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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hideout busted, 4 LeT associates arrested: Police

Pulwama, Jan 30, : Police Monday said that joint forces unearthed a militant hideout in Awantipora area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district and arrested 4 associates of militants.

The police said that the arrested militant associates are affiliated with banned militant organization Lashkar-e-Taiba.

The police said soldiers from 42 Rashtriya Rifles, 180 Battalion CRPF and the police after receiving inputs launched a cordon and search operation at Hafoo Nigeenpora forests. During the search, a hideout used by militants was busted and subsequently destroyed.

"Incriminating materials and other items were recovered from the hideout."

Police said that an FIR vide number 10/23 was registered at police station Tral and so far 4 militant associates have been arrested who have been identified as Arif Bashir Bhat, Mohsin Ahmad Lone, Manzoor Ahmad Wani and Irshad Ahmad Ahangar all residents of Reshipora.

Police said that arrested persons were involved in providing logistic support to active LeT militants in the area. [KNT]

All KU exams scheduled on today postponed

Srinagar, Jan 30: In view of continuous snowfall reported across Kashmir, all examinations of the University of Kashmir, scheduled to be held on Tuesday (January 31, 2023) are postponed. Controller of Examinations Dr Majid Zaman said fresh dates for the deferred Examinations will be notified separately. (KNS)

Soldier dies while on duty in North Kashmir's Kupwara

Kupwara, Jan 30: A soldier died at his camp in North Kashmir's Kupwara after falling unconscious during his duty.

Official sources said that Subedar Jitendra Kumar from 17 Gharwal in Chowkibal Kupwara fell unconscious at his Unit and was taken to the military hospital Drugmulla, where doctors declared him dead.

The victim was a native of Uttarakhand. Police Post Drugmulla have started proceedings under section 174 Cr.PC in this regard.

Driver died in Ramban Road accident

Srinagar, 30-Jan : A driver died in a road accident on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway in Ramban district on Monday.

Official sources confirmed that fuel tanker JKO2BE 6628 coming from Jammu towards Srinagar met with an accident near kawbagh Ramban in which driver namely Imtiyaz Ahmad son of ab. Qayoum wani , resident of wagan Banihal was injured.

The injured was rescued and shifted to DH Ramban by police and civil Qrt ramban, however, during treatment he succumbed at hospital, he said. Meanwhile Police has taken cognizance of the incident and started investigation. (CNS)

Police rescues abducted girl, arrests accused

Srinagar, Jan 30 (UNI) Police on Monday claimed to have rescued an abducted minor girl within hours of her kidnap and arrested the accused in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Police Station Rajpora received a written application on January 29 from one Bashir Ahmad Jahara, a resident of Sonabanjer Khaigam stating that her daughter (name withheld) age about 15 years was kidnapped by three accused persons.

Police said regarding this a special Police team was constituted to trace out the kidnapped girl and during the course of investigation, the Police team acted swiftly and raided various suspected locations.

After strenuous efforts the Police Party traced out the abducted girl and recovered her from village Hergam Kella area of Shopian in south Kashmir.

2 houses damaged in Uri

Uri, Jan 30 (KNS): Two residential houses were partially damaged after a branch of Chinar tree fell on them amid snowfall in Mohra area of Uri in Baramulla district on Monday.

In the incident, an official said that there was no loss of life or injury while the houses belong to Ghulma Hussan Khan son of Ghulam Mohammad Khan and Janghir Ahmed Khan son of Ghulam Hassan Khan.

Meanwhile, teams from the district administration have rushed to the spot to assess the situation. Meanwhile, teams from the district administration have rushed to the spot

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61 Killed, around 150 injured in Suicide Bombing Inside a Mosque In Pakistan's Peshawar

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Peshawar Jan 30, The blast occurred inside the mosque in the Police Lines area around 1.40 pm when worshippers, which included personnel of the police, army and bomb disposal squad, the official said. Unconfirmed reports from Hospital sources and eye witness account put the figure as 61 Killed and around 150 injured. However official confirmation is yet awaited.

Reportedly a Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up in a mosque packed with worshippers during afternoon prayers on Monday in the high-security zone in Pakistan's northwestern Peshawar city, killing at least 61 people and wounding more than 150 others, mostly policemen, security and health officials said. The blast occurred inside the mosque in the Police Lines area around 1.40 pm when worshippers, which included personnel of the police, army and bomb disposal squad - were offering the



Zuhr (afternoon) prayers. The bomber who was present in the front row blew himself up, officials said.

A brother of the slain commander of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Umar Khalid Khurasani claimed that the suicide attack was part of the revenge attack for his brother who was killed last August in Afghanistan.

The outlawed TTP, known as the Pakistani Taliban, has carried out a number of suicide attacks in the past, targeting security personnel.

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Fresh snowfall drapes Kashmir valley, 64 Flights cancelled, National Highway shut,

Exams postponed, gradual improvement in weather from tonight

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Srinagar, Jan 30 (: Normal life in Kashmir was disrupted on the final day of the 'Chilla-i-Kalan', the harshest winter period in the region, on Monday as fresh snowfall snapped the Valley's connections with the rest of the country, affecting surface and air traffic, officials said.

An official said that the summer capital Srinagar received five to seven inches of snow, with snow continuing to fall till Monday morning. Tourist hotspot Pahalgam recorded 10 inches, Gulmarg eight inches and Sonamarg above six inches. Nadimarg in Kulgam and Tulail in Bandipora recorded the highest 10 inches of snowfall.

The wet weather and poor invisibility forced the Srinagar airport authorities to cancel 66 inbound and outbound flights, according to officials, resulting in chaotic scenes at the airport terminal. "Our visi-



bility is only 200 M and there is continuous snowfall. We are simultaneously clearing the snow. To avoid inconvenience and to avoid Congestion please check the status of your flight from your airlines before coming to the airport," it said.

Later in the evening, the airport authority said that at least 64 flights were cancelled due to continuous snowfall. Surface traffic from the Kashmir Valley to the Jammu region was completely cut off, as both the Srinagar-Jammu and Shopian-Poonch highways were closed. "Jammu Srinagar NHW blocked due to shooting stones and mudslides at several places between Chandernkot and

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PM Modi mentions snow cricket event of Pastuna Tral in Mann ki Baat

Locals expect development of ground at the earliest

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Tral, Jan 30: Sports enthusiasts in Syedabad Pastuna and its adjacent areas in Tral are excited as PM Narendra Modi mentioned about Pastuna sports ground in his monthly Mann Ki Baat Program. The players, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer, are hopeful that it will help in development of the ground on modern lines. Zahoor Ahmad, a local while thanking the PM for mentioning the snow cricket event at Pastuna Sports ground

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Narco-terrorism second face of terrorism in J&K: LG Manoj Sinha

Says huge number of J&K youth drug addicts; security agencies working hard to counter menace

Pays rich tributes to Mahatma Gandhi

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Jammu, Jan 30: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday said that drug-addiction was a well-planned conspiracy of India's enemies to lure the young generation towards drugs and terrorism while "narco-terrorism was the second face of terrorism."

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spiracy of India's enemies under which

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DSEK orders to verify genuineness of 2009 batch, other appointees

Srinagar, Jan 30: In the backdrop of fake posting and appointment orders, the School Education Department has asked the Chief Education Officers (CEOs) of Kashmir region to verify the genuineness of 2009 batch and other appointees of which orders have been issued by the government.

