police sources told news agency Kashmir News Trust that a 54-year-old head constable was deployed at a BJP leader's guard post at Galandar Pampore where he suffered a heart attack and was taken to SDH Pampore where doctors declared him dead. The deceased policeman has been identified as Inder Kumar son of late Paras Ram, a resident of Thata Pani Sunder Bani.

Young boy injured in 12-Bore fire in North Kashmir

Baramulla, Jan 27, : A 14-year-old boy was injured after being hit by a shot from a 12-Bore rifle in North Kashmir's Kupwara district. Sources told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that an unknown person used his 12-Bore rifle 'illegally' leading to the injuries to a young boy identified as Shair Ahmed Khan, a resident of the Payerpora Hyhama area of Kupwara district. The victim was taken to Sub-District Hospital Kupwara where doctors referred him to GMC Baramulla. The condition of the victim is stated to be stable. He has received injuries to his face. Police in this regard have registered an FIR vide number 12/2023 under section 307 IPC 3/27 Arms Act and launched a hunt to track down the accused.

Commercial structure belonging to an ex-min demolished in Shopian

Srinagar, Jan 27 (UNI) Authorities in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday demolished a

PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA 6th Edition : PM Modi Actively Interacts With Teachers, Students, Parents

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New Dehli 27-Jan:Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with students, parents, and teachers during the 6th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' program at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

On this occasion, the Prime Minister said, Pariksha Pe Charcha is also his exam as the students take his exam by putting forth various questions before him. Modi said, he always feels delighted by the questions of students. On the questions by the students for giving the stress-free exam and expectations of parents, the Prime Minister said, it is not bad on the part of parents to have expectations from children but if they do so due to social status then it is not good. He said that the students must link their determination and own strength with the expectations of their parents. He told students that focus is necessary to tackle the expectations.

On completion of various tasks simultaneously and efficient time management, the Prime Minister gave the mantra of adopting micro-management techniques to give sufficient time to various sub-



jects. He said students tend to give more time to their favorite subjects. He suggested the students give priority to those subjects first when they start studying and this will eventually increase their interest in difficult subjects. Prime Minister also suggested students apply intelligence before starting their work and make a correct assessment

of themselves. He said that students must know their potential and then channel their energy. He also suggested the students not to be pressured for not being extraordinary. He said, if anyone is an average person still he or she has something extraordinary. On the criticism, the Prime Minister said, criticism enriches and is valuable for our life

learnings. He said, if someone is hardworking and honest, then they should not care about the criticisms because it becomes their strength. He asked the students to learn multiple languages as learning a language opens the door for a student to understand a centuries-old

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Poetry Depicts the Diversity of Our Linguistic Heritage : LG Manoj Sinha



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JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed 'Akhil Bhartiya' Kavi Sammelan today at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu. The event was organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to celebrate the 74th Republic Day.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor said, literary heritage and creative expression of India is unique and rich. "Poetry explores and expresses diversity of our linguistic heritage. It brings us close to the roots of our

culture and tradition. It has the immense power to stir the inner consciousness. Our country has been blessed with outstanding poets and they are integral part of our history, culture and continue to inspire the society," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that the Poets through their creation and experiences give continuity to our ever-evolving culture. "I consider poetry to be a bridge between the visible and the invisible. In our journey, we come across many creative expressions and among those Poetry has a different time

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India issues notice to Pakistan, Says to rectify material breach of Indus Waters treaty

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New Dehli:India has issued notice to Pakistan for modification of the Indus Waters Treaty. According to the sources, the notice was conveyed on the 25th of this month through respective Commissioners for Indus Waters. India has called on Pakistan to enter into intergovernmental negotiations within 90 days to rectify the material breach of the treaty. According to sources, Pakistan's actions have adversely impinged the provisions and their implementation. It forced India to issue appropriate notice to Pakistan for modification of the Indus Water Treaty. Sources said, India has always been a steadfast supporter and a responsible partner in implementing the



treaty in letter and spirit. Despite repeated efforts by India to find a mutually agreeable way forward, Pakistan refused the dispute settlement mechanism during the five meetings of the Permanent Indus Commission from 2017 to 2022.

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Govt confers JK Awards 2023 to Dhangri bravehearts, eminent personalities of different fields LG Manoj Sinha remembers Dhangri bravehearts, also congratulates other conferees

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JAMMU, JANUARY 27: The Jammu and Kashmir government has conferred J&K Govt Awards 2023 in different fields to several personalities from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Deepak Kumar (Posthumously), son of Rajinder Kumar of Dhangri, Rajouri and Saroj Bala, wife of Late Rajinder Kumar of Dhangri, Rajouri have been awarded for Achievements in the field of Bravery. Dhian Singh (Writer), Rajeshwar Singh Raju (Hindi/Dogri writer), Dr Neelam Sarin (Hindi/Dogri writer) Ghulam Nabi Haleem (Kashmiri author) and Nisar Rahi (Pahari writer) have been selected for the Award for Achievements in the field of Literature.

Daily Excelsior Special Correspondent Nishikant Khajuria; Tejinder Singh, Editor News18; Sominder Koul, Bureau Chief ANI and Emdad Makdooom from Greater Kashmir are conferred with the awards of Outstanding Media Persons. Cricketer Umran Malik, Footballer Ishan Pandita, Tennis player Ankita Raina, Inshah Bashir (Basketball-Wheel Chair player), Ayeera Hassan Chisti (Wushu), Soham Kamotra (Chess), Rahul Jangral (Mountaineering), Muskan Rana (Gymnastics), Kritarthi Kotwal (Fencing) and Mannat Choudhary (Volley ball) are among those selected for Award for Outstanding Sports Persons. In the category of Performing Arts, Vidyut Jamwal (Film actor), Aditya Dhar (Director), Mir Sarwar

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Avalanches block Kishanganga river in Gurez

Srinagar, Jan 27 (UNI) Huge avalanches have blocked the Kishanganga river near Gurez valley in north Kashmir's Baniptora district, officials said on Friday. The avalanche hit and blocked the river at Chakwalian in Gurez valley on Friday. However, there is no loss of life or damage to the property, they said. People have been advised not to venture near the river in view of the avalanches.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir authorities have issued an avalanche warning in three districts of the Union Territory

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Govt orders creation of 1083 teacher posts for Ladakh UT

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Srinagar, Jan 27: The government of Jammu and Kashmir Friday ordered for creation of 1083 posts of teacher Grade-II and III for Ladakh besides it also approved the creation of 104 gazetted and 382 non-gazetted posts for transfer to Union Territory. In an order, the General Administration Department (GAD) has said that the posts were created and transferred to Ladakh in apportionment of assets, liabilities and posts of the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir between the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh that has been notified vide in October-2020. According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), GAD has said, "SO 339 of October-2020 provides for detailed listing of additional 325 Gazetted and 3000 non-gazetted posts from overall strength of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir to the Union territory of Ladakh."

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DM Srinagar chairs meeting of District Registering Authority

Calls for periodical inspection of Clinical Establishments in the District

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 27: To ensure proper regulation and operationalization of Clinical Establishments in Srinagar District and to contain the mushrooming of Clinics, a meeting of District Registering Authority was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC)/ District Magistrate(DM) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex here on Friday. Additional District Development Commissioner, Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Jameel Ahmad, Nod-



al Officer for Clinical Establishments, Dr Asifa and other concerned were present in the meeting. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner was apprised that as many as 294 applications regarding clinical establishments were received through online mode till date of which 114 eligible cases have al

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Mutton dealers, admin to hold meeting today

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Srinagar, Jan 27 Following sealing of more than 100 mutton shops in the Valley by Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Kashmir to control pricing, stakeholders associated with the trade said they are scheduled to meet divisional administration authorities on Saturday to discuss the future course on the sale of mutton.

Kashmir witnessed a brief shortage of mutton after the officials from the enforcement team of FCS&CA intensified the drive against the erring mutton shopkeepers violating the government rate on mutton. General Secretary all Kashmiri Mutton Dealers Association Mehrajudin told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that they are scheduled to meet the divisional administrative authorities to discuss the revision of mutton rates and renewal of licenses. "Last time the rate of mutton was revised in 2021 and the price fixed was Rs 535. Though the order was valid for six months only, it was extended later. Now we have prepared a fresh draft and are meeting divisional

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Rahul Gandhi Cries Security Breach, Police Denies as Bharat Jodo Yatra Enters Kashmir Valley

Omar Abdullah Echoes Rahul's Claims, Stage set for a Massive Rally at JKPC Office at LalChock

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Anantnag, Jan 27: Congress leader and Member Parliament Rahul Gandhi Friday accused the Jammu and Kashmir administration of a big security lapse at Jawahar Tunnel stating that police were missing to control the crowd that had come to his reception. "When we crossed from Navyug Tunnel at Qazigund, there was a huge crowd for my reception. But there was not a single police man to manage or control the crowd. My security guards advised me not to go ahead," Rahul said addressing a press conference at Khanabal, Anantnag, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). "It is very difficult for me to go against what my security guards advise me." He said that he was hopeful that security arrangements would be elaborate for his future programs that includes his culmination rally at Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) office



in Srinagar where he is supposed to unfurl the tri-colour on January 30 and address a mega

rally. He said Yatra will continue and will conclude in Srinagar as per Schedule. Speaking on the occasion, senior Congress leader Jai Ram Ramesh said that Rahul was supposed to walk 16 kms today but he could walk only 4 kms due to breach of security. He said that administration must ensure proper security for the Bharat Jodo Yatra in the days ahead, especially when it reaches Srinagar. He said due to the wrong policies of BJP and RSS, India as a nation is falling apart and the Yatra is an effort to bring the folks together. Ramesh said that BJK has nothing to do with the election politics as of now. "We keep on stating that there are two ways: one that of BJP and RSS and another that of Congress which is the Gandhian way." Meanwhile, several Congress leaders have also alleged security lapse in Banihal and Qazigund during Bharat Jodo Yatra on Friday. J&K UT administration failed to provide security to Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi. Security lapses

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343 Kanals of State/ Kahcharai land retrieved from encroachers at Shopian

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 27: More than 343 kanals of State/ Kahcharai land was today retrieved from encroachers during anti-encroachment drives held across the district.

The land retrieved from illegal encroachment includes 25 kanals, 12 marlas at village Zainapora of Tehsil Zainapora, 55 kanals, 23 marlas at village Nagisharan in Tehsil Hermain, 43 Kanals, 3 marlas in village Berthipora Tehsil Keller, 85 Kanals in village Chitragam Tehsil Chitragam, 28 Kanals in village Vedapora Tehsil Keegam, 12 Marlas in village Hergam Tehsil Shopian and 105 Kanals, 5 marlas in village Mahandpora Tehsil Barburgh of the district.

During these anti-encroachment drives, commercial structures and land illegally occupied by influential persons including Ex. Minister was

also demolished and land reclaimed.

The drives were conducted under the supervision of Tehsildars of respective Tehsils.

These drives shall continue till the entire encroached land is retrieved from the encroachers, an official informed. Sioner State Taxes. The land retrieved from illegal encroachment includes 25 kanals, 12 marlas at village Zainapora of Tehsil Zainapora, 55 kanals, 23 marlas at village Nagisharan in Tehsil Hermain, 43 Kanals, 3 marlas in village Berthipora Tehsil Keller, 85 Kanals in village Chitragam Tehsil Chitragam, 28 Kanals in village Vedapora Tehsil Keegam, 12 Marlas in village Hergam Tehsil Shopian and 105 Kanals, 5 marlas in village Mahandpora Tehsil Barburgh of the district.

Dulloo reviews PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for agriculture, allied sectors

JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting to review implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for agriculture and allied sectors in Jammu and Kashmir.

Dulloo expressed satisfaction over the progress on implementation of PM Gati Shakti in APD while asking the concerned heads of the departments to further improve data by identifying missing links. He directed the Head of Departments to complete the lists within shortest time and submit it to the Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG) for uploading on the portal.

Managing Director, J&K Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Arun Kumar Manhas, delivered a presentation regarding implementation of PM Gati Shakti in agriculture and allied



sector. He briefed the meeting about the present status of the scheme saying that different departments have been asked to submit the data layers for uploading on PM Gati Shakti Portal.

He told the meeting that out of 56 data layers, which were asked from different departments under APD, 44 data lay-

ers have been uploaded on the Portal, so far.

Later, the ACS chaired a meeting of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to discuss proposed plans for framing of 'Comprehensive Export Promotion Policy (CEPP)'.

During the meeting, TWGs gave their respective presentations sharing the strategies,

mapping of given commodity's resources, approaches for export promotion, international export destinations etc.

Dulloo suggested quantification coupled with interventions containing rough costs and multi-stakeholders' consultation before final approval of respective plans for export promotion of commodities from

J&K.

The meetings were attended by Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Director General, Industries and Commerce Jammu (Nodal Officer) TSG PM Gati Shakti, Director General, Sericulture Development, Director General Sheep Husbandry, Kashmir, Director General, Command Area Development Jammu, Dr. Jivisha Joshi Gangopadhyay, Deputy Secretary, Logistics DPIIT, M/O Commerce and Industry, Archana Chauhan, BISAG, Ahmedabad, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director, Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Director (P&M) Horticulture, Director Command Area Development, Kashmir, Director JKHPM, Director Fisheries, Managing Director JKHPM, Managing Director Agro Industries Limited,

SHD Bandipora organises Awareness camp at Shahgund, Hajin

AWANTIPORA, Jan. 26. Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST unfurled the National Flag on the occasion of the 74th Republic Day. The ceremony was attended by university faculty and staff. Speaking on the importance of the day, the Vice-chancellor said that it was on January 26, 1950, that the Constitution came into effect and India became a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic Nation. He also referred to the National Education Policy 2020 and said that educational institutions have a critical responsibility in realizing the ideals of the Constitution of ensuring equity and making education accessible to all sections of society and thereby achieving progress.

Also, on this occasion Registrar IUST, Prof Naseer Iqbal led the Patriotic Run, organized by Veterans India in collaboration with AICTE and recognized by FIT India, under Sports Authority of India.

Chairperson DDC Udhampur visits various schools, interacts with students

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 27: District Development Council Chairperson, Udhampur Lal Chand today visited various government schools viz Middle School Dhanni, Government Primary School Patla, Government Higher secondary School Katla and Government Higher secondary school Chakrakhwala and interacted with the students.