According to the official communiqué issued by the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK), a copy of which

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DC Srinagar tours City areas; oversees Snow clearance operation

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 30: In order to assess the situation in wake of overnight Snowfall in the district, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Monday toured various areas around the Srinagar City to inspect Snow-clearance operations and take first hand appraisal about functioning of essential supplies. The DC also reviewed the status of essential commodities and healthcare services available in the district on the occasion. Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the tour. During the tour, the DC visited various areas of the City including Karannagar, Kak Sarai, Batmaloo, Jehangir Chowk, Bemina, Maisuma, Basant Bagh, Gaw Kadal, Lalchowk and other adjoining areas, and took stock of the ongoing snow clearance operations.

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I was warned of grenade attack, but people in Kashmir gave me love: Rahul Gandhi

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Srinagar, Jan 30 (UNI) Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said he was warned that he may be attacked in Kashmir, but people here gave him love.

Addressing a rally at Sher-e-Kashmir cricket stadium in Srinagar On the concluding of the Bharat Jodo Yatra and continuous snowfall, Rahul said security people had told him to go to Kashmir in a vehicle and not on foot as they were suspecting a grenade attack at the rally.

"When I was coming here security forces told me that I can travel by foot across the country and also in Jammu. 3-4 days back, admin told me that if I go on foot, a grenade would be hurled at me.

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Rahul, Priyanka enjoy snowfall in Srinagar

Srinagar, Jan 30 (UNI) Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and his sister "My family taught me, (Mahatma) Gandhi ji taught me to live fear

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Secretary Mining resolves issues in Stakeholders' meeting

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JAMMU, JANUARY 30 : Secretary, Mining, Amit Sharma today held an extensive meeting with major stakeholders of Mining Department including National Highway Authority of India and its major executing agencies, namely M/s Gayatri, M/s Megha and others.

Director Geology & Mining, Project Director, NHAI, MD, J&K Minerals Limited, Additional Secretary Mining, Joint Director Geology & Mining, Senior Law Officer and other officers of Mining attended the meeting.

Secretary Mining gave patient hearing towards critical issues relating to ongoing projects of national importance including

Katra-Amritsar Expressway, Ring Road, National Highway expansion etc. Lot of issues were resolved in the meeting and instructions were issued by Mining Secretary to the departmental officers to facilitate smooth provisioning of Mining materials with timely issuance of Short Term Permits and Disposal Permits to these agencies, as and when, requisitioned by them after fulfilment of necessary steps.

NHAI team also expressed deep gratitude to the Secretary Mining and his team for adopting a proactive approach in last few months which is now helping in provisioning of permits to project proponents within no time and fast tracking work in ongoing major

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LG reviews preparedness for 3rd Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg

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Jammu, Jan 30: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday reviewed preparation for the 3rd Khelo India Winter Games scheduled to begin on 10th February.

The Lt Governor was briefed by the senior



officials on the progress of preparatory works assigned to the respective departments. The

Lt Governor directed the officials to complete all pending works expeditiously and to ensure that all the facilities meet the international standards.

"The promotional campaign of the winter games should be stepped up to generate enthusiasm among sports lovers," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor further directed for involving sportspersons in the preparations of the mega event and putting in place a comprehensive strategy for traffic management, sanitation, water supply, lodging and

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HAR GAON HARYALI

90 lakh saplings planted in J&K this year under 'Har Gaon Haryali'

UT forest cover is substantially higher than national average

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SRINAGAR, JANUARY 30: Jammu and Kashmir government's ambitious initiative 'Har Gaon Haryali' has recorded plantation of 90 lakh saplings during the current fiscal against set target of plantation of 1.35 crore seedlings.

Pertinently, the government of Jammu and Kashmir launched this remarkable initiative in consonance with the vision of 'Green Jammu and Kashmir' to ensure sustainable development and promote climate justice across J&K. The Green Jammu and Kashmir drive itself is in



consonance with the National Forest Policy 1988 and the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Policy 2011 which envisages afforestation

on all degraded and denuded lands in J&K within and outside forests. Green Jammu and Kashmir campaign aims at creating people's movement at a massive scale with involvement of all stakeholders particularly village panchayats, women, students, Urban Local bodies, NGOs and civil society. The aim of the department is to bring two third geographical area of Jammu and Kashmir under the forest and tree cover, he said. "The forest and tree cover in Jammu and Kashmir is about 55 percent, which is

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Govt renamed 52 schools after slain cops, security men in J&K

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Srinagar, Jan 30: The government Monday renamed 52 public schools and five other infrastructures after those cops and security forces who lost their lives on line of duty. Besides, the government also renamed one infrastructure in the name of Makhan Lal Bindroo—a pharmacist who was shot dead at his establishment in Srinagar. According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Secretary to Government Piyush Singla said, "Sanction is accorded to the naming of 57 infrastructure and assets after martyrs and eminent personalities." Previously, the government had renamed scores of educational establishments and roads after some eminent personalities and the security forces who lost their lives on the line of duty. Besides, the government had ordered necessary steps to be taken for amending the records for effecting the changes. According to the order, the School Education Department has been asked to take immediate necessary steps including amending records for effecting the changes. "Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir and Jammu shall personally monitor the naming of infrastructure assets in their respective divisions while the Deputy Commissioners shall

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2nd AGM of BCC Bank held at Dak Bungalow Baramulla

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 30: The Baramulla Central Cooperative (BCC) Bank yesterday convened its 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) after the Professional Board of Directors (PBODs) took over the management of the bank in December 2018.

The meeting was held under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Revenue Baramulla, Peerzada Mumtaz. Apart from the Directors of Board, the meeting was attended in hybrid mode by 55 delegates of the member PACSs.

The Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies Baramulla witnessed the proceedings and briefed the meeting about the overall performance including financial progress of banks till date.

It was informed that the bank has recovered NPAs of Rs. 80 Crores from March 2019 to December 2022 and the audit rating

and classification has also improved from 36 to 50 during the period.

On the occasion, the CEO informed the house that the Bank has identified 63 PACSs situated in District Baramulla, Banipora and Kupwara for a computerization project for which the Govt. of J&K will be providing Rs. 3.91 lacs per PACS.

Meanwhile, the house approved the proactive role of Commissioner Secretary Cooperatives who is the Chairperson of the Board of the bank as well for recapitalization of the bank. The house also lauded the distinguished and exemplary efforts of the directors of the Board along with the Chief Executive.

The board emphasized upon the officers to accomplish the achievements against the set targets allocated to both banks under MAP approved by the government.

Heavy Snowfall disrupts electric supply to many areas of Kashmir: KPDCL

MD, KPDCL assures public all feeders will be up & live

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 28: SRINAGAR, JANUARY 30: Following heavy snowfall during the intervening night of 30th January, electric supply to many areas of Kashmir Valley got disrupted and the load of the whole valley dipped below 850 MWs during the early morning hours of 30th Jan, 2022.

Out of total 33 KV feeders, 14 were under fault along with 4 No. 33 KV Taplines which affected the power supply mainly to Sopore, Kupwara and Handwara areas of Kashmir Valley. Few portions of District Budgam and of District Anantnag were also affected due to the outage of 4 No. of 33 KV lines out of 14. In addition to that, around 215 11 KV feeders

were under fault due to heavy Snowfall.

From early in the morning, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Ltd. field teams under the able guidance of MD, KPDCL Yasin M Choudhary were mobilized to rectify the faults. Despite the continuous snowfall in the region and braving the extreme freezing temperature, the field teams of KPDCL started patrolling the faulty lines and were able to bring up the load of Kashmir Valley to around 1590 MWs by 3 PM.

It is important to mention that at present only four 33 KV lines which specially feed to Sopore Area of District Baramulla and few areas of Bijbehara are under fault and by evening all the 33 KV lines will be charged. Out of all the 11 KV feeders only 154 feeders remain out due to the faulty status of four 33KV lines.

MD, KPDCL is closely monitoring the situation and assures the public that all the feeders

will be up and live. This is the first time that such a quick restoration has happened since the incorporation of KPDCL.

The MD has also praised the patience shown by the public towards the corporation and assures the public that the field team of KPDCL will not rest till all the feeders are up and running. Out of total 33 KV feeders, 14 were under fault along with

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Illegal structure erected by Ex. MLA / NC Leader Abdul Majeed Larmi taken over by Revenue Authorities at Anantnag



ANANTNAG, JANUARY 30: Acting tough against encroachers, the District Administration Anantnag today took over an illegal commercial structure belonging to Ex MLA Homeshalibugh and National Conference Senior Leader, Abdul Majeed Larmi at LG Pora in Anantnag.

The structure had been erected by encroaching on Shamilat 4 land close to NH44. The property is situated on a prime piece of land. As per reports, the property worth over Rs 50 lakhs including the land was being rented out to various businesses.

A senior revenue official said that there has been a full onslaught on encroachers in Anantnag who have occupied prime pieces of State/ Shamilat lands for their own benefits. Influential encroachers who have abused their official positions to amass ill gotten gains are the priority for removal of encroachments. He said that the vacated buildings and lands can be put to public use.

It is in place to mention that a few days ago a notice had also been issued to Abdul Majeed Larmi regarding the encroachment which was followed up with decisive action today.

Leh Apex Body calls for grand rally,

Ladakh, Jan 30, KNT: Eminent educationist and reformist from Ladakh, Sonam Wangchok is observing a hunger strike to protect the environment of Ladakh and demanding the fulfillment of the four-point agenda of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance which also includes the implementation of 6th Scheduled for Ladakh.

Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance are up in arms against the BJP-led Central Government demanding the protection of jobs and land in Ladakh region.

In his address to the media, Sonam Wangchok appealed to the prime minister and home minister to initiate dialogue with the leadership of Ladakh personally for resolving the demands of the Ladakhi people.

Both the Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic Alliance have welcomed the statement of Sonam Wangchok and have called for a mass rally on 31st January against the failure of the Union Government to protect the identity and culture of the Ladakh region. The people of Ladakh have been seeking constitutional safeguards for jobs and land.

A leader from Kargil Democratic Alliance told the news agency Kashmir News Trust that Thupstan Chhewang, Chairman Leh Apex Body has appealed to people of Ladakh to make the rally a grand success and participate in it even if there is a snowfall. "We also appeal to the people of Ladakh to join and support the mass rally to make it a success so that the central government takes serious note of the voice of the agitating people of Ladakh regarding the fulfillment of the four-point agenda of Leh Apex Body and Kargil Democratic alliance," he said. Pertinently, Sonam Wangchok is an engineer, innovator, and education reformist. He is the founding director of the Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) and is also known for designing the SECMOL campus that runs on solar energy and uses no fossil fuels for cooking, lighting, or heating. [KNT]

5 goats, 2 cows charred to death after cowshed catches fire in Kupwara village

Kupwara, Jan 30, KNT: Two cows and five goats were charred to death after a cow shed caught fire in North Kashmir's Kupwara district, police said. They said that a cow shed belonging to one Abdul Ahad Malla, at Hakdaji Shiekh Pora in Mawar Qalamabad caught fire on the intervening night of 29 and 30 January in which 7 cattle were charred to death. Police said that prima facie the cause of fire is attributed to the heating system present in the cowshed for the warmth of the livestock.

Reasi Administration retrieves 1498 Kanal state Land in one day

REASI, JANUARY 30: In compliance with the directions of the Government, District Administration Reasi has charted out a detailed schedule for eviction of encroachers from the State Land. State land measuring 144613 Kanal and 13 Marlas have been evicted till date. To focus on restoration of prime state land, Deputy Commissioner Babila Rakwal has directed Tehsildars

Atal Dulloo reviews PM KISAN; Calls for ramping up eKYC, NPCI seeding of beneficiary bank accounts

JAMMU, JANUARY 30: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review implementation of PM KISAN in the Union Territory. ACS, while assessing scheme status, took stock of online updation of revenue records, eKYC and NPCI seeding of beneficiary bank accounts on a district-wise basis. He asked the Chief Agriculture Officers and district administrators to identify any obstacle in data uploading and eKYC procedures.

Underlining the significant impact of PM KISAN installments on farmers, especially the marginal farmers, the ACS expressed satisfaction that the scheme has enabled the fraternity to purchase fertilisers and seeds in a timely manner. Atal Dulloo highlighted the importance of quick resolution of misunderstandings and doubts related to revenue procedures. He emphasised the need for fair disbursement of welfare incentives and asked the Secretary Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, to scrutinise the entire process. He also instructed Lead Bank Officers to prioritise NPCI seeding of bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

Dulloo directed the Chief Agriculture Officers to ensure eKYC of the beneficia-



ries before releasing the 13th instalment of PM KISAN. He called for a thorough analysis of reasons behind pending NPCI seeding and swift redressal of pending inheritance mutations while following laid down rules. He also emphasised the need for timely update of records to deliver welfare to the beneficiaries without any undue delays.

The meeting was attended by Secretary Agriculture, Shabnam Kamili, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Director Agriculture Kashmir, Director Land Records, Anju Gupta besides Deputy Commissioners, ADCs and Chief Agriculture Officers.

ADDC Ramban launches IEC campaign on World Leprosy Day, Flags off awareness van

RAMBAN, JANUARY, 30: Additional District Development Commissioner, Ramban, Rajinder Sharma today launched 'SPARSH', an Information Education and Communication (IEC) campaign on the occasion of World Leprosy Day across the district.

The campaign has been organized by the Health Department under the aegis of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kamal Zadu. A special camp was also organised at District Hospital to mark the day.

Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal; Dy. DEO, Lal Chand; DHO, Dr Rajinder Kumar; Programme Coordinator, Dhram Pal and other officers were present on the occasion.

After flagging off a Van from District Administrative Complex to sensitize people regarding diagnosis and treatment of Leprosy "Act Now. End Leprosy", the ADDC said that campaign would help to eliminate the stigma and prejudice against the disease and identify new cases so as to provide early treatment. He said that the awareness Van will visit different parts of the district to make masses aware about the precautions and treatment of leprosy.

The ADDC further said that the Government has decided to organize a nationwide massive awareness campaign on the death anniversary of Shri Mahatma



Gandhi from January 29 to February 13 by intensifying leprosy detection campaign to curb the crippling disease.

The ADDC urged the health workers to involve people to make the awareness programme successful besides urging the people to cooperate in this leprosy eradication IEC campaign and help such persons in getting the treatment. "The leprosy is fully curable if detected early", he added. The ADDC urged the health workers to involve people to make the awareness programme successful besides urging the people to cooperate in this leprosy eradication IEC campaign and help such persons in getting the treatment. "The leprosy is fully curable if detected early", he added.

Rajouri admin gears up to host Mega Youth Conference Special Sports activities to be organised across 312 Panchayats

RAJOURI, JANUARY 30:- Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting to discuss arrangements for the Mega Youth Conference proposed to be organised in the district.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of stakeholder departments to discuss the schedule, programming of the event and the plan for the special activities to be organised across the district to engage the youth.

"The youth conference is part of the youth engagement program aiming to create a platform to encourage and inspire young people to realise their full potential in their respective community," said the Deputy Commissioner while chairing the meeting.

He also said that the conference will provide young people with the opportunity to participate in a wide range of meaningful activities and to participate in constructive dialogue with youth representatives.