The chairperson encouraged and motivated the students to watch the live telecast of "Pariksha Pe Charcha" and follow the tips of the Prime Minister regarding Examination.

He advised the students to work hard and for Exams and increase self confidence during difficult times. Students also noted down the valuable suggestions and promised to inculcate all the good habits in their life.

Secretary releases 6th edition of 108 free ambulance services magazine;



JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, today launched 6th edition of 108 free ambulance services magazine at Civil Secretariat here.

Project Head, 108 Emergency Medical Services J&K, Mushtaq Ahmed and senior officers of H&ME department were present on the occasion.

Secretary lauded the Emergency Ambulance Service 108 for playing a crucial role in patient care especially during trauma and emergencies by narrowing the gap between the patients and the health institutions. He informed that around 1,83,380 patients have been served in Jammu and Kashmir since the launch of this service.

"Launched on 24 March 2020 in J&K, the emergency ambulance Service 108 comprises of a fleet of 203 ambulances including 139 equipped with advanced life support system having oxygen support, ventilator, automatic external defibrillator, fully trained para medical staff for better patient care", Secretary informed. He further apprised that at present, the service is being operated upon by BVG India Limited on outsourcing basis through National Health Mission, J&K. The magazine shall make the general public aware of these services besides building up confidence among masses in public health delivery, he added.

Secretary appealed the people to call on 108 toll free number to avail 108 Emergency Ambulance Service which is fully equipped with lifesaving support system.

Pertinently, the critical care ambulances with manpower trained in emergency and trauma care is successfully catering to the needs of patients and many success stories have been created during short span of time, since its launch. So far, 711 deliveries have been successfully conducted by 108 Emergency Medical Technicians at scene and inside the ambulance. Further, 12092 Covid-19 positive patients have availed 108 ambulance services during the pandemic, so far.

DC inspects progress of work on Developmental projects in Kishtwar Town

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 27: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, along with a team of Revenue and PWD functionaries conducted spot inspection of ongoing and proposed developmental projects in Kishtwar Town and its peripheries.

He took stock of various impediments and resolved them by passing on spot directions to concerned authorities.

During the inspection he was accompanied by Tehsildar Umar Muneeb; EXEN R&B, Ravinder Kumar; AE Mechanical Division, Umar Mushtaq besides concerned Gurdwar, Patwaries.

He listened to issues of people including owners of land acquired for circular road viz Diwaroo to Duga road near Malipeth and assured to resolve their cases as per norms.

He conducted spot inspection along the alignment of the road and issued necessary directions to concerned Officers.

Tehsildar and Executive Engineer PWD were directed to strictly adhere to alignment and ensure that the road is completed in stipulated time frame.

He said that strict action shall be taken against those creating hurdles in the developmental projects under relevant provisions of Law.

He said that the proposed road is of immense importance to tackle the issues of traffic congestion in the Kishtwar Town. Meanwhile, DC visited the site for con-



struction of Slaughter Houses and assessed the land feasibility for the same.

He directed Tehsildar Kishtwar to explore the possibility for sufficient state land for the slaughterhouses for their time bound completion.

Besides, he directed the Executing agencies for timely submission of DPR for the projects.

He also visited the Langar shed site at Shalimar and directed the concerned officers to start leveling and developing the site into a transit truck parking space.

Later, he along with the concerned Officers travelled on foot to inspect the National Highway alignment from Munshi Gwari to Bimar Nag and stressed for the proper and judicious utilization of state land. He directed the concerned to identify and demarcate state land along the NH for developmental projects in near future.

53 GDC Kishtwar Students awarded by District Administration

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 27: On the eve of the 74th Republic Day celebration, the District administration Kishtwar headed by District Magistrate Dr. Devansh Yadav felicitated students of Government Degree College Kishtwar by awarding them Certificates of Appreciation for their pro-active involvement and brilliant performance during BACK TO VILLAGE PROGRAMME, 2022.

The certificates were presented to the students by DDC Chairperson, Pooja Thakur in presence of Vice Chairperson DDC, District Development Commissioner and SSP, at a function held today. Around 16 teams of students of different semesters worked under the guidance of Faisal Mushtaq, Coordinator Back to Village, who coordinated different activities of these teams under the overall supervision of the College Principal.

Each team was allotted one panchayat to work upon and cover different dimensions along with listening to grievances of the public and submitting the report to the district administration. The different panchayats allotted to these teams included Palmar Lower A, Palmar Upper, Chamoti (drabshalla), Keshwan A, Keshwan B, Lower Chatroo A, Trigam, Hidayal, Lachdayaram, Lachkhazana, Pochal B1, Pochal B2, Matta A etc. The Degree College Kishtwar achieved



the distinction of being the only college in UT of J&K to ensure maximum and highest participation of students in the Back To Village Programme this year. The reports submitted by these teams have been taken seriously by District administration and work on some of the issues has already been initiated.

On the invitation of one of the team, the District Magistrate, Dr. Devansh Yadav leading a team of district officers visited Sewa village of Chatroo to listen to the grievances after which on spot directions were issued for the redressal of the same. The efforts of these teams during Back To Village 2022 were highly appreciated by District Administration, College management headed by Principal Dr. Jyoti Parihar and higher authorities as well.

Rahul Gandhi following diktat of anti-national, pro-Pakistan PAGD in Kashmir: Rana

BILLAWAR JANUARY 27: Invoking conscience of the Jammu and Kashmir based Congress leaders and workers over Rahul Gandhi following diktat of anti-national and pro-Pakistan Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today regretted that were they allowing themselves to get tagged to a sectarian, separatist and communal amalgam.

"How can the J&K Congress leaders rally behind a leader who plays second fiddle to the PAGD, which took no time in pleading for dialogue with Pakistan after the recent carnage and mayhem in Rajouri", Mr Devender Rana said while talking to reporters here at the sidelines of the inaugural function of Hotel Heritage in the Billawar town by young entrepreneur siblings Bharat Khajuria and Ananant Khajuria besides their father Mr Romy Khajuria for their enterprise.

He said the PAGD is working on the directions of Pakistan and therefore it is astonishing for the 137 year old Congress



to follow the diktat of the three year old divisive alliance.

Mr Rana said the former Congress President owes an unconditional apology to the nation for the shocking and brazen comments of three times chief minister, a union minister and senior leader Digvijaya Singh over the Balakote surgical strike and Pulwama attack, adding mere maintaining

distance is not enough as the anti-national remarks are too sweeping and demoralizing for the country's brave and valiant armed forces. He said Digvijaya has been aligned to the yatra from day one and his criticism of the army, which is a steel frame for the integrity and sovereignty of the nation, is disgusting and shameful.

Mr Devender Rana also sought

apology from Rahul Gandhi for the Congress being responsible for the mess in Kashmir. The Congress remained mute to the unleashing of terror, destruction and devastation for decades and the hounding out of Kashmiri Pandits from their homes and hearths because of the grand old party's inherent contradictions and policy of appeasement. The Congress has

been solely responsible for the division of India and weakening of the country, he added.

He said the Congress must understand that India is changing under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. An unprecedented era of progress and development is going on and the day is not far when India will emerge as Vishwaguru, he added.

He advised Rahul Gandhi to understand the ethos of this great country. Indian history is 5000 year old and it does not start from 1947 or the beginning of his yatra. India has been an abode of diverse cultures and races from times immemorial. He said the people of India have not forgotten communal riots of Kanpur and other similar acts of violence under the Congress era. Indira Gandhi's emergency is still fresh as a nightmare in the public memory, he said, wondering what this yatra is binding at all.

Mr Devender Rana also paid obeisance at Mata Sukrala Temple and prayed for peace and tranquility.

SHD Bandipora organises Awareness camp at Shahgund, Hajin

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 27: The Sheep Husbandry Department (SHD) Bandipora on Friday organised a mass awareness cum fodder seed distribution camp at village Shahgund of Block Hajin.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of the sheep farmers of Shahgund and adjoining villages.

The program was chaired by SDO Hajin, Dr Nuzhat wali.

Dr Nuzhat impressed upon the farmers to avail the opportunities in the food processing sector besides taking up livestock farming on modern lines. She also offered skill development training in shearing and basic veterinary health-care services to the farmers of uncovered areas.

She apprised the participants about the recently launched Artificial insemination program in Goats in Bandipora and assured setting up of one such unit in Hajin soon which will have a positive

impact on Goat rearing in Shahgund village.

Speaking on the occasion, VAS Hajin, Dr Irfan Hassan apprised farmers about the scientific/ profitable management and rearing of livestock.

He also deliberated in depth about the recently launched Holistic Agriculture Development programme (HADP) of the UT Government for upgrading the infrastructure of Agriculture and allied sectors and to make them more remunerative.

The audience was made aware about the various projects under HADP and the potential of such projects in modernizing the livestock sector and multiplying the income of farmers.

The program concluded with distribution of insurance policy certificates under NLM and rye grass seed kits among the beneficiaries.

Educational Institutes, Govt departments celebrate 74th Republic Day

JAMMU, JANUARY 27: The 74th Republic Day was celebrated in the premises of the Government Industrial Training Institute, Akhnour Road, Jammu.

The event commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Joint Director, Skill Development Department, Khan Farooq Ahmed followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Vice Principal Govt. ITI Jammu, Rajesh Kumar Banotra and Sr. Faculty members viz S. Karan Singh, Rajeev Kumar Dubey and Er. Nazir Ahmed Molvi, President J&K ITI Employees United front, was also present. In his address, Joint Director, Skill Development Department said that ITI was on the game changer path and taking up new assignments to take the department as well as institution to newer heights. He greeted the staff members and audience and highlighted the importance of the day for all sections of the society. Joint Director also appre-

ciated Lt. Sumit Chandail, ANO NCC for making this event successful.

JKRTC: On the auspicious occasion of 74th Republic Day, an impressive National Flag hoisting function was organized by JKRTC at its Divisional Headquarter, Bikram Chowk, Jammu. The officers and officials of the Corporation participated with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm. The National Flag was hoisted by Managing Director, JKRTC, Rakesh Kumar Sarangal. In his address the Managing Director, JKRTC congratulated all the citizens of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in General and employees of the Corporation in particular. He appreciated the JKRTC employees. He said JKRTC feels honoured to provide 20 vehicles in Jammu city as free services on the occasion of 74th Republic Day celebrations. In addition hundreds of JKRTC buses were deployed for ferrying students for cultural participation.

Awareness Program on protection of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace held in Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 27: An awareness programme on the protection of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace was today conducted at District Child Protection Office Kishtwar on the direction of Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav and under the supervision of District Child Protection Officer, Zubair Ahmed. The officials of DCPU and One Stop Centre District participated. Protection Officer (Institutional Care), DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar, Deepika Bhandari, explained to the participants about various aspects related to hearing and addressing complaints regarding sexual harassment and spreading awareness about gender-related issues and functioning of the "Internal Complaints Committee". She acquainted the employees with all the related terminologies, legal acts and rules, procedures for handling and disposing complaints etc.



Meanwhile, Legal cum Probationary Officer DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar, Basharat Nazir, said that woman empowerment was the need of the hour but safeguarding the dignity and honour of the

women should also be accorded top priority. The Probationary Officer said that the women must be provided with a congenial atmosphere at the workplace for which they must

be made aware about their rights regarding protection from sexual harassment. The purpose behind organising the awareness programme is to ensure that women are made

aware of the laws like Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act and others, aimed at ensuring the equality for the women at the workplace, besides making them feel safe and secure, the Probationary Officer added.

Those who spoke and attended the programme included Touseef Iqbal Butt (PO NIC), DCPU Mission Vatsalya, Saima Kousar and Meenakshi Sharma (Social Workers) DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar, Ruchi Parihar (Office Assistant) OSC Kishtwar, Monika Sharma (Case Worker) OSC, Abida Banoo (Para Medical) OSC and others. Those who spoke and attended the programme included Touseef Iqbal Butt (PO NIC), DCPU Mission Vatsalya, Saima Kousar and Meenakshi Sharma (Social Workers) DCPU Mission Vatsalya Kishtwar, Ruchi Parihar (Office Assistant) OSC Kishtwar, Monika Sharma (Case Worker) OSC, Abida Banoo (Para Medical)

Janata Dal United Organised Public Interaction Program at Budgam.

Budgam 27 Jan 23: On the directions of G M Shaheen

beneficiaries of various schemes and locals of the



, President JDU JK-UT, JDU is working for betterment of society across Jammu and Kashmir.

Today JDU organised public interaction meeting at Kanigund Beerwah budgam.

Program was organised by party senior leader Khurshid Ahmed Shah. Mirza sajad secretary general, Khurshid Naqati state organizer, mudassir Ahmed bhukhari, Aamir Khan youth president Srinagar and Prominent citizens were present on the occasion.

In the Program G M Shaheen interacted with

area and listened their grievances and assured them that all issues will be sorted out as early as possible.

G M Shaheen urging authorities not to trouble people in winters and revoke the land eviction order. "JDU is fighting for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and it will continue to fight as long as our rights are not secured and guaranteed by the government," JDU President said. The JDU workers & leaders criticized the UT government for its anti people policies and said that centre government

shall immediately hold the elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

He further said that JDU has opposed the Abrogation of Article 370 in parliament but due to short of majority we couldn't save Article 370 and 35A, further he added that till the matter is in Supreme, government should restore statehood at the very earliest and shall also hold Assembly elections in order to fulfill the vacuum that has been created by the present government.

"Roads are in dilapidated condition, there is no drinking water, not water supply scheme for the people and besides people are being forced to pay hefty amounts as electricity fee," he said.

Shaheen said it is high time for the people to elect their own government to get problems redressed. G M Shaheen urging authorities not to trouble people in winters and revoke the land eviction order. "JDU is fighting for the people of Jammu and Kashmir and it will continue to fight as long as our rights are not secured and guaranteed.

JIT headed by Director Horticulture inspect M/S Jasmine Agro Processing Industries, Khanmoh

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 27: A Joint Inspection Team (JIT) headed by the Director Horticulture Kashmir, G. R. Mir today visited Khanmoh, Srinagar and inspected visited M/S Jasmine Agro Processing Industries and reviewed its functioning. This was the first visit of JIT to the said Processing Unit after the project was approved by the State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) for Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). The said unit has been established at a project cost of Rupees 74 lacs to add value to the fruit crop in order to enable the growers to get a better price for their produce. Speaking on the occasion, the Director Horticulture said that the establishment of such units will create greater employment opportunities for the educated youth of the valley. He enjoined upon the entrepreneurs to come forward and set up such units for which the Department



will provide every possible help. He was accompanied by the Joint Director Horticulture Kashmir, Chief Canning Instructor, Kashmir, Chief Horticulture Officer, Srinagar, and other members of the JIT. Later, the Director Horticulture visited the Centre of Excellence (CoE) Zawoora, Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion he highlighted the importance of the institution in increasing the production and productivity of various fruit crops and boosting the economic strength of the farming community. He said this will also help the transfer of the latest technology to the farmers' field. Mir further impressed

upon the officers posted at the Centre to complete the time bound operations within the stipulated time. Later, the Director Horticulture visited the Centre of Excellence (CoE) Zawoora, Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion he highlighted the importance of the institution in increasing the production and productivity of various fruit crops and boosting the economic strength of the farming community. He said this will also help the transfer of the latest technology to the farmers' field. Mir further impressed

DC Kulgam reviews physical/ financial status of NABARD projects in R&B Sector

KULGAM, JANUARY 27: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-din Bhat today reviewed physical and financial progress of NABARD Projects under execution through PWD (R&B) sector in the district in a meeting of concerned officers of R&B, Kulgam and Qazigund Divisions. The DC was informed about the ongoing execution of road upgradation and construction works taken up in the district. It was informed that 11 road upgradation and construction projects and 01 bridge are under execution at different locations of the district, with a project cost of 4172 lacs. Expenditure of about 1878 lacs has been made till date, intimated the concerned Executive engineers. It was also in-

formed that many of these projects are at the final stage of execution. Dr Bilal on the occasion directed for immediate completion of projects and expediting the pace so that these projects are dedicated for the public benefit.

He asked for increasing men and machinery so that projects are timely completed. ADDC, Showkat Ahmad Rather; CPO, Zahid Sajad; Ex. Engineers of Kulgam, Qazigund, AEEs, AEs and other officials attended the meeting. Dr Bilal on the occasion directed for immediate completion of projects and expediting the pace so that these projects are dedicated for the public benefit. He asked for increasing men and machinery so that projects are timely completed.

Distt Admin Bandipora organises 'At Home' function for student participants of R-Day celebrations

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 27: The District Administration Bandipora on Friday organised an 'At Home' function for the students who participated in Republic Day Celebrations on 26th Jan 2023 and launched 'Ask your DC' initiative for the students of the district.

On the occasion, an interactive session with the theme 'Ask Your DC' was also held for answering various questions of students including those related to career.

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Dr. Owais Ahmed answered various career related questions of students and also shared his journey from school days upto becoming an IAS officer.

He said that through career counselling programmes the students get knowledge about future planning and termed it of utmost importance for



the students as it enables them to understand career opportunities in different fields. Dr. Owais stressed on dedication, discussions,

consistency and self study to qualify any competitive examination. He asked students to be focused to achieve their goal in any field.

The DC also highlighted the role of extracurricular activities in all round development of the students.

The programme also witnessed awareness regarding drug abuse and ill effects of drugs.

Earlier, JD Planning Intiyaz Ahmad congratulated the students and their teachers for their performance during R-Day Celebrations.

The programme was attended by District Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf Hakak, Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar, Joint Director Planning Intiyaz Ahmed, DyCEO Bandipora Mohd Rafiq Parray, ZEO Bandipora, student participants of R-Day Celebrations, Students from Bal Ashram and other concerned. The programme was attended by District Nodal Officer Coordination Mohammad Ashraf.

Commissioner SMC/ CEO Smart City tours City areas; reviews progress on Projects



SRINAGAR, JANUARY 27: continuous monitoring of various projects being carried out under Smart City Project in Srinagar, the Commissioner SMC/CEO Smart City, Athar Amir Khan today visited Ghanta Ghar, Residency Road, M.A Road and Polo View to review the works being executed under the prestigious project.

Impressing upon the concerned officials to expedite work on projects on a war footing basis, CEO Smart City instructed the concerned to complete all the projects being executed in the city in a stipulated time.

He also expressed gratitude to the general public for their full cooperation with the Smart City and Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

The CEO Smart City was accompanied by Chief Engineer Smart city and various Senior officials from Smart City and Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

Food Safety Department Budgam intensifies market checking

BUDGAM, JANUARY 27: The Department of Food Safety Budgam intensified market checking at main town Budgam and imposed fines on scores of offenders for violations against Food Safety Standards.

A team, led by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety Budgam, conducted rigorous market checking of various restaurants, fast foods outlets, tea stalls and ethnic street food makers.

During the drive, the team also generated massive awareness about hygienic practices and instructed vendors to strictly avoid use of harmful newspapers, printed papers and polythene for food wrapping.

Stressing on sale of safe and quality food items, the Assistant Commissioner said "the drive is being carried out to ensure all Food Safety Standards are practiced in letter and spirit."

He said the motto is also to inform service providers for providing healthy and hygienic food to customers and the same (drive) will continue across all markets of the district.

Further, he said strict action as per the law shall be taken against the service providers for resorting to any kind of violations.

J&K Tourism participates in Spain festival

MADRID (SPAIN), JANUARY 27: The 43rd edition of FITUR, one of the largest tourism fairs in the world, got started here with King Felipe VI of Spain inaugurating the event.

J&K Tourism Department is participating in the five day event as an important stakeholder and part of India's official tourism delegation.

The King visited the Incredible India Pavilion at the fair after the inauguration.

The J&K stall at the India Pavilion featured images about the beauty of J&K. Visual and print publicity material was displayed and distributed by the Tourism Department at the venue among the visitors. Videos regarding the events organized by the Department and beauty of J&K were played on the LED screens at the pavilion. The presentation regarding offbeat destinations was also given to the visitors at the pavilion.

The J&K Tourism team interacted with the visitors and other participant stakeholders and briefed them about J&K's tourism potential, investment opportunities and investor friendly policies.

Ambassador of India to Spain Mr. Dinesh Patnaik also visited the J&K stall and complimented the Department for its efforts to boost tourism. In his interaction with members of the J&K delegation, he said he was happy to see J&K Tourism participating in the event. He also assured full support to J&K Tourism in organizing road shows and other promotional events in future in Spain. He encouraged J&K tourism to participate in all the major events.

The Indian Tourism delegation to the event was led by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Deputy Secretary, MoT whereas the team from J&K Tourism comprised Director, Tourism, Jammu, MD, JKTDC, and Director, Tourism, Kashmir. The J&K Tourism team interacted with the visitors and other participant stakeholders and briefed them about J&K's tourism potential, investment opportunities and investor friendly policies. Ambassador of India to Spain Mr. Dinesh Patnaik also visited the J&K stall and complimented the Department for its efforts to boost tourism. In his interaction with members of the J&K delegation, he said he was happy to see J&K Tourism participating in the event. He also assured full support to J&K Tourism in organizing road shows and other promotional events in future in Spain. He encouraged J&K tourism to participate.

DC Pulwama reviews progress of works under JJM

PULWAMA, JANUARY 27: To review the progress of water supply projects taken up under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to ensure all the household in the district have access to safe and adequate drinking water facilities, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today chaired a meeting in his office chamber, here.

At the outset, the DC took a detailed review of the physical and financial progress of various works of Water Supply Schemes (WSSs) being implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in the district.

During the meeting, brief discussion was held on status of constitution of Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSCs), preparation of Village/ Panchayat Action Plan (VAP), status of approval of Village/ Panchayat Action Plan (VAP), District Action Plan (DAP) and the

status of administrative approvals. The DC was apprised about the status of implementation of support agencies, operation and maintenance of water supply infrastructure by PRIs.

The DC discussed with the concerned the Physical/financial progress of schemes and its updation on IMIS portal. He stressed on the Test checks and 3rd party inspections, status of testing of drinking water quality, identification of institutions having established laboratories for water quality testing, status of implementation of IEC/ BCC strategy, identification of master trainers for building capacity of GP members and Pani Samiti members, status of FHTCs covered and its updation on IMIS portal, status of approval of success stories/best practices on Jal Jeevan Mission.

The DC was briefed about the status of identification of well perform-



ing Gram Panchayats/ VWSCs/ Pani Samitis.

The DC took a detailed report regarding the status of collection and analysis of data on health indicators, water borne diseases, visits for Gram Panchayats/Pani Samitis. He stressed on the grievance redressal mechanism being adopted by the Department.

While majority of the works have been completed under JJM, DC reviewed the progress of balance undergoing works at few places in the district.

The DDC emphasized that every effort has to be made to ensure that the goal of tap water to all households must be achieved as per the projected timeline.

On the occasion, the DC stressed the concerned Engineers to complete the process of groundwater works allotment by the end of January and start physical work by 15th

of February to make the projects operational by March 15, 2023 in order to benefit the general public in the area.

He stressed that the Mission is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections to all households falling even in the remotest part of the district.

Meanwhile, the DC took a review of progress achieved with regard to set parameters and indicators under Jal Jeevan Survekshan (JJS) including Har Ghar Jal, certification by Gram Sabhas, Water Quality Testing/Monitoring & Surveillance and Institutional Arrangements.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Pulwama, Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz; ACD Pulwama, DFO Pulwama, CMO Pulwama, DEPO Pulwama, DSWO Pulwama, Executive Engineer of Jal Shakti, and other concerned officers.

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Mushroom Growth of Pseudo Journalists bringing bad name to the Noble Profession

Amid the Contemporary Non Serious but highly Powerful Social Media Scenario the Serious and Noble Profession of Journalism is becoming the Casualty number one. One feels Ashamed to see the journalistic ethics being grounded and tarnished in the worst ever manner. Although a negligible number of professional People have carved their niche even amid this mad race however a mushroom growth of pseudo Journalists has definitely tarnished the image of entire Media Community.

Today's Editorial is the outcome of unethical media practices which we face quite frequently after the evolution of Social media. Every Tom Dik and Harry has become a journalist and is leaving no stone unturned to bring bad name to this otherwise serious and noble profession. In a vibrant democracy Media is considered to be the fourth estate or pillar of the democratic setup which acts as a catalyst to give shape to government policies and the Socio-Political and administrative setup of the country. It acts as a critique to guide government policies towards a Positive direction. So as to contribute in the Positive growth of a democratic nation. However the contemporary scenario is putting across a dismally picture of the otherwise sensitive profession. Mushroom growth of social media channels without any know-how of basics of media ethics and professional qualifications or expertise is proving cancerous.

Unaware of basic media ethics these pseudo Journalists post some heart wrenching visuals on social media. Posting and then sharing of such visuals has become a fashion statement for these pseudo journalists and bloggers. Unaware about A B C of journalism these so-called media persons are tarnishing the image of whole media Community across J&K.

In a mad race towards increasing the subscribers on Social media platforms they can go to any extent in unethical reportage. In majority of the cases these Pseudo Journalists are acting as black mailers in various forms. Height of the things is that even the major and popular media houses have the ground staff working with them without any Salary. They are in a way forced or willingly managing their earnings by nefarious means.

Here the authorities have a role to play to put this all important house in order. Which they should rather start to do as soon as the better sense prevails.

Recently Authorities had issued advisory for media while reporting the suicide cases in the valley, Senior journalists attribute the unethical reportage on suicides and domestic violence due to the encroachment of social media into the mainstream journalism. Mainstream media and social media has sort of amalgamated. Anyone with a Facebook page, a smart phone and a logo is reporting senselessly on any sensitive issues without any journalistic ethics.

Pertinently there are set guidelines from Press Council of India (PCI) for reporting on any serious or sensitive issue like suicides, domestic violence cases, matrimonial issues, murders, Religious or Cultural issues. In case of minor there are Juvenile courts. A professional journalist understands the limits while reporting on all these subjects, but unfortunately names and photos are made viral, identities are disclosed, which is completely an unethical journalism practice.

Professionally speaking any sensitive stuff goes through many professional filters before it gets published but with the many social media platforms, they hardly know these guidelines or study them. Reason for this menace is the absence of any accountability mechanism in place.

Impartial observers of the scene are of the opinion that the media houses should take up the issue with the DIPR and the Concerned Government Authorities not to encourage these pseudo Journalists who resort to unethical journalism, and bring a bad name to the noble profession.

According to the guidelines issued by the Press Council of India (PCI), newspapers and news agencies must not place stories about any sensitive issue prominently and unduly repeat such stories. The newspapers or news agencies must not use language which sensationalises or normalises suicide, or presents it as a constructive solution to problem. They must not use sensational headlines and must not use photographs, video footage which can hurt the sentiments on ground.

Need of the hour is for the authorities to act, the concerned nodal agencies should check on the people who are not even remotely associated with the journalism profession and are misusing the social media platforms for their vested interests. As these pseudo journalists are not only defaming the noble profession but also hammering a big dent on the reputation of Journalism as a profession which is otherwise the fourth Estate of Vibrant Democracy like India.

"Is the increased level of competition in the interest of the youth?"



Jaswinder pal

“Look, Sharma ji's son is ahead of you in every field, learn something from him”, this sentence is considered to be the main inspiration of our society in today's time or rather it is the experience of the youth of every household. At present, all the people are busy in competing to be better than each other and in this competition, the youth have been made pawns to get the extravagance and social respect. This race to move forward has two sides like a coin. While on one hand it motivates people to achieve success, on the other hand it also has harmful consequences which can lead the youth towards ruin.