District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yiva Kendra Rajouri,

ACD, and District Youth services and sports Officer were directed to ensure the partic-

ipation of youth clubs members constituted under Mission Youth in the conference, as it is a great opportunity to contribute to the positive development of the community and to enhance their individual well-being.



Planning Officer was directed to constitute a committee to host the event in an effective manner. The meeting also decided that a special panchayat level tournament would be organised across all the 312 Panchayats under this youth engagement programme. The event will also feature inspirational talks by keynote speakers that will help motivate and encourage participants, besides cultural programs to promote local heritage.

The Deputy Commissioner Rajouri also directed the depart-

ment to submit a Detailed Project Report for the construction of the District Youth Centre.

The meeting was attended by Chief planning Officer, Mohd Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Verma; ACP, Sheraz Chouhan; Deputy Director Employment, Qadeer ul Rehman; EXN PWD, Maqbool Hussain and DYSSO, Sunil Samyal. The meeting underlined the need to reactivate all the youth clubs in the district. The Chief Planning Officer was directed to constitute a committee to host the event in an effective manner.

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Ramban: 2377 Kanal state land retrieved, illegal structures demolished in single Day

RAMBAN, JANUARY 30: In continuation to the anti-encroachment drive, the district administration Ramban today retrieved more than 2377 Kanal State land across eight Tehsils of the district.

In a joint anti encroachment drive led by Tehsildar Ramban, Rafiq Ahmed retrieved a chunk of state land at ward no -7, Maitra falling within the Municipal Limit, Ramban, besides demolishing illegal structures in Maitra and Parnote area including illegal building of a private School and a commercial building complex constructed on encroached land.

As per the Revenue Department, Ramban during joint anti-encroachment drives the teams of Revenue, Police and other concerned officers and officials demolished illegal structures build on state land besides retrieving more than 2377 Kanal State land worth crores from the encroachers including 1524 Kanal in



Pogal-Paristan, 748 Kanal in Ramban, 50 Kanal in Banihal, 30 Kanal in Khari, 18 Kanal in Ramsoo and 6 Kanal in Batote. Appreciating the efforts of Revenue officers and other team members, the Deputy Commissioner Ramban asked them to leave no stone unturned to evict the state land from the encroachers.

Sparsh Leprosy awareness campaign organised in Samba

SAMBA, JANUARY 30: To mark Anti-Leprosy Day, District Health Department Samba today launched leprosy awareness campaign 2023- SPARSH here at Conference Hall District Administrative Complex.

Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, she called upon all stakeholders to collectively intensify the leprosy detection campaign and curb the crippling disease. She appreciated the health department Samba for organizing the programme and emphasized on achieving the target of leprosy free district.

Earlier, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Vidhi Bhatial welcomed the participants and said that different awareness activities including poster pasting, distributions of pamphlets, awareness through Mobile

public address system would be conducted for a fortnight as part of Leprosy awareness campaign 2023 (SLAC).

A pledge on leprosy elimination was also taken by the officers/officials and public present in the programme. During the programme a special nutritional assistance in the form of food baskets were disbursed among 20 TB patients.

As a part of CSR initiative industrialists provided medical equipment to the Health Department Samba including semi automatic biochemistry analyzers, hub cutters, BP apparatus, and other items.

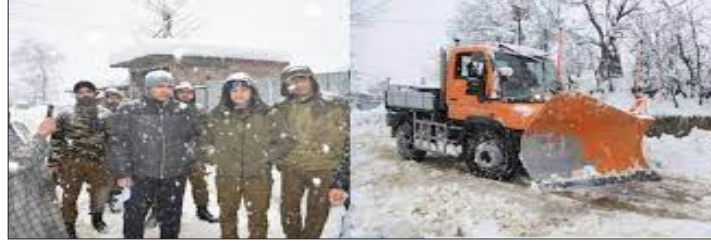
Deputy Commissioner, Samba in presence of other officers, flagged off an awareness Van from the conference hall to spread awareness on Sparsh leprosy campaign.

DC monitors Snow clearance operation, restoration of essential services at Pulwama

PULWAMA, JANUARY 30: In order to deal with the challenges posed by current inclement weather conditions and heavy Snowfall, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today took a comprehensive review of Snow clearance operation, power & water supply, availability of essentials and other services. The DC stressed on the restoration of essential services, and reviewed the status of essential commodities and healthcare services available in the district. It was informed that there is a sufficient stock of essential commodities available in the district including LPG, ration, vegetables and other essentials. The DC while informing about the Snow clearance operation in the district said that District Administration is on toes and has pressed all men and machinery into service to clear all roads by

today evening. He said that almost all roads in the district are being cleared and thrown open for traffic, however the continuous Snowfall is posing certain challenges in the Snow clearance operation. The DC informed that the main District roads including Pulwama-Shadimarg-Keller road, Pulwama-Awantipora road, Pulwama-Srinagar road, Awantipora-Tral road and Pampore-Khrew road were cleared by MED. He said, every effort is being made to keep the Pulwama-Sangerwani Road open for traffic movement in case of more Snowfall during night. The DC directed all officers and field functionaries to abide by the Snow Clearance Action Plan and prioritize Snow clearance from all roads leading to essential installations including Health institutions, Hospitals, Government Offices on priority basis. He exhorted upon all the sub di-

visional heads to visit all the grey areas for smooth and hassle free



services, besides directing them to play a proactive role in resolving public issues. Choudhary informed the public that Tehsildars and SHOs can be contacted as first response in case of any emergency and support. The DC said the District Disaster Management Control Room is functioning 24x7 to take calls from the public any time, besides Departments particularly the Health Deptt, have already established Control Rooms for immedi-

ate response. The DC directed the officials of all line departments to FSOs were directed to remain present at their designated locations and conduct regular market checking to keep check on hoarding and profiteering. While reviewing the status of the power supply scenario in the district, the DC directed the Power Development Department (PDD) to take all required measures to ensure that power supply is completely restored within 24 hours in rural areas and 12 hours in urban areas. While reviewing the Health services in the district, the DC emphasized on regular supply of essential medicines to the needy patients. Moreover, on the directions of DC Pulwama, a team of Officers headed by ADDC Pulwama, Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz visited Dist. Hospital Pulwama and reviewed healthcare facilities. The team also checked the attendance of employees (Medical as well as para-medical staff).

Amid heavy Snowfall all major roads are open in Kupwara

KUPWARA, JANUARY 30: All major roads including Kupwara-Sopore road,

and other facilities. During the visit, the DC inspected the Snow clear-



Handwara-Baramulla, Kupwara-Sogam, Kupwara-Kralpora-Chowkibal and other roads are open for traffic in Kupwara district. According to Executive Engineer Mechanical, all priority 1 roads have been cleared twice during the day. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today inspected various Government offices, health institutions and other establishments to personally monitor the Snow clearance operation

operation at Bohipora-Gushi-Vilgam road. He also had a surprise check of NTPHC Gushi and Nayabat Office Gushi, AYUSH Health & Wellness Centre Gushi. During the inspection, the DC checked the attendance of staff. He also interacted with the public during the visit and heard them patiently, and redressed their grievances. The DC directed officers and field functionaries to play a proactive role in facilitating the public during the ongoing Snow

ADDCC Bandipora launches Sparsh Leprosy Eradication campaign

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 30: The Health department Bandipora in collaboration with the District Administration Bandipora on Monday organised an awareness programme to inaugurate leprosy eradication campaign at mini secretariat, here. The programme was presided over and inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDCC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan and was attended by VC District Development Council Bandipora, DDC Members, CMO Bandipora Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Doctors, paramedics, PRIs, Asha Workers and other concerned. Speaking on the occasion, the ADDCC appreciated the efforts of the Health Department in the leprosy eradication campaign. He said during the two week long awareness campaign awareness camps shall be held in all panchayats. He instructed the CMO to ensure involvement of PRI representatives in such programmes for maximum benefit of the



general public. He also asked the concerned from Health Department to make this awareness programme part of Block diwas and Gram Sabhas besides providing awareness on all platforms. The ADDCC also administered a pledge to the participants with the theme "Let's fight Leprosy and make Leprosy a history". VC District Development Council, Kousar Shafeeq in her speech urged participants to spread the message of leprosy eradication programme in every corner of the district

CMO Bandipora, Dr. Bashir Ahmad in his speech said there was stigma in the past for Leprosy disease and the patients were isolated until researchers identified the mode of transmission. He informed that in Bandipora at present only one case is under treatment. He urged the participants to know the strategy to control Leprosy and also threw light on NLEP. He said that highly effective treatment is available to cure leprosy adding that early detection and timely treatment and dosage are essential to eradicate leprosy.