Youth: The future of society

The youth is considered to be the most important part of the society because they take care of our culture and traditions and take them forward. Youth in India comes under the age group of 15 to 35. Youth are energetic, active, creative, and enthusiastic, hence they are called the future of the country. Youth fulfill the dreams of their families and society and provide a new perspective to the community. Youth is that phase of human life in which a person learns something new every day and lays the foundation of his future. In this condition, the brain of the youth is just like a

raw pitcher, it tends to go in the same direction in which it is driven. In this interval, the good and bad of the children can be refined and it is here that the good and bad future of the society is decided. If the right guidelines are given to the youth at the right time, then not only for them, but for the whole world, welfare can be done. That's why all the parents try to make their children better in their youth. Competition is also the result of this effort of our society.

the fields too, there is a competition for life between the crop and the weeds and only the one who is capable wins. It has been proved through an experiment that the reason for the extinction of dinosaurs, which is an extinct species of today's time, is their inability to adapt to the changing nature. So competition is the main source of life. Competition, which was once started to increase enthusiasm among the youth, has become the need of every field today. Competition is an initiative to test

other hand, it has also become the cause of mental illness among the youth, due to which, according to the World Health Organisation, the problems of mental illness among the youth are increasing. Due to competition, the youth have to go through comparative situations and in such times if a person is assessed less than others, then in such a situation his morale and self-confidence breaks and he suffers from terrible diseases like depression. This situation affects the internal behavior of humans and forces them to take informal steps like suicide. The main purpose of the competition is to promote good and capable youth and those who do not qualify in this competition are considered as a burden for the society.

That's why mankind needs to check the unique feature of every youth and don't compare them with other successful people. Understand the trend of every child and motivate him towards competition in the same field. Thus, like the description of the wheel of Dharma, competition will help people to awaken new inventions and ideas in their favorite fields. That is, competition is in the interest of the youth, as long as it is used properly. This will make us realize our dreams of giving a better shape to the society and seeing a bright future. With the help of this, such a world will be created, in which the future life of both passed and failed youth will set an example of success.

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Competition: A Social Initiative

Once the great scientist Charles Darwin, after his discovery, presented the concept of "survival of the fittest" to the whole world, in which the definition of natural selection is explained and the one who has the ability to compete is considered the best.

Nature also selects those who have the passion to make their life come true. In

the passion, intelligence, morale, and ability of humans. It tests each person's ability and motivates them accordingly.

Is competition good or bad for the youth?

The changing nature of competition has also become a matter of concern for today's youth. On the one hand, it helps in increasing the morale of the youth, on the

Imposing Property Tax in J&K

ed, self-occupied, and vehicle parking area multiplied by per square ft fixed by BBMP for each kind of usage of property for 10 months reduced by depreciation allowed by BBMP plus 24% cess on property tax.

business class. In October 2020, the Ministry of Home Affairs empowered the J&K administration to impose property tax through municipal corporations and the residential structures will be

Order 2020. If imposed, the property tax should be leveled on all lands and buildings situated within the municipal areas. This tax should be leveled at a percentage not exceeding 15 % of the taxable annual value of land and buildings.

Due to turmoil for the last three decades, our business system has also been at loss in many ways and business communities are trying their best to cope with the situation. This time before leveling property tax, the loss met with business communities must not be underestimated. In my opinion, firstly rich persons having big commercial hubs located in municipalities should be brought under this act and for those rich persons who have constructed commercial establishments on state and kacharia land, it may be best on the part of the administration to impose a double tax on such establishments and the small business holders within the municipal areas shall not be included under this act. Before introducing this act, the Housing and Urban Development department should do a proper survey and identify those commercial establishments that belong to rich people and common business people should not be brought under this act.

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Property tax is ad valorem tax on the value of a property. It is levied by the government in which the property falls. It is paid on property owned by an individual. It is a real estate tax and can be considered a regressive tax. It is paid by the owner of a property and is calculated on the value of the property including land. The government will use this tax for water and sewer improvements, education, making roads, constructing hospitals, etc. The amount owners owe in property tax is determined by multiplying the property tax rate by the current market value of the land in question. These taxes are levied on real property and include land, structures and fixed buildings.

The payment schedule of property taxes varies by locality and when property taxes are left unpaid, the tax authorities may assign a lien against the property and it should be completed by buyers before purchase. In Bangalore, property tax is equal to 20% of the total area of the property tenant-



The top state with the highest number of income tax filers in the country is Maharashtra followed by Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and then Tamil Nadu. In our union territory, the news is spreading about the introduction of property tax. Urban and Housing development department has been working on this proposal and it is presumed that firstly commercial establishments will be brought under this act. If imposed it should not affect

exempted. It is pertinent to mention here that all states and union territories have imposed this tax and only this union territory is yet to impose it. Many times, previous governments have tried to impose tax but succumbed to political pressure. The MHA has issued several amendments in the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Act 2000 and Municipal Corporation Act 2000 carried through the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization

Need to Raise Infrastructure and standard of Education in rural schools

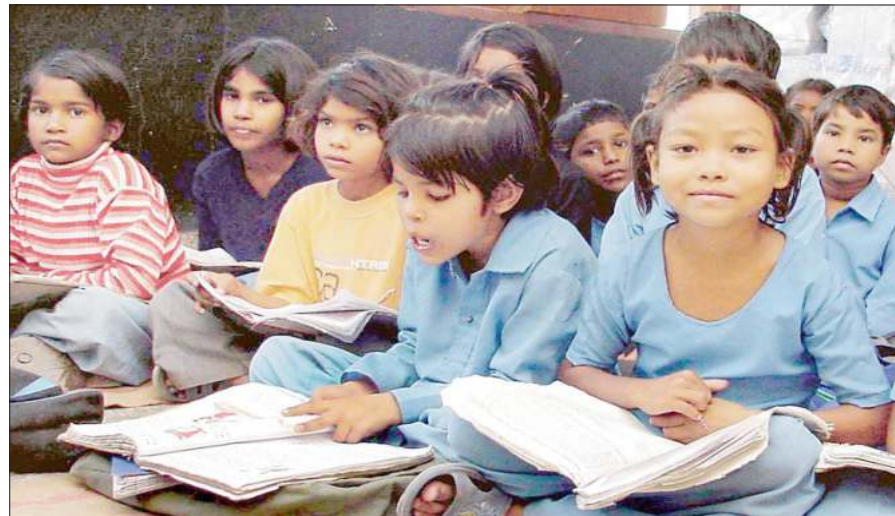


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Infrastructure in rural schools is far below the satisfactory level, with 82 per cent of the schools requiring renovation; books are often unavailable and teacher absenteeism tends to be high. A large number of teachers are unwilling to teach in rural areas and those who do are usually under-qualified. Improvement is only possible if more schools are established and the basic infrastructure of the existing ones is

THE 2022 Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) sheds light on learning outcomes in schools in rural districts of India. Conducted every year since 2005, this survey is a key source of information about children's learning skills across the country. The current report, released after a gap of four years, records the impact of school closure on the studies of children during the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

A household-based, rather than school-based, survey, it includes children who have never been to school or have dropped out, as well as those who are in government schools or private ones. Around 7,00,000 children in the age group of 3 to 16 years, who are residents of these house-



holds, were surveyed across the country. In each rural district, 30 villages were sampled and in each village, 20 randomly selected households were surveyed. This process generated a total of 600 households per district, or about 3,00,000 households. Information on the schooling status was collected for all children living in sampled households who were in the required age group. Children in the age group of 5-16 years were tested to assess their basic reading and arithmetic skills. Major findings of the report are not entirely negative, but they do underline the need to improve the standard of education in rural India. The national-level study

shows that despite school closure during the pandemic, the overall enrolment figures, which have been above 95 per cent for the past 15 years for the age group of 6 to 14 years, increased from 97.2 per cent in 2018 to 98.4 per cent in 2022. Government schools have seen a sharp increase in children enrolled, from 65.6 per cent in 2018 to 72.9 per cent in 2022, reversing the trend of a steady decrease in student enrolment seen since 2006, when it was 73.4 per cent. The report also suggests that despite wide variations in how children accessed technology during the pandemic years, most schools, even those in rural areas, attempted to keep learning going with

digital resources. Some of the parents followed suit. This needs to be encouraged hugely.

The report also lays to rest apprehensions about the pandemic forcing families to withdraw girls from schools and push them into early marriage. It finds that the percentage of girls in the age group of 11 to 14 years, who were out of school, declined to 2 per cent from 4.1 per cent. The decrease in the proportion of girls not enrolled in school is even sharper among older girls in the age group of 15 to 16 years, which stood at 7.9 per cent in 2022 as compared with 13.5 per cent in 2018. However, the report shows a severe decline in reading ability and comprehension of the students. The percentage of Class III students in government or private schools who could read a Class II book fell by nearly 7 per cent from 27.3 per cent in 2018 to 20.5 per cent in 2022. This decline is visible in every state, and for children in both government and private schools.

As schools have reopened, the situation requires urgent thought, attention and immediate action. Things can definitely be improved if the required steps are initiated immediately. The ASER survey has clearly set the alarm bells ringing. The solution lies in accepting it and rectifying the shortcomings in education.

Vijay GarG Retired Principal Educational Columnist Malout Punjab National

GCW Parade hosts 3 day workshop to mark celebration of 13th National Voters Day

JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Electoral Literacy Cub of Government College for Women, Parade Ground Jammu organized a three day workshop to mark the celebration of 13th National Voters Day on the theme "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure."

The programme was held under the patronage of Dr. S.P. Sarswat, Principal of GCW Parade Ground, Jammu.

Addressing the students, he highlighted that this day was observed to commemorate the foundation day of Election Commission of India and to encourage the young voters to cast their votes, responsibly and mandatorily. He also stressed that awareness about voting rights not only encourages the youth to participate in the electoral process but also helps in strengthening our democratic tradition.

The Club organized a series of activities like Poster making, Rangoli making and Slogan writing competitions.

The competitions were judged by Dr. Ritu Magotra, Associate Professor and HOD English, Dr. Shobana Sambhal, Associate Professor from Department of Zoology.

An awareness rally was also organized within the campus. The whole event was coordinated by Dr. Shandilya Permindar Kour, Convenor ELC, Dr. Jasmeet Kour, Prof. Preeti Mahajan, Prof. Shroftika Rajput, Prof. Shivani Slathia, Dr. Asha Rani and Prof. Mohd. Arif. The workshop concluded with the pledge taken by the Principal, faculty members and the students of GCW Parade Ground, Jammu.

Strive hard to make India a vibrant nation and a Vishavaguru: Vice-Chairperson to students

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY-27: Juhi Manhas Pathania, Vice Chairperson DDC, Udhampur participated in the Republic Day function in Ayesha International School, Khoon and hoisted the Tricolour in presence of the school Principal, Dr Silvam Pujari and Chairman Ram Din.

The ceremony began with the hoisting of the Tricolor by the Chief guest Juhi Manhas Pathania was accompanied by renowned Dogri singer Sars Bharti. The School echoed with patriotic fervour as the children danced to the tunes of patriotism, enacted skits, sang patriotic songs dressed in tri-coloured clothes.

The students took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity and brotherhood.

The Chief Guest, in her address, highlighted the significance of the day and made the children aware that the future of their country lies in their hands. Hence they need to study well now and inculcate good values in life, which will help them to be good citizens of the country.

"Our national heroes and soldiers sacrificed their lives to bring freedom. Let us promise to follow their footsteps and be successful in everything we do. It is your responsibility to take our country forward towards progress" she urged the students. She further added that we Indians can keep our national spirit alive by recalling the past to improve our present and future and we should be true Indians in words, action and thoughts and be worthy of our country.

"We live in a democratic country where people enjoy their fundamental rights. In society, we have different castes, religions, and many other things that separate us but on a broader picture, we all are Indians. India is a land that is a great example of "Unity in Diversity" she added. The beauty of our country is we have different languages and we also have conflicts and differences but on national festivals, we all stand as a united force.

Juhi inspired the students with her motivational words and told them to abide by the constitution of their motherland and fulfill all their duties as responsible citizens. She further said that no celebration is complete without making us feel proud of the fact that, "Saare Jaahan se Acchha Hindustan Hamara".

Prominent among those present included Amit Sharma, DDC Majalita, Ramesh Gupta, Raman Khajuria, Mohan Lal Sharma, Manoj Verma, Subash Chander, (All Sarpanches) Vijay Singh, Subash Sharma Retd. Capt. Vijay Singh and Swarn Singh all Sarpanches, Namrata Bali, Kuldeep Singh, Ved Sharma, Jyoti Devi, Rajgopal besides prominent people were present.

Advocate General condole demise of Head Assistant

JAMMU, JANUARY 27: A condolence meeting was held here today in the office of Advocate General at Jammu to condole the demise of Head Assistant, Darshan Masih, Incharge Section Officer.

The meeting was presided over by Advocate General, D C Raina, which among others was attended by the Law Officers, Government Counsels, Officers and employees.

Advocate General expressed profound grief over the demise of Darshan Masih and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. He termed the deceased as a hard working and dedicated employee.

The participants extended sympathy to the bereaved family.

A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

SMVDU organises Live-Streaming of Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023

REASI, JANUARY 27: Narendra Modi, Prime Minister today addressed the students and their parents across the nation in the edition of the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha - 2023' - an annual event.

PM Modi gave them tips on how to deal with exam stress, student-teacher connection, social media distractions and more.

The event was held at Talkatora Stadium, New-Delhi and was live-streamed on various social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, etc by the Ministry of Education, the Prime Minister's office and others.

The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University Katra live-streamed the event in the Matrika Auditorium for the students and scholars.

The event was organized by the office of Dean of Academic Affairs of the University and all other deans, directors and HODs were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister, Modi interacted with examinees, parents and teachers and shared his thoughts, tips and tricks to combat exam fear, stress, anxiety, pressure and more problems faced by the students, teachers and parents during the exam season. The event was watched by the faculty members of all the teaching departments besides a large number of students and scholars from various departments of the University.

JKEDI holds one day Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme at Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 27: To nurture an entrepreneurial spirit and innovative thinking among youth, Jammu and Kashmir entrepreneurship development institute (JKEDI) today organized a day-long entrepreneurship awareness programme (EAP) in coordination with Himalayan Degree College at Rajouri.

Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director, JKEDI attended the event as the chief guest. He is on a tour to twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

In his address, he commended the initiative of Himalayan Degree College, Rajouri for imbuing a spirit of leadership among the students. "This spirit acts as a guiding philosophy for the holistic development of students," the director said, discussing his experience of the overall entrepreneurial scene in J&K.

With a special emphasis on his tenure in the Industries and Commerce Department and Horticulture Department, he spoke about the learning he gained from his service career. He elucidated how the various

policies of the UT Government have encouraged the spirit of entrepreneurship.

He added that the need of the hour was to generate consciousness among parents to foster entrepreneurship culture in children.

The Director also enumerated the benefits of the term loan scheme under National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMD-FC) and how this initiative of the Government is generating self-employment amongst the minority community. "There is no dearth of innovation and initiative among the youth of J&K. They should set up entrepreneurial ventures rather than wait for government jobs. A focus should be placed on the creation of enterprises that make use of locally available raw materials. Unemployment is a serious challenge for all of us and only entrepreneurship is the way forward," he added.

The gathering was also informed that the Government is revising the Guidelines of J&K Startup Policy in order to



make it more startup-friendly.

"This will boost the startup ecosystem of the UT and will help the innovators and aspiring entrepreneurs in J&K. We need a robust startup ecosystem in the UT. We have to nurture the innovation and passion of our youth in a positive direction. The Government is committed to this goal," said Ajaz Ahmad Bhat.

The Director further added that the Institute was in the process of starting short-term courses in entrepreneurship for school and college students. The aim behind starting such courses was to enable young minds to develop an entrepreneurial mindset at an early stage and equip them to counter the challenges of building a new venture. In the coming days the

Institute is releasing a compendium of various entrepreneurship and self-employment related schemes. This will be a great help for the youth of the UT and will enable them to make informed career choices.

The Director thanked Himalayan Education Mission Society for their cooperation and support to make this event successful. He directed all the District Nodal Officers of the Institute to provide free counselling in their office and display telephone numbers so that people can reach out and start a profitable venture. In addition to this, two model counselling control rooms have been established at the regional campuses of Pampore and Jammu.

Dr. Mehraj Ud Din Bhat and Vishal Ray, senior faculty members of JKEDI gave an overview of how to start a new business. They also gave a presentation highlighting the prerequisites to becoming a successful entrepreneur. Hundreds of aspiring entrepreneurs and students attended the event. Mohammad Muslim Wani, Chairman.

EPFO holds outreach programme 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' at Kathua

KATHUA, JANUARY 27: Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Jammu today organised an Outreach Programme under its revamped 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' initiative here at the conference hall of DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the ceremony of the Pan-India launch of 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme was live streamed.

While highlighting the initiative, Enforcement Officer EPFO Sanjeev Kumar said that the idea behind holding of Nidhi Aapke Nikat outreach camp was to make a mechanism where EPFO can reach out to the stakeholders with its field office in every district to redress the grievances of stakeholders, thereby increasing accessibility and visibility of the organisation. The idea was to save the valuable time and money of the people who seek the intervention of the EPFO for their grievances and otherwise have to cover a lot of distance due to no presence of EPFO offices in some districts, he added.

During the programme, a help desk was set up where members were provided access to the online services like filing of online claims etc. Several Grievances of the members were redressed on the spot and grievances which require intervention of higher authorities were registered on the grievance portal of EPFO which will be resolved on priority.

While interacting with stakeholders, the Enforcement Officer informed that EPFO will ensure proper dissemination



about the holding of such outreach programmes through all stakeholders so as to ensure maximum participation in the camps to make this programme successful and effective. "The outreach programme is not just a grievance redressal mechanism and information exchange network for the employers and the employees but also a platform for exchange of information with the district level authorities of various State and Central Government departments", he added.

On the occasion leaflets on Employee Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 and other offered services and provisions that fall under the ambit of EPFO were also distributed among the participants. ALC Kathua Roopali Gandotra, Dy GM CTM P.K Tyagi, President Private School Association Satpal Manotra, CAO, CEO, DHO.

NH 144A Widening Project: DDC Rajouri inspects progress at different constructions sites

RAJOURI, JANUARY 27: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress of work at different construction sites on the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway (NH144A) falling in the district. He also inspected the progress on additional building of the Sub-district Hospital at Sunderbani and Mother and Child Care Hospital at Lamberi.

OC 58 RCC, Major Manju Nath; AC Defence, Saleem Qureshi and other concerned officers from Border Road Organisation accompanied him during the inspection of Highway work.

The widening project for the existing road comprises 8 packages with the first package starting from Akhnoor. The DDC inspected the progress on widening of road under Package III, Package IV and Package V. The DDC visited the starting point of Package 05 where a tunnel of around 700 meters is to be constructed.



The concerned officer from BRO informed that men and machinery has been mobilised and the work on the tunnel would start soon. Under Package V, the earth cutting is in progress and the work would be completed within the specified period of time.

While inspecting the progress on the widening of NH144A at different sites, the DDC directed the concerned officers to mobilize men and machinery to ensure completion of the project within the already set deadline.

Taking note of the issue of payment of structures, the DDC asked the concerned officers to ensure timely payment of structures to the rightful claimants. He also asked the concerned officers to work to maintain interdepartmental coordination and sort out issues, if any to complete the project in set timelines so that necessary benefits are provided to the general public.

The DDC also directed to maintain quality of work and warned against any laxity in this regard.

Meanwhile, the District Development Commissioner Rajouri visited Sunderbani subdivision and inspected the progress on the construction.

DC inaugurates Patients' Sarai; First of its Kind 24*7 Library - Kishtwar Reading Hub

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 27: As a part of Republic Day Celebrations 2023 and under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav on Thursday inaugurated twin facilities of Kishtwar Reading Hub (24*7 Library) here in the Govt Girls Higher secondary school and Patients Sarai in the District Hospital. At GHSS (Girls), the Deputy Commissioner, in presence of Chief Education Officer, Sudarshan Kumar Sharma, Principal GGHSS, Suneeta Sharma, Staff members and students, inaugurated the first of its kind, 24*7 Library by the name Kishtwar Reading Hub. The facility has been equipped with state of art facilities including books, e-Library, WiFi facility with free membership for AAY students.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC



said that the long pending demand of students for a 24 hr open library has been met. He stressed on using Kishtwar Reading hub for career guidance and mentorship sessions, for which a team of officers/specialists will be constituted by next week. The DC said that this library would provide a rich learning environment to all the seekers of knowledge and facilities like these

would bring the people back to libraries, adding that a large number of books are available in the library with the latest collection which are arranged, systematically language wise and subject wise. He called upon the people in general and youth in particular to avail benefits of these facilities & utilise e-learning available through BYJU's platform.

Later, the DC visited District Hospital, where he inaugurated a Patients' Sarai in the presence of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Chander Parkash, Medical Superintendent, Dr Javida Qazi and other staff members. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Devansh said that this public facility will serve the needy and poor patients and their attendants at an affordable rate of Rs.50 per night (free for children below 10 years age).

DC Doda interacts with functionaries of ICDS Department

DODA, JANUARY 27: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today interacted with the functionaries of the ICDS here at a meeting of CDPOs, Supervisors held in the Conference Hall of DC office complex. All the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) from across the district joined the meeting virtually. The DC held threadbare discussion with regard to the implementation of various deliverables and schemes of ICDS and received updated status and feedback from concerned officers. The meeting was informed that the District has 1396 functional Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and the department has achieved 75% ADHAAR generation of children

between 0 to 6 years. It was further apprised that more than 95% funds have been utilised under Nutrition head in the district.

The DC asked DPO ICDS to rationalise the posting of supervisors to cover all the Anganwadi Centres. The DC directed the ICDS Project Officers to upgrade their working and ensure that the targets set under deliverables be achieved before 28th of February. He asked them to ensure visibility of Anganwadi Centres by painting walls and other means. The DC directed the Tehsildars to visit Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in their jurisdiction unannounced within fifteen days and report on their functioning.

"The CDPOs shall visit all AWCs in their.

Team Headlines Today again brings Laurels on Republic day. HT Special Correspondents Awarded for their Selfless Reporting

Dr Abdul Qayoom Felicitated at Kupwara

DR.AB QAYOOM HT-NEWSNETWORK

Langate, Jan, 26: The Langate Town, which has its name engraved in the history of militancy in Kashmir, being the place from where the first pro Pakistani, Mohd Maqbool Bhat was arrested, has been leading the way, and anchoring the transformation towards positive and peaceful future. Langate the first town of Kashmir taking another stride towards a bright future also an open message to reject Gun culture in the area. On the occasion of 74th republic day 1st time in history of

Langate live stream parade on an electronic bill board was played for local public at Langate chowk. Which shows the enthusiasm of local youth and children is reflective for the pace with which Kashmir is progressing towards the main stream and developing into the most enterprising region of Kashmir, Shedding its violent past. The event was organised by the Locals with a patriotic fervour, which is testimony to changing face of the region and a message of Youth choosing development, progress and bright future over Gun culture and violence. Local youth clubs, civil administration and every section of society played their part in reigning in the positive mindset and desire to make this region



part of the fast paced growth story of entire nation among international community.

Absence of popular Govt in J&K is blatant violation of Constitution: Rattan Lal

Hoists National Flags across Jammu on Republic Day

JAMMU, JAN 27: Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) Jammu has asserted that NC is the only party in Jammu and Kashmir that has strong secular and democratic credentials and the entire party cadre has been following the same in true letter and spirit. He stated this while addressing people during flag hoisting functions at various places in Jammu on the 74th Republic Day.

It is pertinent to mention here that the senior National Conference President hoisted the National Flag at the party headquarters Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan besides during two functions at Indira Chowk and Rani Talab Digiana. The senior National Conference leader while congratulating the people on the occasion of Republic Day said that it is time to celebrate the most sacred document of the nation i.e. the Constitution but it is unfortunate that even the constitution has become casualty during the past about eight years of BJP rule at the Centre. He lamented that Bharatiya Janata Party has divided the erstwhile state of J&K into two Union Territories thus fragmenting this crown of the

nation. He added that the saffron party did not stop here but its leaders have even divided the people of the region on the basis of religion, castes and community. He said the BJP leaders whether local or at the national level are leaving no stone unturned in creating a communal divide and fission on region and religious basis. He accused the BJP Govt of changing Jammu and Kashmir into an abode of hatred, intolerance and violence just for their vested petty interests. Rattan Lal Gupta said that by not allowing the Assembly elections to take place in J&K is the most blatant violation of the Constitution of India by the incumbent Govt. Here in J&K, the people continue to suffer badly in absence.

Public Notice

A Moter Cycle Bearing Regidtration No JK151/7764 Engine No 108934 Chasis No 122533 is under Seizureat police Station MahrajGung which is Owned by Bashir Ahmad Mir S/O Mohd Rustum Mir R/O panzullah Rafiabab Baramulla . Now The Owner |Applicant is seering Release of the vechile .If Any body having any objection may kindly Report to the Office of the Tehsildar South Srinagar.No Objection will be Accepted After the Stipulated Time.

Public Notice

I Have lost my Husband's Death certificate who died on 25/02/2009 Now I am applying for its duplicate certificate if anybody has any objection in this regard He/She my contact with concerned authorities within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained

BAKHTI BEGUM
W/o GHULAM RASOOL AHANGER
R/o. WATERGAM WAGOORA
Distt BARAMULLA

Public Notice

It is to information all the Genral public that I have lost my 9th pass certificate having the following desorption
Name Afiya Razaq
D/O:-Ab Razaq Dar
R/O:-Arigam Budgam
AdmNo 1092
D.O.B 1,11,1990
Session 2007
Now I Have To Applied for its Dublicate Certificate ,Af some body have any objection in this regard He|She will Approach the Office of principal HSS parrewa within aperiod of seven days . After that no objection shall be entertained

Office of the Principal
BLOOMING BUDS COMPUTER SCHOOL
(Govt. Recognised)
Ward No #2, Plan, Bandipore (193502) UT, Kashmir.
DISE/KGS/Bp-4887912 UDISE Code: 01160197725

The formation of New Managing Body of "Blooming Buds Computer School", Plan, Bandipore, is published for the information of general public. Objection, if any, may be communicated to the Director of School Education within Seven days from the publication of this notice in the Newspaper. After the lapse of stipulated time. No objection will be entertained.

S.No	Name	Qualification	Occupation	Designation
1.	Mr. Saleem Parvaiz Bhat S/o: Muhammad Afzal Bhat R/o: Ward #2, Bandipora.	Ph. D, MCA	Principal of the School	Principal
2.	Mr. Mohammad Yousuf Parra S/o: Mohd. Sultan Parra R/o: Ward No #2, Bandipora.	M. A	Business	Secretary
3.	Miss. Farhanida Bakhat D/o: Bikhur Mohammad R/o: Ward No #2, Bandipora	M. A	Teacher of the School.	Treasurer
4.	Miss. Iram Fatima D/o: Aijaz Ahmad Khan R/o: Newpora, Bandipora	M. A	Teacher of the School.	Member
5.	Shahid Mohd Khan S/o: Ghulam Mohd Khan R/o: Wafra, Bandipora	P.G English	Teacher of the School.	Member
6.	Dr. Ateequllah Dar S/o: Ab. Rasid Dar R/o: Qadipora, Bandipora	M. Phil/ Ph. D	Private College Teacher	Member
7.	Mr. Hilal Ahmad Bhat S/o: Muhammad Yousuf Bhat R/o: Ward #2, Bandipora	M.A	Private School Teacher	Member

Sd/
Chairman

Public Notice

I have lost my number plate under registration no JK05 2021 0003133. Now I am applying for its duplicate. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may contact with ARTO Sopore / Baramullah within 7 days after the date of publication of this notice after that no objection shall be entertained

TOFAIL MOHAMMAD PARRAY
S/o GHULAM MOHAMMAD PARRAY
R/o SACHI PORA BARAMULLA

Government of Jammu & Kashmir UT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER FLOOD SPILL CHANNEL DIVISION NARBAL

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Notice inviting e-Tender e- NIT No. 61 of 2023 Dated:24/01/2023

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Bids (in Single Cover System) are invited from the person registered with such type of jobs for the following Bids to be opened by the Executive Engineer, Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal:-

S No.	Particular	EstimatedQuantity	Cost of Tender/BID Doc. (In Rs)	Earnest Money in Lac(s)	Time of Completion
01	02	03	04	05	06
01	Re-Sectioning on Left side of Doodganga Nallah from RD 38096m to RD 18447m at Spots	2635.72 cum	300	3000	10Days
02	Re-Sectioning on Left side of Doodganga Nallah at DS Gungbugh Foot Bridge from RD 40532m to RD 41782m at Spots	8197.09 cum	300	3000	20Days
03	Re-Sectioning on Left side of Doodganga Nallah at DS RD 35200m to RD 35600m at Spots	3240.00 cum	300	3000	12Days
04	Re-Sectioning on Left side of Doodganga Nallah at DS Gungbugh Foot Bridge From RD 40175m to RD 40462m at Spots	6338.00 cum	300	3000	16Days
05	Re-Sectioning on Right side of Doodganga Nallah near Tengpora Bridge from RD 39310.0 to Rd 40100.0 Mtrs at Spots	5048.01 cum	300	3000	15Days

1)The bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of Quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen /download on e-procurement portal www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	24-01-2023
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	24-01-2023 from 1800 Hrs
3.	Bid submission Start Date	24-01-2023 from 1800 Hrs
4.	Bid Submission End Date	31-01-2023 upto 1600 Hrs
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids	02-02-2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal.