Islamic Quiz competition organized by Islamic Baitul Maal Pattan

Baramulla, 30-Jan: To Boost Islamic knowledge among the young generation, Islamic Bait-ul Maal Trust Pattan In District Baramulla organised Grand Islamic Quiz Competition-2023 in which huge number of Students from different areas Participated. Quiz Competition was based on Multiple Choice questions regarding the Nimaz, Quran, Hadees and Seerat Rasool (SAW) among which Students were Supposed to attempt Sixty Questions in One hour. On the occasion Chairman, Islamic Bait-ul Maal, Nazir Ahmad Dar, President Masjid Bait-ul Huda Pattan Abdul Majeed Sada, Cashier Masjid Bait-ul Huda, Peer Muzaffar, Vice Chairman Farooq Ahmad Shah, Secretary Abdul Majeed Khan, Sr. Executive Members Advocate Saleem Yousuf, Bashir Ahmad Sofi, Haroon Rashid Wani, Ghulam Hassan Rather and Mudasir Hiral Wani were also Present. At the end of the competition, Umer Irshad Wani resident of Zangam got 1st position by Securing 54 Marks, Nuzhat Nazir resident of Renji Pattan got 2nd position by Securing 53 Marks, Nuzhat Tahir of Zangam Pattan got 3rd Position by Securing 52 Marks, and Fatima Nabi from Poshwani secured 4th Position with 51 Marks. All these Position holders were awarded with Cash Prize and other Islamic Books by Guests. Besides Quiz Competition, Naat Programme was also held. Movlana Noor Mohammad Falahi, Movlana Shakeel Nadvi were Special Guests, who at the end of the programme distributed Prizes among Position Holders.

DDC Ganderbal reviews implementation of PMJVK in district



GANDERBAL, JANUARY 30: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Ganderbal, Shyambir today chaired the meeting of line departments to discuss the preparations of departments for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in the district. At the outset, the Chief Planning Officer gave a detailed presentation about the objectives and guidelines of the scheme. During the meeting, detailed discussion on guidelines and aspects of the scheme were discussed and concerned departments briefed the DDC about their preparations for implementation of the scheme in the district. On the occasion, a brief discussion was held about the project reports submitted by various departments to be undertaken and it was found that a few departments submitted the information without proper analysis and prescribed format. Highlighting the objective of the scheme, the DDC said that PMJVK aims to improve socio-economic conditions in the identified minority concentration areas through community infrastructure development support and to provide basic amenities for improving quality of life of the people. The DDC directed all the concerned departments that apart from infrastructure projects in thrust areas of Education, Health, Skill Development and Women centric projects, priority shall also be given to emerging sectors of national importance like Sports, Sanitation, Solar Energy, Drinking Water projects, etc under PMJVK. The DDC exhorted upon the officers that the information shall be submitted with proper analysis and in prescribed format as envisaged in the scheme. The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simani; Chief Planning Officer, Irfan Giri; CEO, CMO, DFO Sindh Forest Division and other concerned officers.

Pulwama featuring in 'PMs Mann Ki Baat' is the result of DCs personal efforts; Bhat Musadiq Riyaz

Pulwama, January 30: Prime minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program is encouraging the youth of Pulwama in education, commerce, sports and other sectors. This was stated by a well-known social activist, Bhat Musadiq Riyaz. Musadiq credited the efforts of DC Pulwama said these are the efforts of DC Pulwama for the district featuring in the prime minister's program time and again. Prime Minister Narendra in his latest Modi's Man Ki Baat program has expressed his views regarding the significant achievements of the youth in every field in Pulwama district. Talking to this correspondent, Musadiq said that whether the Prime Minister talks about the pencil factory in Okhoo Kaka-

pora or children playing snow cricket in Tral or the great performances by students in the field of education, his every word is encouraging the students not to put more efforts to achieve the great feat in the fields of their interest. PMs recognition of the achievements by the people of youth particularly by the skilled workers, students and sportsmen has earned the district a name at the national level. Musadiq said that the credit of the development of Pulwama goes to none but deputy commissioner of the district. "DC Pulwama leaves is always on toes to reach out to the people of most underdeveloped areas of the district which had been ignored to the hilt even by the political leaders during their rule.

Bandipora Admin retrieves 33000 kanal State/ Kahcharie land including 500 Kanals from influential persons

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 30: Acting tough against land grabbers, the District Administration Bandipora has retrieved around 33000 Kanals of encroached land comprising around 16000 Kanals of State Land and 17000 Kanals of Kahcharie land through intensified anti-encroachment drives. The drives have also evicted around 500 Kanals of high value land from various influential persons of the district especially in Tehsil Bandipora and Sumbal. The anti-encroachment drives are being continued despite inclement weather conditions and around 500 Kanals of State/Kahcharie land has been retrieved in various Tehsils of the District including 42 Kanals of prime land worth 20 crores in Tehsil Sumbal. The retrieved land is also being earmarked for various public purposes



including developmental projects, playgrounds, village centric amenities, industries, etc. by the Revenue officials in consultation with concerned villagers/PRI, and sign boards are also erected immediately after the eviction drives. It was given out that out of total 20887 of kahcharai land 17128 Kanals of land has been retrieved amounting to 82% of Kahcharai land in the district and the concerned Tehsildars have already issued

notices to the encroachers and the efforts for removal of encroachments on the rest of the land are underway in full-swing. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmad said that illegal occupation of Government and public land puts stress on land resources and urged the encroachers to voluntarily remove illegal occupancies or face action. He said anti encroachment drives are underway across the district and urged the public to cooperate in anti-encroachment drives carried out by administration. He said that the District has created a land bank of around 25000 Kanals out of which around 1550 Kanals have been earmarked for Industrial Estates, 2000 Kanals for Industrial Use (Out of which around 1377 Kanals stand already transferred), around 100 Kanals for Handloom/ Handicraft and other agri-based activities and around 200 Kanals for setting up of Housing Colony in Watpora Bandipora. 500 Kanals of prime land in Sumbal having industrial utility lying adjacent to highway was retrieved last week and anti-encroachment drives are taken to preserve Government land from illegal possession of land mafia. Dr. Owais also appreciated the efforts of concerned Tehsildars and other field officials.

DC Kupwara pays surprise visit of PHC Gushi

KUPWARA, JANUARY 30: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara today paid a surprise visit to PHC Gushi around 3pm and found 5 employees including 2 doctors absent from duty. The Deputy Commissioner directed concerned BMO for appropriate action under rules. Meanwhile, the Block Medical Officer Kupwara issued a suspension order under endorsement No.BMOK/3245-47 dated 30-01-2023 in which 5 employees of PHC Gushi namely Dr. Latief Ahmad, Medical Officer; Dr. Imet Pal Singh, Dental Surgeon; Muneer Ah Noman, Sup. Pharmacist; Mohd Sultan Bhat, Male Nurse and Hafeeza Begum, FMPHW have been placed under suspension till pending enquiry.

All major roads, link-roads, streets & alleys cleared of Snow: SMC Commissioner SMC tours various City areas, hospitals; takes firsthand appraisal of Snow clearance

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 30: In compliance to the directions from Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Athar Amir Khan following prediction of Snowfall, the men and machinery of the corporation has been on the Snow clearance job since early morning to ensure hassle free movement of general public and vehicular movement. An official informed that all the major roads, link-roads, streets and alleys have been cleared of Snow both through machines as well as manually. Officers, frontline warriors and machinery are on the ground to meet any challenge in case of any eventuality, he added. The Commissioner SMC also

toured various City areas, hospitals to have firsthand appraisal of Snow clearance status. He visited SMHS Hospital, Dastgeer sahib, JLMN Hospital, Chatti padshahi, Dargah and Imam Bargah Zadibal to monitor the Snow clearance from ground zero. During the visit to Karan Nagar and adjoining localities and SMHS Hospital, Commissioner SMC directed the concerned officials to install mobile dewatering pumps at all vital places especially the hospitals. He impressed upon the concerned officials that the roads and streets leading to hospitals, Public Health Centers and educational centers should be given first priority for Snow clearance.



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HUMAN RIGHTS and QURANIC PERSPECTIVE

What comes from the west carries weight in this part of the world. It is a common belief here in the East that, the people in the West have the habit of attributing every good thing to themselves and try to prove that it is because of them that the world got this blessing, otherwise the world was steeped in ignorance and completely unaware of all these benefits. It is very loudly and vociferously claimed that the world got the concept of basic human rights from the Magna Carta of Britain; though the Magna Carta itself came into existence six hundred years after the advent of Islam. But the truth of the matter is that until the seventeenth century no one even knew that the Magna Carta contained the principles of Trial by Jury; Habeas Corpus, and the Control of Parliament on the Right of Taxation. If the people who had drafted the Magna Carta were living today they would have been greatly surprised if they were told that their document also contained all these ideals and principles. They had no such intention, nor were they conscious of all these concepts which are now being attributed to them.

As far as my knowledge goes the Westerners had no concept of human rights and civic rights before the seventeenth century. Even after the seventeenth century the philosophers and the thinkers on jurisprudence though presented these ideas, the practical proof and demonstration of these concepts can only be found at the end of the eighteenth century in the proclamations and constitutions of America and France.

The second point which I would like to clarify at the very outset is that when we speak of human rights in Islam we really mean that these rights have been granted by God; they have not been granted by any king or by any legislative assembly. The rights granted by the kings or the legislative assemblies, can also be withdrawn in the same manner in which they are conferred. The same is the case with the rights accepted and recognised by the dictators. They can confer them when they please and withdraw them when they wish and they can openly violate them when they like. But since in Islam human rights have been conferred by God, no legislative assembly in the world, or any government on earth has the right or authority to make any amendment or change in the rights conferred by God. No one has the right to abrogate them or withdraw them. Nor are they the basic human rights which are conferred on paper for the sake of show and exhibition and denied in actual life when the show is over. Nor are they like philosophical concepts which have no sanctions behind them.

The charter and the proclamations and the resolutions of the United Nations cannot be compared with the rights sanctioned by God; because the former is not applicable to anybody while the latter is applicable to every believer. They are a part and parcel of the Islamic Faith. Every Muslim or administrators who claim themselves to be Muslims will have to accept, recognize and enforce them. If they fail to enforce them, and start denying the rights that have been guaranteed by God or make amendments and changes in them, or practically violate them while paying lip-service to them, the verdict of the Holy Quran for such governments is clear and unequivocal:

Those who do not judge by what God has sent down are the disbelievers (kafirun). 5:44 The following verse also proclaims: "They are the wrong-doers (zalimun)" (5:45), while a third verse in the same chapter says: "They are the evil-livers (fasiqun)" (5:47). In other words this means that if the temporal authorities regard their own words and decisions to be right and those given by God as wrong they are disbelievers. If on the other hand they regard God's commands as right but wittingly reject them and enforce their own decisions against God's, then they are the mischief-makers and the wrong-doers. Fasiq, the law-breaker, is the one who disregards the bond of allegiance, and zalim is he who works against the truth. Thus all those temporal authorities who claim to be Muslims and yet violate the rights sanctioned by God belong to one of these two categories, either they are the disbelievers or are the wrong-doers and mischief-makers. The rights which have been sanctioned by God are permanent, perpetual and eternal. They are not subject to any alterations or modifications, and there is no scope for any change or abrogation.

How different are modernization and westernization?



Jaswinder Pal Sharma

If we peep into the past, it is known that there was rapid progress in the field of physical science in countries like Europe, America etc. Due to various scientific inventions, there was a lot of progress in the fields of medicine, trade, transport, education etc. Due to this progress, western countries have established a lot of dominance over all the countries of the world. In India too, countries like America and Europe were considered iron for development and they were followed as ideals. Due to the increasing prestige of these countries in India, a competition arose to adopt western civilization and culture. Winds of westernization started blowing in other countries along with India. Along with this, every trend and discoveries that developed were also considered as a form of westernization. Gradually, modernization and westernization came to be considered as one.

Later, when the defects of westernization started coming to the fore, people started looking for the effect of westernization in modernity also. To overcome this situation, the thinkers had to come to terms with the fact that modernization and westernization are not the same but they are different from each other. To understand this difference, there is a need to think deeply on this fact.

When man incorporates new ideas, thoughts and techniques in traditional

ideas, actions, methods and lifestyle to make them effective, timely and meaningful, then this process takes the form of modernization. While Westernization means the countries located in the Western Hemisphere mainly France, Britain, Germany, Italy and America. Because these countries had made a lot of progress in the fields of scientific, eco-

Although there are many similarities between these two, due to which there is a mistake to consider them as one, but on closer observation, differences are also visible between them.

If we talk about similarities, both are present day processes which came into light due to scientific advancement. Since modernization was more rapidly adopted

3. The origin of modernization is possible from the innovation taking place in any country.

4. Modernization always involves new process.

5. The process of adopting modernization makes the country proud.

Westernization:

1. Westernization is a concept related to western countries in which 'place' is the main element.

2. The energy to adopt westernization is derived from the fundamental scientific breakthroughs of the material countries of the western countries.

3. Westernization is possible only by adopting western civilization, culture, lifestyle.

4. Westernization is a stereotype that may be archaic.

5. Countries adopting westernization can also experience inferiority.

To consider modernization and westernization as one will prove to be an utter mistake as many adverse effects arise from it. Just as the apprehension of calamity arises by mistaking untruth for truth, the same type of effect is felt here as well. If we think deeply, it becomes clear that modernization and westernization are two different things which seem to be integral because of their 'similarities'. But it has been proved on many grounds that both are not same but different. Modernization is a widespread, eternal and continuous process in nature, while westernization is a region-specific, limited and narrow form of civilization.

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economic, social and political etc. in the past, hence their prestige has been established in the whole world. Impressed by this success and development, other countries also started adopting the civilization and culture of these countries. Along with adopting the scientific thinking and method of these countries, they also started adopting their lifestyle, dress and food and routine. We can also say that westernization is the process of imitating and imbibing the civilization and culture of western countries. Thus it can be said that both the concepts are not one but two different elements developed from the same nature and process.

by western countries, they became synonymous with modernization. In fact, the modern concept of modernization was developed from the western world itself, that's why westernization is also considered as modernization.