2)The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in
3)The bids uploaded on the Web site up to due date and time will be opened on (11.00 A.M) in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal in presence of the Technical Committee as well as bidders who wish to attend. In case of Holidays or office happening to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The complete bidding process will be online.

4)Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferrable) to be deposited under MH: 0701-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt or e-Challan (mentioning therein E NIT No, Serial No of Work/ Contract and Minimum Bid Amount of the Work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal and earnest money/ bid security in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Executive Engineer, Flood Spill Channel Division Narbal, besides the dates on the instruments must not be prior to date of issuance of this Notice. The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of opening of bid.

5)The earnest money shall be forfeited if:
a) Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms and conditions of the bid.
b) Failure of highest bidder to execute the agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.

6)Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process:-

i) Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in in acquaint bid submission process.

ii) To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act 2000. Bidders can get digital Certificate from any approved vendor.

iii) The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

iv) Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-3.

v) Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all the necessary documents with bid along with complete Bio Data of the bidder as per ANNEXURE (A).

1)The bidders are advised to inspect the site before casting their bids.

DIPK-16755/22

Sd/-/
Er. Zaffar Mustafa Khan
Executive Engineer
Flood Spill Channel Division
Narbal.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Office of the 'Executive Engineer Irrigation & FC Division Baramulla

Fax / Phone -01952-234384,
eNIT No. 24-IFCDB of 2022-23 Dated: 2E_/01/2023

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Expression of interest and E-Tender (in two cover system) are invited from eligible registered firms / Consultants/ Agencies under Indian Partnership Act/ Societies Registration Act or registered companies under companies act for selection of consultant for Architectural and allied Engineering Consultancy Services for the following work.

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost	Earnest Money	Tender fee (Cost of Doc.) (in Rs)	M.H. of account	Time of completion
01	Survey, Geotechnical Investigation, Hydraulic and Structural design/drawings of Pump Houses and sumps and all allied components including preparation of detailed estimate and BOQ of Lift Irrigation Scheme Gantmulla. The design must be vetted by DIQC. (Complete Job)	2.15 Lacs	Rs.5000/-	500/-	4702-NABARD	15-days

The EO/NIT consisting of Qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities/activities (B.O.Q), tender documents, set of terms and conditions of bid/contract and other details can be viewed/downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per the following bidding schedule.

1.	Publishing Date	20/01/2023 from 6:00 Pm
2.	Download Date Start	21 /01/2023 from 2:00 Pm
3.	Tender Submission date Starts	21/01/2023 from 2:00 pm
4.	Tender Submission date Ends	30/01/2023 up to 04.00 pm
5.	Date of Opening Cover 1 st (Technical Bid)	31/01/2023 at 11:00 AM. Cover 2 nd subsequent to evaluation of Cover 1 st

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly crediting to 0702-Rev. Misc uploading a copy of treasury challan / receipt. (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date)

2. Bid security (Earnest money) in shape of CDR/FDR/BG Pledged to the Executive Engineer I&FC Division Baramulla and original instruments in respect of tender fee (cost of documents), EMD and relevant documents of LI must be submitted to the Executive Engineer I&FC Division Baramulla prior to issuance of allotment in favour of lowest bidder.

3. Financial Bids will be opened online in the office of the tender opening authority of the technically responsive bidders.

The bid for the work shall remain open for acceptance for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids. Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the bid security (earnest money) shall stand forfeited.

3. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. Instructions to bidders regarding c-tendering process. The interested bidder can download the NIT/bidding document from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get (DSC) "Digital Signature Certificate" as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding. This certificate will be required for digitally signing the bid. Bidders can get above mentioned digital certificate from any approved vendors

The Bidders, who already possess valid (DSC) Digital Signature Certificates, need not to procure new Digital Signature Certificate.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with Digital Signature. No Proposal will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above. Before submission of online bids, bidders must ensure that scanned copies of all the necessary documents have been produced when required. * 111* The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of bids whatsoever reasons may be.

12. All the required information for bid must be filled and submitted online. Bidders should get ready with the original copies of cost of documents & EMD as specified in the tender documents.

13. The original instruments in respect of cost of Documents. EMD and relevant documents of LI must be submitted to the Tender Opening Authority before the issuance of letter of allotment is issued in favour of the lowest bidder.

14. The details of cost of documents, (copy of each challan) Copy of EMD instrument specified in the tender documents should be uploaded online (scanned copies) otherwise bid will not be accepted.

15. The guidelines for submission of bid online can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in> The Department will not be responsible online for delay in online submission due to any reason.

16. The Bidder must upload the copy of cost of document mentioned in the above e-NTT through e- Challan" treasury Challan indicating Treasury Voucher No. & Date and also indicating the NIT and name of work duly crediting to 0702 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer Irrigation and FC Division Baramulla.

DIPK-16669/22

OFFICE
'EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION
& FC DIVISION BARAMULLA

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER DEPARTMENT OF FLORICULTURE KASHMIR SRINAGAR

e-NIT No: 53 of 2022-23 Dated: 23.01.2023.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, Union Territory, J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from Manufacturer, Authorized, Dealer/ Distributor approved/registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In lacs)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Class of Participant	Major A/c Head
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
01.	Design, Installation & Commissioning of High Rise Water Features Fountain (Electro Mechanical Part-A) at Tulip Garden Srinagar (under SAKURA)	41.94	83880/-	1000/-	30- days	Manufacturer, Authorized dealer/Distributor of ISO Certified Company (of Similar nature of work)	Capex Budget

Position of AAA : Accorded
Position of funds : Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	23/01/2023 from 04:00 PM to 06/02/2023 up to 04:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date.	23/01/2023 from 04:30 AM
3.	Bid submission End date	06/02/2023 up to 04:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	07/02/2023 at 02:00 PM

Special Condition:-

i. The successful bidder will have to provide two years maintenance after successful completion of work.
ii. The Successful bidder will have to give undertaking in the shape of Affidavit to the effect that the work shall be completed before Tulip Show-2023.

1.Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-Challan/copy of receipt from Treasury favouring of Executive Engineer, Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender inviting authority) indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to the MH: 0406-02-112-Public Gardens (Floriculture Department Kashmir) in favour of Executive Engineer (Tender inviting authority)

2.At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money /bid security (EMD @ 2% of the Advertised Cost in the form of CDR/FDR pledged to the tender receiving authority, i.e Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir.

3.The Ist. Lowest bidder will have to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer Floriculture Department Kashmir (Tender receiving authority) within three (03) days before fixation of Contract in accordance with the Govt. Circulars/instructions from time to time. However, the earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a Performance Security of 3% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the work/DLP.

4.The date and time of opening of technical Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer Department of Floriculture Kashmir Srinagar (Tender receiving authority).

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

6.The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-
a.Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.

b.Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
Any bid received beyond 15% above the advertisement cost of the work will be rejected.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
6.1Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in in acquaint bid submission process.

6.2To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.

6.3The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form

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SHOPIAN

commercial structure belonging to an ex-minister allegedly built on state land.

The demolition was carried out two days after an outer wall of the residence of National Conference general secretary and former minister Ali Mohammad Sagar near the airport was demolished.

A senior district official said the commercial structure belonging to the ex-minister of Social Welfare was demolished as part of an anti-encroachment drive to reclaim Kahcharai (grazing land) and State land from unlawful encroachments.

"No one is above the law and the drive to reclaim and protect our public land will continue," he said.

The official said the latest encroachment drive has successfully freed 343 Kanals and four Marlas of Kahcharai/state land from encroachments.

The J&K administration has set a January 31 deadline to remove encroachments from state land, including Kahcharai and the land that fell under the Roshni scheme. While there has been an uproar over the government order, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha stressed that the poor people would not be touched and only powerful people who misused their position to encroach upon the State land would be evicted.

BJY

of JKPC president where hundreds of people were present to welcome Congress leaders. He was joined by former CM of J&K and NC Vice Omar Abdullah in Banihal. Omar while reacting to the security lapse said that he witnessed that outer layer of security vanished suddenly. "I'm witness to this. The outer ring of the cordon which was maintained by J&K police simply vanished within minutes of @RahulGandhi starting to walk. We had just crossed into Kashmir from Jammu & were looking forward to the 11 KM walk but unfortunately it had to be cancelled," he tweeted.

Rahul was welcomed by several party leaders including former JKPC president G A Mir at the entrance of the tunnel from Qazigund side along with hundreds of workers.

He was joined by PDP leaders and workers led by PDP spokesperson Suhail Bhukhari as well.

POLICE DENIES SECURITY LAPSE: Jammu and Kashmir police said there was no security lapse at all in the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

In a statement, issued to the KNO, a police spokesman said police was not consulted before taking any decision on discontinuing the Yatra after conducting 1 Km Yatra by the organisers.

Police also said only authorised persons as identified by organisers & frisked crowd was allowed inside towards the route of Yatra.

"Organisers & managers of BJJ did not intimate about large gathering from Banihal joining the Yatra, which thronged near the starting point?," it said. It further said full security arrangements were in place including 15 Coys of CAPFs and 10 Coys of JKP, comprising ROPs and QRTs, route domination, lateral deployment and SFs were deployed for high-ridge and other deployments.

"JKP was not consulted before taking any decision on discontinuation of Yatra after conducting 1 km Yatra by organizers. Rest of the Yatra continued peacefully. There was no security lapse at all. We will provide fool-proof security," the police said—(KNO)

AVALANCHES

on Friday.

The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) in a statement issued here said that an avalanche with "Low Danger" level is likely to occur above 2250 metres above sea level over north Kashmir district of Kupwara in next 24 hours.

Avalanche with "Medium Danger" Level is likely to occur above 2500 metres above sea level over north Kashmir district of Bandipora, Baramull and central Kashmir district of Ganderbal in next 24 hours.

People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas, the statement added.

Major parts, including upper reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received moderate to heavy snowfall during the past few days causing avalanche threat to the people living in prone areas.

LG

Jamwal has been awarded for Excellence in Arts & crafts while Ravinder Pandita (Save Sharda Committee) has been awarded for Social Reforms & Empowerment.

Award for Lifetime Achievements has gone to Bashir Bhaderwahi (Kashmiri/Urdu writer), Ustad Mohammad Yaqoob Sheikh (Kashmiri Sufi classical Maestro) Vijay Kumar Sambyal (Indian classical Maestro) and Ramesh Hangleo (Founder/Director, Radio Sharda).

Award for Meritorious Public Service has gone to Finance Department, General Administration Department, PW(R&B) Department, Revenue Department, Information Technology Department, Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment; Tourism Department; Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Dept; J&K Public Service Commission; J&K Sports Council; District Administration, Shopian; District Administration, Kupwara; District Administration Ganderbal; District Administration, Pulwama; District Administration, Jammu; District Administration Udhampur; District Administration, Doda and District Administration, Doornu-Verinag. The Award carries a cash award, a Medal and a citation to each awardee.

MODI

culture, civilization, and experiences. He expressed concern over the use of gadgets saying that people in India spend an average of six hours on screen and this is a matter of concern. He said, 'No Technology Zone' must be created at home.

Giving advice to the parents, the Prime Minister urged them to encourage their children to observe and learn about things that are happening around them. He advised that children should not be kept locked in the confines of the house and they should be allowed to do the activities they want to do in society. He also suggested that children must not be arbitrarily interrupted and criticized. He said, parents must criticize in a constructive and positive way.

Giving the teaching mantra to teachers, the Prime Minister asked the teachers to develop a strong bond with their students. He said, if a student is asking questions, it means he or she is curious and teachers should always try to promote their curiosity.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with students at an exhibition during the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' program. Before the start of the program, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, Pariksha Pe Charcha has become a mass movement. He said that the Prime Minister understands the challenges faced by the students, parents, and teachers and gave his advice to tackle those challenges. He said that National Education Policy and Exam Warrior are preparing the students for the 21st century. (CNS)

LT GOVERNOR ADDRESSES

and space", said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also remembered the invaluable contributions of Rabindranath Tagore, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Padma Sachdev, Kalhan, Lal Ded, Bhawanidas Kachru, Habba Khatoon, Nund Rishi, Master Zinda Kaul, Dinanath Nadim, Dattu, Gangaram, Pandit Hardutt, Rahman Rahi, and Laxman Bhatt, towards strengthening the foundation of rich, intense and diverse civilization.

"In our ancient culture and tradition, it is said that only poets can reach closest to sages and philosophers. It is the poet who can fill new colors in the consciousness of people", observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor appreciated the endeavour of the JKAA-CL to provide a platform to the young talent of J&K to share the stage with veteran and acclaimed poets of the country to hone their creative proficiency.

"Poetry is not just arrangement of letters and sentences. Poetry is more than words. With a bag full of alphabets, we can write very good prose and an article. But whenever something has to be said beyond words, then poetry is born", the Lt Governor said.

Highlighting the efforts being made to restore cultural glory of J&K, the Lt Governor reiterated the government's commitment to ensure that the people of Jammu Kashmir are benefitted from the artistic wealth & knowledge economy to build a prosperous & peaceful society.

"J&K's official language status to Dogri, Kashmiri and Hindi is a significant step towards the renaissance of art, culture & language", added the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said that the endeavours like 'Akhil Bhartiya' Kavi Sammelan as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav will strengthen the spirit of patriotism and essence of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Sh Bharat Singh Manhas, Secretary, J&K Academy of Art Culture & Languages gave a brief overview of the literary festival.