Similarly, if we talk about inequalities, then this difference is clearly reflected in both.

Inequalities:

Modernization:

1. Being based on the concept of modern times, 'Kaal Tattva' basis.

2. Modernization draws energy from the variability of nature.

Census – Its Delay And Implications



By Danish Bashir

Population or human capital is an important asset. In fact, it is the human capital that has done the humanization of nature. We often say that natural things (resources) are free gifts from God. Though they are- but there is still a need for human intervention to convert them into valuable and usable forms. But for that, the human capital (people as a resource) must be technical, skillfully developed, logical, educated, etc. So connecting it to the starting line we can easily understand the fact. The demographic profile of a nation is important, in other words, we call it a census figure. Census put simply is the collection of data on population composition, growth, rate of change, etc that helps us to have a holistic view of size distribution, socioeconomic demography, and the allied characteristics of a country's population. This, in turn, helps the government in framing policies, welfare schemes, programmes and others provisions to uplift the area of improvement and smooth administration in the country.

How and who conducts the census?

The first synchronised census was conducted in our country in 1881. Since then the decennial approach of enumeration is done for the same purpose. The roots of the census go back to the Census Act of 1984, which is the only legal background related to census and allied activities. The office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India is withheld with the same purpose. The freezing of boundaries is done and three months later, the census is done in two phases including phase 1 (Housing

data collection) and phase 2(Demographic composition and allied data collection).

Why is census important?

As described earlier that the census provides data to uplift the areas of improvement. India is known because of its diversity – the census helps us to know the proportionality of this diversity in terms of caste, tribes, religion, language, etc. The allocation of funds and delimitation



process is only done – based on the source of the census. The welfare schemes are introduced extensively on the basis of data from the census. Though India is a major reservation provider, it wholly and solely relies on the census in terms of the updation of reservations as far as the SCs and STs are concerned. Apart from these, it helps us to create a profile in terms of sex ratio, literacy rate, availability of basic services, migration, etc and accordingly ranks a nation to a full-fledged list. And last it works as feeder data for other sample surveys.

Why has been there a delay in census?

Following the decennial approach of enumeration, the last census was successfully conducted in 2011 and the new one was to get completed in 2021 as per the estimated period. But the same has been delayed only spotlighting the reason for Covid-19. Till now the concerned government has made further delays and it is predicted the same census could be possibly held in mid-2023 with the expected completion in 2024. And the best thing is that we also hope for the same. The government has recently extended

the deadline for freezing boundaries till June 30, 2023.

Implications of delay

Census being the only major mine of data to drive a number of results has vast implications and disadvantages of being delayed to great extent. Recently, the Centre announced PDS (Public Distribution System) under PMGKY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana) to cover 82 crores of the population allocating free rice. This is the best move and has been in operation during the pandemic. But the major concern is that the coverage to be covered (82 crores) has been taken according to the 2011 census. There is a gap of 10 years and we can imagine how the population change has been there in these 10 years. So taking data from previous/outdated census (2011) becomes unreliable and surely can affect those who do and do not are the beneficiaries of such schemes. Interstate disparities in population growth rates could also impinge upon debates on the prospective delimitation of electoral boundaries and appropriation of seats across the states. Funds and schemes are allocated to the general public and states (as all are not growing evenly due to the geo socio-political and economic disparities) on the basis of census figures so it once again becomes disadvantageous to use outdated data. Migration has been in hike or surge due to several pushes and pull factors and majorly because of the pandemic. A lot of changes in population composition, distribution and structure would have been taken in the past 10 years and there is a need for a census as soon as possible. This will further boost, enhance and give a major thrust towards the strong and smooth running of policies and welfare schemes according to the updated demographic profile. The government must not show apathy in this serious concern.

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The seasons changing at the speed of this earth determine the new direction of our cultural heritage and the new energy of man's progress. In this winter season of this year, there was a fog like atmosphere and everywhere from Rajasthan to hilly places came under the grip of cold wave. Places like Mount Abu were seen competing with the frozen lake of Dal Lake. Although this is a normal nature of the weather, but its other side is that the accidents caused by this haze are proving to be fatal. Huh. Maybe this is the cycle of life. When the sun is not even visible for many days in the foggy sheet of the changing seasons and in the changing season, then the whole society trembles with the agony of winter with the priorities of the changing society. The misty season is a sight to behold in winter and sets the pace for beautiful diversions at late night parties, but a very important part of metropolitan life. On the other hand, parallel to this, the hut on the side of the road and the pain of the farmers are also visible in front. Village picture of common man of India a woman is seen, who is entangled in this mist. It is a journey that goes on. This is called life. Hardly anyone would have said that mist is a strange thing. In this season, when the dew drops on the face connect someone with memories like a cotton of mist, then a new sight and page of life appears. This is perhaps the aesthetic of the mist, in which we can enjoy

it and see our inner self from a new perspective and this is the time of energy, when the season can be enjoyed. In the changing season when the fog When aesthetic sense comes to mind, we start walking in the fog of thoughts



Change of Seasons

By Vijay Garg

of clouds flying like mist in the past moments and every moment of our life is filled with freshness. The definition of this aesthetic sense of life is also in another way. When we are changing the tone and color of life through consumer and new technology under the influence of market, then a virtual world starts to take over this hazy world. Sometimes it seems that in comparison to the moments in which the age has passed, not even a single moment passes. that's called waiting and that's it There are moments when we see and feel the aesthetic of the season. This aesthetic sense gives us the experience of living and it is recorded at every turn of time. Taking care of health becomes an additional task in winter, but from Ayurvedic system, there are many types of things to keep a person healthy, which can be taken only in winter and especially in foggy

days. This is the wonder of nature. If it goes away then life wants to take this music of nature and these rare moments of nature with it. Where old memories try to balance the new. It can fill us with new energy in a way.

That's why even the suffering of winter should be accepted as a part of the season with a smile, because it maintains the balance of nature. With this reality, the effort should be to keep our work alive by getting lost in the mist waiting for the new dawn. Looking at this aesthetic sense of the seasons, get absorbed in the mist. In the midst of all this, find a way to live and play your role in the new beginning to build a new society. Will be But the problem of our world is that we have built our world on that small screen, in which there is a drama of living, in which there is no real life, in which there is no brightness of the faces. Is. Obviously, the beauty of this winter's mist told us that we could read each other's faces through dialogue. Perhaps this is also okay in the pursuit of happiness and relationships. Someone has said- 'We have to come in this fog and



go in this fog.' Converting the beauty of this mist into new energy We will have to wait for the coming tomorrow with new tunes for our insight into the mind and brain. Sitting in the sun will have to once again assess the haze with your memories.

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DECC conducts one day job fair, awareness program at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 30: The District Employment & Counselling Centre Udhampur today organized a one-day Job Fair cum Awareness Programme in its office complex. Several companies like i.e Narayana Hospital (SMVD)/RVS Informatics IT Pvt. Ltd, Hotel Industry Katra, M/S L.L. Battal Balian/M/S Dhanuka Agritech Ltd., LIC of India, SBI Life/M/S Star Health & Allied Insurance Co Ltd. participated in the Job fair. More than 150 unemployed youth from all corners of Udhampur participated in the Job Fair.

Anshuman Singh, Deputy Director Employment Udhampur impressed upon the youth to avail the opportunity of Job Fair and reap the benefit of the different self-employment schemes run by the different departments. He informed the participants that the Employment Department has decided to organize such fairs quarterly. On the spot registration of unemployed youth on JK Employment and NCS Portal was also done.