The audience enthusiastically relished the enthralling poem recital by Sh Gajendra Singh Solanki, Sh Hari Narayan Harish, Dr Vishnu Saxena, Sh Dinesh Bawra, Shri Sudeep Bhola, Dr Ruchi Chaturvedi, Sh Mohan Muntazir, Sh Upendra Pandey, Ms Shweta Singh, Sh Tarun Jain, Sh Sumit Mishra and other renowned poets.

Prof Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, Jammu University; Prof Bechan Lal, VC, Cluster University Jammu; prominent and renowned artists, and senior officers of Civil Administration attended the evening.

DC SRINAGAR

ready been approved in the District.

During the meeting, various cases/application pertaining to the grant of provisional registrations for Clinical Establishments including establishment of Dental clinics, X-ray centre, Eye-care, ECG, laboratories, Childcare Nursing Home, Cardiac care centre, USG, Sample collection Physiotherapy and Dialysis centre were put forth before the District Registering Authority.

On the occasion, after detailed deliberations and proper screening in consonance with the guidelines, the District Magistrate accorded provisional as many as 41 number of registrations were approved under Clinical Establishment Act, by the District Registering Authority.

As many as 101 cases under Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, an Act of the Parliament of India enacted to stop female foeticides and arrest the declining sex ratio were also scrutinized and were cleared on the occasion.

At the outset, the District Magistrate stressed on taking immediate steps to stop mushroom growth of ill equipped pathological and microbiological laboratories and other clinical establishments lacking in infrastructure and technical expertise to ensure up to mark healthcare facilities to the patients in the District.

The DC also stressed on intensifying inspections of the clinical establishments in Srinagar to ensure that they are operating their business as per laid guidelines.

DAK

help them."

The DAK President said most of the cardiac arrests in Kashmir occur outside the hospitals. "And they don't survive because they don't receive CPR from bystanders," he said.

Dr Nisar said chances of survival in people who go into cardiac arrest increase if more people know how to administer CPR. "In communities where widespread CPR training has been provided, survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest have been reportedly as high as 49% to 74%," he said.

"CPR is much more likely to be successful when started promptly and the victim of cardiac arrest will almost certainly die if the bystanders do not intervene immediately," he added—(KNO)

GOVT

"In 2021, the School Education Department has transferred 1284 Non-Gazetted posts including 1083 supernumerary posts of Teacher Grade II and III, to the Union territory of Ladakh and after considering list of posts provided by Union territory of Ladakh, 1756 additional posts including 221 gazetted and 1535 non-gazetted were transferred to Union Territory of Ladakh," it reads. The JK government also said, "General Administration Department of Union Territory of Ladakh in 2021 shared revised list of additional 104 Gazetted and 382 non-gazetted posts for detailed listing and also requested to transfer regular 1083 Teacher Grade II and III posts instead of supernumerary posts."

It said that the JKGAD was further intimated that if the posts were not available in a particular department, the posts from other departments with similar nomenclature and pay levels shall be considered and if no such posts are available, then posts of similar pay levels may be apportioned to Union Territory of Ladakh. The government said that a High-level meeting held under the chairmanship of Union Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India was held on November-16-2022 and it was decided that the Government of Jammu and Kashmir shall get the remaining posts created including the 1083 supernumerary posts of Teacher Grade-II and III and list the same for transfer to Union Territory of Ladakh."

MUTTON

administration tomorrow", he said.

Director Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Kashmir Abdul Salam Mir confirmed to KNO that a meeting with mutton stakeholders is scheduled tomorrow regarding the revision of the rate and that they will share further details about the meeting tomorrow. Refuting the reports of mutton shortage in the market, Director Kashmir FCS&CA said that there is no mutton shortage in the market, stating that over the past 10 days around 150-200 trucks of sheep have arrived in the valley. "Every day on average 10 sheep-laden trucks reach the valley, but due to inclement weather for the last many days there must be a temporary halt in supply. But there is no mutton shortage in the market as the supply is adequate," he said—(KNO)

District Administration Felicitates"Umar Education And Welfare Trust(UWT) On Republic Day At Doda

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Jan 27: Having recognised the contributions being rendered in the field of social service, education and conservation of environment in Chenab Valley region, district Administration Doda has facilitated a Non Government Organisation(Umar Education And Welfare Trust-UWT) on the occasion of 74th Republic Day on 26th January 2023 at district Headquarter Doda.

In this connection, a trophy and an appreciation certificate was awarded to the Chairman of the NGO Mozin Yazdani and its Vice President Zaffar Hussain Wani and Sandeep Kumar General Secretary during the celebration of 74th Republic Day program at Doda on Thursday. The award was given by the District Development Council Chairman Doda Dhanantar Singh Kotwal in presence of Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom and other prominent dignitaries.

"This year only one NGO was selected out of many others for felicitation. UWT has been chosen on the basis of the merit it has gained due to its people friendly and on ground work performance," an official of district administration told. He also said that the said NGO is actively involved in the socio-educational activities in whole of the Chenab Valley apart from rendering invaluable services in the field of Environmental conservation.

While expressing gratitude to the government especially District Administration Doda and Additional District Administration Bhadarwah, Chairman UWT Mozin Yazdani said that the appreciation on the awe significant Republic Day is an element of encouragement for all the functionaries and volunteers of the NGO.

"It is an incredible display of support, and it means a lot to our entire crew. The genuine recognition of our efforts and accomplishments is something that we will deeply cherish," said Yazdani adding, "it is a reflection of our hard work as well as the invaluable mentors who have greatly impacted our career. We would like to thank district administration sincerely for having faith in our entire crew and providing us with this opportunity to continue pushing ourselves even further. With this newfound motivation comes great responsibility, and we humbly accept it in pursuit of excellence."

Notably, for the past few years, "UWT" has worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between education, employment and health in "Chenab Region". The organization provides life skills-based training in areas such as health and sanitation, rights and responsibilities, medical camps and career guidance. It also organizes regular educational tours for children and hold classes to help young adults secure jobs.

74th Gantantra Diwas celebrations at Katra; CEO SMVDSB unfurls tricolor



KATRA, JANUARY 27: The 74th Gantantra Diwas was celebrated with traditional fervor and patriotism at Katra, the base town to the Holy Cave Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji.

The main function at Katra was held at the Shrine Board's Sports Complex, where Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, unfurled the tricolor and took salute at an impressive march-past by the contingents drawn from J&K Police, CRPF, NCC, besides the students of various educational institutions.

On the occasion, Anshul Garg while greeting the people paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters saying that the Nation owes gratitude to these great leaders who sacrificed their lives to secure freedom. He underscored various major infrastructure development projects ongoing and those in the pipeline for facilitation of the pilgrims, besides, steps taken by the Board for mitigation and crowd management under the directions and guidance of Hon'ble Chairman, SMVDSB (Lt. Governor, JK-UT). These include completion of 5-storey Durga Bhawan by Chaitra Navratras which has provisions to accommodate 2500 pilgrims on a daily basis, bound to give a new shape and structure to the comforts and convenience of the pilgrims visiting the Holy Shrine. Besides, construction of 200 mtr. long Sky-Walk at Bhawan with wooden flooring conceptualized by the Shrine Board to overcome the problem of multidirectional flow of yatra and a chaotic condition at Bhawan with provision of seating arrangements for senior citizens, divyang & ladies.

The Chief Executive Officer said that with the determined efforts of the Shrine Board and blessings of the Divine, a record 91.25 lakh devotees paid obeisance in the year-2022, the highest annual figure since 2013. He asserted that the safety and security of pilgrims is top priority of Shrine Board and in this endeavour, for the purpose of real-time tracking of pilgrims on the track, ensure proper crowd management and to manage registration of pilgrimage in seamless / hassle free way, the Shrine Board has started issuance of free RFID based yatra access cards. The arrangement is established to check flow of pilgrims strictly as per the holding capacity of the track/area/location etc. The system of RFID tracking of pilgrims includes e-surveillance through a dedicated CCTV network of over 700 cameras with proper end-to-end MIS reporting on a real time basis. He also reiterated various measures mainly based on digitization and e-mode initiatives by the Shrine Board with the collaboration of J&K Bank, HDFC bank and PayTM. The Chief Executive Officer also underscored the development of a Spiritual Theme Park by the Shrine Board around Katra in a 50 acre area. He said that having such a facility in northern India would prolong the stay of pilgrims, giving a fillip to the town's economy.

The Chief Executive Officer also contended about the enlargement in the Atka area which is also likely to be completed by forthcoming Navratras thereby increasing the seating capacity from 230 to 400 devotees in morning and evening Atka arti. He also underscored gesture of Shrine Board started during the preceding Navratra which shall now continue during Navratra of free pony and battery car services with priority darshans to 'Divyang' devotees at sanctum sanctorum. In addition, he said that free Pharmacy is also available for specially-abled patients.

Three SC judges to visit the Rajasthan open prison

Srinagar, Jan 27, KNT: In the first such high-level visit, three top Supreme Court judges, including the 2nd senior most judge of the Supreme Court of India Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, will be visiting the open prison in Sanganeer to evaluate the workings of a cost-effective and humane prison model, where prisoners reform and stay with their family members and earn their own living.

During the visit to Sanganeer open prison in Jaipur, Justice Kaul will be joined by his apex court colleagues, Justice Shripathi Ravindra Bhat and Justice Aniruddha Bose, as well as former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan B Lokur, and Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court, Pankaj Mithal. Justice K S Jhaveri, former chief justice of the Rajasthan and Odisha high courts.

The prison visit, which will also include Mr. Ajit Singh, retired IPS and former Director General Police and Prisons of Rajasthan, is being organised by PAAR (Prison Aid and Action Research), a non-partisan research organisation that studies prison systems across the country and advocates for the expansion of the Rajasthan open prison model.

Smिता Chakraburtty, whose 2017 report was the basis of the landmark judgment passed in 2018 and Founder PAAR, said "A humane alternative, open prisons are cost effective and pose less burden on the public exchequer. These prisons are 14 times cheaper than traditional closed prisons, where the need for prison staff is 81 times lesser than what is required in a traditional or closed prison system. The rate of recidivism. [KNT]

ITI Mutual Fund launches ITI Flexi Cap Fund

Srinagar, Jan 27, KNT: ITI Mutual Fund has launched 16 mainstream mutual fund products in the market for investors. The AMC is backed by a large conservative cash-rich business group.

The fund house manages close to Rs 3557 crores of assets as at the end of 31st Dec 2022. Out of the total AUM, Equity AUM accounted for Rs. 2674.94 crores while Hybrid and Debt schemes accounted for Rs.553.45 crores and Rs. 329.34 crores respectively.

The geographical spread of the AUM is well diversified with top 5 cities accounting for 40.53%, next 10 cities with a share of 19.77%, next 20 cities with a share of 12.27%, next 75 cities with a share of 10.50% and followed by others with a share of 16.92%.

Announcing the launch of the NFO, Rajesh Bhatia- Chief Investment Officer, ITI Mutual Fund said, "We have launched ITI Flexi Cap Fund with a view to offer investors the benefit of staying invested across market caps and diverse sectors. With capex cycle expected to increase further, investors can get an opportunity to experience the growth curve across many industries. With proven track record and a sound philosophy of investment, ITI Mutual Fund is focused on offering investment solutions to all investors with varied risk appetites".

The fund will be jointly managed by Dhiman Shah and Rohan Korde. ITI Flexi Cap Fund will be benchmarked against Nifty 500 Total Return Index.

The fund will invest in predominantly equity and equity related instruments across market capitalisation- large cap, mid cap and small cap companies. [KNT]

Toyota Kirloskar Motor commences bookings for the New Innova Crysta



Srinagar, Jan 27, KNT: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the opening of bookings for its New Innova Crysta. Since its introduction in 2005, the vehicle has become a household name in the Indian market, having gained an appreciation for its reliability, comfort, safety, luxury, and power.

The New Innova Crysta now comes with an enhanced front fascia that has been designed keeping in mind the specific preferences for a rugged and robust appearance, thereby meeting the requirements of Indian families, Businessmen, Corporates and Fleet owners.

Atul Sood, Vice President, Sales and Strategic Marketing, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "This vehicle, in all its avatars has been immensely appreciated across the country and has cemented the Quality, Durability and Reliability attributes of Toyota in the Indian market. As we open the bookings for the New Innova Crysta Diesel today, we would like to share with our customers that their favourite MPV is now available in four grades. This vehicle is a perfect choice for customers preferring a rugged and practical vehicle, well known for its unparalleled comfort and safety."

The opening of bookings for the New Innova Crysta closely follows the recently launched Innova HyCross (available in Gasoline and Strong Hybrid Electric powertrains) which has received an overwhelming response.

The New Innova Crysta bookings are open for Rs 50,000. Customers can now book at the dealer outlets as well as online on www.toyotabharat.com. [KNT]

JKCC, KEA expresses grief over death of Sheikh Javid's Sister in law

Srinagar, Jan 27: JK central contractor coordination committee (JKCC) today expressed grief over the demise of senior Contractor and leader Sheikh Javid's sister in law. Resident of Maisuma Srinagar, Sheikh Javid's sister in law breathed his last on Wednesday evening. A delegation led by General Secretary JK Central Contractors Coordination Committee (JKCC) offered Nimaz Jinazah of the deceased and paid tribute to him.

Expressing his sympathy to the bereaved family, JKCC General Secretary Farooq Dar prays to the Almighty to bestow Jannat to the departed soul. He described the deceased as a noble lady and loving and caring woman.

Advisor Bhatnagar visits Gulmarg, reviews preparation for 3rd 'Khelo India National Winter Games'

GULMARG, JANUARY 27: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, today visited famous tourist destination Gulmarg and chaired a meeting at Golf Club here to review arrangements for the upcoming third edition of 'Khelo India National Winter Games'.

The third edition of 'Khelo India National Winter Games' is being held under Khelo-India Sports Initiative of Union Government from 10th to 14th February 2023.

Addressing the officers during the meeting, Advisor maintained that the games will not only promote sports activities in Jammu and Kashmir but will also go a long way in attracting the tourists, both domestic and foreign.

While reviewing arrangements for the event, Advisor Bhatnagar emphasized upon the district administration and concerned private agencies to put in place all arrangements well in advance for successful conduct of this mega sports carnival. He delved

upon officers and different stakeholders to maintain close coordination and synergy for smooth conduct of the event.

Advisor further said that the approach of the Government is to promote tourism at full scale and therefore we should utilise this opportunity for exploiting and boosting the tourism potential of our UT.

While reviewing other aspects related to the event, Advisor exhorted upon the officers that all necessary arrangements like accommodation, lodging and other facilities for the players should be put in place well in advance to avoid any last minute rush. He directed the officers to establish a Joint Control Room manned by the senior officials for any kind of exigency during the event.

During the meeting, accommodation for participants, traffic management, identification of additional parking slots, snow clearance, security, transport facilities, media coverage, main-



tenance of slops, electricity, water, health care facilities and other related issues were also discussed in detail.

The meeting was informed that both national and local sports persons and athletes are participating in the event. It was given out that this year around 2000 athletes from different parts of the country will converge on the snow-bound slopes of Gulmarg during the event to compete in different categories of sports.

It was also highlighted during the meeting that the event will witness various cultural programmes to impart festive look to the event.

The meeting was also informed that the notable sports activities, which will be the hallmark attractions of the 3rd Khelo India Winter Games, will include Snow Shoe Race, Ice Skating, Ice Hockey, Skiing, Nordic Ski, Snowboarding, Ski Mountaineering and Ice Stock besides other activities.

Greenko to be title partner of 2023 Hyderabad E-prix

Hyderabad, Jan 27 (UNI) Formula E and Ace Nxt Gen, the promoter of the first ABB FIA Formula E World Championship race at Hyderabad, on Friday announced that Greenko, one of the world's leading energy transition and decarbonization company, will be the title partner of the 2023 Greenko Hyderabad E-Prix to be held on February 11.

Tickets are on sale now on BookMyShow. As the title partner of the historic first FIA-sanctioned electric world championship motorsport race in India, Greenko's core values align with the mission of the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship of accelerating towards a clean energy future.

Greenko will fully power the event with renewable energy, in line with Formula E's net zero carbon strategy and RE100 commitment to achieve 100% renewable energy for the championship.

Fans attending the 2023 Greenko Hyderabad E-Prix will see home favourites Mahindra Racing and Jaguar TCS Racing compete against two iconic motorsport names - NEOM McLaren Formula E and Maserati MSG Racing - who join the Formula E grid for the first time this season.

As many as 22 drivers from 11 teams including Mahindra Racing, Jaguar TCS Racing, TAG Heuer Porsche Formula E Team, NEOM McLaren Formula E Team and Maserati MSG Racing will be competing on the 2.83 km street circuit in Hyderabad.

The GEN3 is a huge leap in technological development and innovation with engineers at the FIA and Formula E pushing the boundaries of EV development.

Capable of a 200mph (322kph) top speed, the GEN3 is 53kg lighter than the GEN2 with a smaller chassis optimised for street racing. An additional front power-train adds 250kW to the 350kW at the rear, more than doubling the regenerative capacity of the previous GEN2 car to 600kW, with more than 40% of the energy used in-race regenerated under braking.

MIC Track 'very technical, challenging': British Racing ace

Chennai, Jan 28 (UNI) Three times British Touring Cars champion Matt Neal labelled the Madras International Circuit (MIC), about 40 km from here, as 'very technical and challenging' with a mix of right and fast corners and fast straights. He said the track was unique in the sense that he has never driven on a racetrack like the one here and rated it seven on a scale of 10. On a business trip to India, Neal, 56, visited the MIC on invitation today during the final round of the MRF MMS-CFMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship-2022 and even drove a few laps in the Volkswagen Virtus of the Indian Touring Cars category. Branding the track as 'very technical and challenging' given its mix of tight and fast corners, besides a couple of fast straights, Neal opined that the circuit is an excellent platform for those cutting their racing teeth. "I have never driven on a track like this (the MIC) and it was quite enjoyable. I did about five-six laps. It has a character that is unique in its own way, like other tracks around the world. The track has a very fast corner at Turn-1, a few mid-speed corners and some tight sections like the 'S' leading up to the 'bridge', he said. "Yes, I would say the track is very technical and challenging," he added. The grass runoff areas add to the personality of the track, but you got to respect the limits," said Neal, a six-times BTCC Independents champion between 1993-2006.

On Sarfaraz Khan's Absence, BCCI Selector Finally Breaks Silence

Mumbai. Arguably the most in-form batter in the domestic cricket spectrum at the moment, Sarfaraz Khan's case has been a curious one. Despite being relentless with the bat, Sarfaraz only remains 'in the scheme of things' but still too far away from a spot in India's Test squad. When India's squad for the first two Tests against Australia was named, Ishan Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav were picked but the 'run-machine' Sarfaraz was snubbed. As the Indian cricketing fraternity continues to wonder about the reason behind the batter's absence, a Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selector has broken his silence on the matter. In a with Sportstar, National selector, Sridharan Sharath touched upon the topic of Sarfaraz's absence as he was quizzed about the Indian batting unit.

Speaking of the current unit, Sharath held praise for the veterans like Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara as well as the younger stars.

"Kohli is still a match-winner. Cheteshwar Pujara brings stability to batting. Rohit Sharma is an excellent leader and a fabulous bat. Shreyas Iyer has been consistent. Shubman Gill and K.L. Rahul have the genuine ability," he said.

Sania Mirza bows out of Grand Slam tennis

Indian trailblazer Sania Mirza bowed out of Grand Slam tennis Friday with defeat in the Australian Open mixed-doubles final playing alongside Rohan Bopanna — her first playing partner 22 years ago.

The 36-year-old Mirza, regarded as her country's greatest women's tennis player, returned to Melbourne Park for one last hurrah and made it all the way to the decider.

But she and 42-year-old Bopanna were unable to get over the line, losing 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 to Brazilian pair Luisa Stefani and Rafael Matos.

Mirza was in tears in the post-match presentation ceremony.

"Rohan was my first-ever mixed-doubles partner at (aged) 14 and we won the nationals," said Mirza, a six-time Grand Slam champion, three in doubles and three in mixed.

"It was a long time ago, 22 years ago, and I couldn't think of a better person — he's one of my best friends and best partners — to finish my career here and to play the final. "There's no better place for me, or person for me, to finish my Grand Slam career." Mirza, who is married to former



Pakistan team captain Shoaib Malik, has a young son Ishaan and said it was incredible to play in front of him in a major final.

"I never thought that I would be able to play in front of my child in a Grand Slam final, so it's truly special to have my four-year-old and my parents here," she said.

Mirza, known as a feisty convention-breaker, was the first Indian to win a WTA singles title, in 2005 at her hometown Hyderabad.

She reached the fourth round of the US Open the same year and by 2007 was among the women's top 30.

India Beat New Zealand To Reach Women's U19 T20 World Cup Final

Opener Shweta Sherawat smashed an unbeaten fifty after Parshavi Chopra's triple strike as India notched up a comprehensive eight-wicket win over New Zealand to storm into the final of the inaugural Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup here on Friday. India restricted New Zealand to 107 for nine with Parshavi (3/20) leading a disciplined bowling effort after skipper Shafali Verma won the toss and elected to bowl in the first semifinals. The 16-year-old leg-spinner broke the backbone of the Kiwi batting line-up with three successive wickets to leave them at 74 for 5 in 13th over. Titas Sadhu, Mannat Kashyap, Shafali and Archana Devi also scalped one wicket each. For NZ, Georgia Plimmer (35), Isabella Gaze (26) and Izzy Sharp (13) and Kayley Knight (12) reached double figures as they struggled to score runs at the Senwes Park. Chasing 108, the women in blue romped home comfortably after Sehrawat produced a scintillating 45-ball unconquered knock which was studded with 10 hits to the fence. Following the early exit of Shafali (10), who has not performed as per expectations in the tournament, Sehrawat and Soumya Tiwari (22) added 62 runs to take them to the threshold of victory.



Sehrawat and Gongadi Trisha (5) then completed the job with the former bringing up the winning runs with a four off Browning as India scored 110 for 2 in 14.2 overs. Parshavi was adjudged the Player of the Match for her three-wicket haul.

India will face the winner of the other semifinal between England and Australia. Brief Scores: New Zealand over 107 for 9 in 20 overs (Georgia Plimmer 35; Parshavi Chopra 3/20). Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com India Women: 110 for 2 in 14.2 overs (Shweta Sherawat 61; Anna Browning 2/18). Sehrawat and Gongadi Trisha (5) then completed the job with the former bringing up the winning runs with a four off Browning as India scored 110 for 2 in 14.2 overs.

Pakistan's winless run in Australia continues

PAKISTAN captain Bismah Maroof sweeps as Australian wicket-keeper Beth Mooney looks on during the second T20 International on Thursday. —courtesy PCB

HOBART: Pakistan women's winless run on their tour to Australia continued on Thursday when they were beaten in the second Twenty20 International at the Blundstone Arena to give the hosts an unassailable 2-0 lead. The Bismah Maroof-led side went down by eight wickets as Australia chased down a paltry target of 97 runs with more than seven overs to spare. Opting to bat first, Pakistan managed to score 96-7 with opener Muneeba Ali top-scoring for her side with a 43-ball 33, an innings that included four boundaries. Bismah was the other notable run-getter for the visitors, as the captain returned undefeated on 29 off 28 balls, smashing two fours. For Australia, leg-spinner Alana King bagged two wickets for 10 in two overs. In return, the hosts achieved the target in the 13th over as wicket-keeper/batter Beth Mooney top-scored with 46 off 29 balls with the help of six fours and a six.

OCA offers Russian, Belarusian athletes to compete at Asian Games

KUWAIT CITY: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) said on Thursday it has offered to let Russian and Belarusian athletes take part in the Asian Games, a first step towards them competing at the Paris 2024 summer Olympics. On Wednesday, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said a pathway for the return of athletes from the two countries to competition "under strict conditions" should be further explored. "The OCA believes in the unifying power of sport and that all athletes, regardless of their nationality or the passport they hold, should be able to compete in sports competitions," the OCA said in a statement. "The OCA



has offered to give eligible Russian and Belarusian athletes the opportunity to take part in competitions in Asia, including the Asian Games."

The Asian Games are Olympic qualifiers and the move could help athletes from the two countries

compete at Paris 2024. Qualifiers for the Paris Olympics in some sports have started with many more taking place throughout the year. Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February, many sports bodies have moved events and suspended Russian teams or athletes while sponsors have ended contracts in protest against the war. Belarus is a key staging area for the invasion, which Russia calls a "special military operation". In a call with IOC president Thomas Bach in December, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy opposed the idea of Russian athletes taking part under any kind of neutral banner at the 2024 Summer Games.

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Anjuman Farogh e Urdu Jammu Kashmir, Jammu and Nagrad Adabi Sangam organized a conference in the hall of Gulistan News Channel in which two books of famous Kashmiri poetess Nancy Chetna "Dos" and Kashmiri translation of Hanuman Chalisa were organized. This event was presided over by Cultural Officer of Jammu Kashmir Cultural Academy, Dr. Shah Nawaz Chaudhary.

Nancy Chetna was presented with a trophy and shawl by Anjuman Farogh e Urdu Jammu and Nagrad Adabi Sangam. Among the personalities who were honored with shawls and honors were Mr. Ramesh Hanglu, Founder and Director of Radio Sharda, Dr. Shah Nawaz Chaudhary, Smt. Priyanka Gupta Head of Gulistan News Jammu, and Majeed Masroor is the Literary Coordinator. A paper on the book was read by Ashok Gohar. In her sermon, Nancy Chetna remembered her late husband, prayed for his soul's peace and thanked all the guests, especially Nagrad President Mr. Avtar Krishan Naz and Anjuman Farogh e Urdu President Ms. Fozia Mughal (Zia). Dr. Shah Nawaz Chaudhary praised the role of



these two associations in his sermon. The program was conducted by the great poet and moderator of Kashmiri language, Majeed Masroor.

A mushaira was also organized and the poets who recited their poems in this mushaira included

Saeeduddin Saadi, Patron of Daily Today, Santosh Shah Nadaan, Ashok Gohar, Ghulam Ali Pamposh, Shama Bhalessi, Rajni Bahar, Majrooh Khaq, Dr. Ramesh Nirash, Riyaz Khaki, AK Zaroo, Ghulam Nabi Dilshad, Chaman Pinjuri, GK Bahar, Satish Safer,

Rajinder Aagosh, Yasmin Ahad, Dildar Mohan, Nancy Chetna, Avtar Krishan Naz, Fozia Mughal (Zia) and Majeed Masroor. Dr. Shah Nawaz Choudhary presided over the event and Majeed Masroor performed the duties of Nazamat.

'Tiger of India' bags one more gold in 23rd National Sqay Championship

Faizan Ayoub from Shopian says he is training youth to keep them away from drug addiction

Shopian, Jan 27 A 19-year-old boy from Shopian has brought laurels to Jammu and Kashmir by bagging gold medal in 23rd National Sqay Championship 2023 held in Jammu

Faizan Ayoub Khan of Pinjoora village in Shopian who is pursuing BPE in Nagpur has won three gold medals in martial arts at international level so far.

Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he said that he was happy to win the gold medal at the national level in martial arts once again as it gives him more confidence to perform at the international level as well.

He said that he has been interested in martial arts since his childhood and started his journey when he was just 13 year old and has been giving training to interested youth. He said that it was a great learning experience and will work hard to perform well in upcoming events.

"I am very happy to win this medal and am trying to work hard and further excel and perform well at the mega stages. So far I have won three gold medals at international level and these tournaments were played in Nepal, Bhutan and Thailand. I have won 30 gold medals at national level and five times a grand Champion trophy winner as well," he added.

He said that authorities have named a cricket stadium Faizan Ayoub Sports Stadium at Lanthoora for his achievements. For winning gold medals at national level for consecutive years, the Sqay Federa-



tion of India has given him the title "Tiger of India".

On being asked about sports infrastructure in J&K, he said, "J&K as of now lacks infrastructure and we have only some small stadiums available for cricket only. Neither there is any infrastructure nor do we get any financial support from the administration and even we have to buy equipment that are required ourselves, he said while requesting the government to provide a platform to the youth of J&K so that youth can be engaged in sports activities and keep them away from drug addiction."

"I have started an academy as well where I am training both boys and girls who are interested in this field so that they can perform well wherever they will get opportunity and to keep them away from drug addiction," he said.

He said that to stay away from drug and anti-social activities, there is a need to get involved in sports and martial arts as engaging in sports activities is a must for mental and physical development.