Ministry of I&B issues Advisory on Obligation of Public Service Broadcasting

New Delhi, January 30, 2023 Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has issued the "Guidelines for Uplinking and Downlinking of Television Channels in India, 2022" on 09.11.2022. The Guidelines, among other things, require private broadcasters to undertake public service broadcasting for 30 minutes every day. In this regard, the Ministry undertook extensive consultations with the private satellite TV channel Broadcasters and their Associations and based on their inputs an "Advisory" has been issued on 30.01.2023.

Through the "Advisory", the Ministry has clarified that the relevant content embedded in the programmes being telecast can be accounted for Public Service Broadcasting. It is also clarified that the content need not be of 30 minutes at a stretch and could be spread over smaller time slots and requires the broadcaster to submit a monthly report online on the Broadcast Seva Portal. The theme for the broadcasting should comprise of content of national importance and of social relevance, including the following, namely

Expert talk on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity" held at GCW Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 30: To promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the Institution through multitudinous modes, a one day expert talk on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity" was today organised by I Innovation Council (IIC) of Government College for Women (GCW), Udhampur here on college campus.

The Program targeted to provide undergraduate students and faculty members opportunities to expand their dexterities in various significant facets involved in building Career Opportunities in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

The College Principal, Dr. Monika Sharma was the Chief Guest.

The programme was held under the supervision Kewal Kumar Vice-president IIC, GCW Udhampur J&K(UT) and Binny Kumar, (Convener), Innovation activity Coordinator, NIRF Coordinator

The resource persons on the occasion were Dr. Vipul Chalotra, HOD, Department of Commerce, from Government Degree College Udhampur and Shubham Sharma founder "The Kalari factory", a successful entrepreneur and innovator.

Dr. Monika Sharma appreciated the organizers for organizing such expert talks in educational institutions, which would help in creating awareness among students as well as common people about innovation and entrepreneurship in the district.

Resource person, Dr. Vipul discussed the importance of having a clear vision and understanding the risks associated with starting a business. He also highlighted the need for creativity and problem-solving skills to succeed in the world of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Later, Shubham Sharma founder "The Kalari factory", a successful entrepreneur and innovator, shared his insights on the opportunities and challenges of pursuing a career in these fields. The audience was inspired by his success story and the advice he shared. Attendees were encouraged to think outside the box and take risks in order to achieve their goals.

The program ended with the formal vote of thanks presented by Arun Gupta (librarian). More than 120 students attended the event.

Among others, Kewal Kumar (Vice President IIC), Arun Gupta, Dr. Yash Paul, Dr. Shweta Sharma, Rajeev Singh, Yash Kumar, Tania Mahajan, other faculty members, members of Institutional Innovation council and large number of students were present on the occasion.

DC Poonch chairs Law & Order coordination meeting

POONCH, JANUARY 30: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet today chaired a joint meeting of Revenue and Police officers here in the conference hall of DC Complex, to discuss and review the issues pertaining to law and order in the district.

At the outset, brief discussion was held on various issues including, drug de-addiction activities, police assistance during anti-encroachment drive, personal security of tehsildars and other government functionaries, security plan for religious places, special focus on the role of locally posted employees and police personnel, reconstitution of village/ward Committees, surveillance of border areas, illegal mining, etc.

After a thorough discussion, the senior Superintendent of Police, Rohit Baskotra apprised the chair about the overall scenario of drug abuse in the district and measures taken to curb the menace. He informed that the police department is organizing awareness programmes and other activities regularly in collaboration with other departments. He also assured that the police department will take strict action against persons involved in illegal mining/drug peddlers as per law. The officers highlighted various issues and shared their suggestions. The Deputy Commissioner directed all the concerned officers to take strictest action against those involved in drug menace or any other social ailments and also those spreading fake news and mistrust. The meeting was attended by Senior Superintendent of Police, Rohit Baskotra; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tahir Mustafa Malik; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Zaheer Ahmed Kaifi; SDM Mendhar, Mohd. Jahangir Khan; Tehsildar Haveli Anjum Bashir Khatkat; Tehsildar Mandi, Shazad Latief Khan; Tehsildar Hqr. Jahangir Hussain; Tehsildar Surankote, Akbar Hussain, besides, DySP Hqr. Arfat Hussain,

JKTPO organises Export Awareness and Capacity building workshop in Jammu

JAMMU, JANUARY 30: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) on Monday organized an export awareness workshop here.

The Workshop was held in association with Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd (ECGC), Department of Posts, Government of India, and State Bank of India (SBI). These workshops are being organized to realize the vision of LG, UT of J&K to promote each district of J&K as a potential export hub with a vision to increase exports by 3 times in the next 5 years.

These workshops aim to boost and support exports of Niche products such as basmati, Fresh fruits, saffron, Pashmina, Basohli Paintings, Carpets, Paper machie with hard and soft interventions required at the ground level.

The workshop included detailed sessions on Benefits of exports, process of getting IEC code, awareness regarding In-

dia Business Portal and India Trade portal, credit linkages for exports and credit risk insurance facilities, e-commerce platforms, Logistics and potential of products of region in international market.

At the outset, Khalid Jahangir, Managing Director, JKTPO welcomed the business community members from Jammu and briefed the audience about the mandate and various trade and export promotion initiatives undertaken by the Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization. He said JKTPO regularly organizes and participates in various activities like Buyer-Seller Meets, Trade Fairs, Exhibitions, Conferences, Seminars, etc. at National and International level for registered members & women entrepreneurs. He further highlighted the export potential of unique products of Jammu and Kashmir.

A K Bhushan, Deputy Director DGFT Jammu briefed about various Government schemes for export and documentation required for IEC registration.



The participants were given detailed presentations on all the major aspects related to exports, a checklist for documents required to get IEC Code, market linkages including e-commerce linkages and benefits. Many queries were resolved on the spot and vari-

ous participants intended to get registered with DGFT. Mr. Bhushan, while interacting with the participants, highlighted the relevance of bridging the information gap. He provided the necessary guidance to the participants for updating their knowledge by explaining

to them about various Export related schemes sponsored by the Government of India such as EPCG, MEIS, SEIS, advance authorization schemes etc.

Col. Vinod Kumar, Post-master General, Postal Services, India Post, Jammu Region, shared the attributes of portal Dhak Ghar Niryat Kendras which act as facilitation center for E-Commerce exports. 'Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra' are being established at Srinagar, Udhampur and Srinagar to promote exports of MSMEs. As per DNK portal exporter with IEC code can export any item weighing around 35 kg to point of destination from point of origin. An Exporter can easily track their products delivered.

Exporters can file postal bills of exports online through the web link created for the purpose and get the export shipments booked at designated DNKs/Post Offices. This will reduce the transit time and manual paperwork for the exporters, thus facilitating direct export from the region to the buyers from abroad.

Free medical camp held at Doda under AKAM DC urges public to take advantage ABHA and AB-PM JAY-SEHAT Schemes

DODA, JANUARY 30: District Administration Doda today organized a free medical/consultation camp at OPD Block of Associated Hospital GMC Doda.

Renowned Gastroenterologist of the UT Dr Vijant Singh Chandail, Associate Professor in GMC Jammu checked up the patients. A huge footfall of patients were witnessed at the camp as the health department under the supervision of Chief Medical Officer, Dr Yaqoob Mir Doda, had conducted wide publicity to attract the people to avail free consultation. The free consultation camp was held under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and ADBHUT Doda Initiative of the District Administration to provide specialized service to the people within the district for which they are forced to visit Jammu.

The whole programme was conducted under the overall guidance and supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan.

The DC and SSP Abdul Qayoom inspected the arrangements at the camp and interacted with patients and staff at the venue. DC, SSP and other officers also registered and generated ABHA health cards at a stall established by the health department at the campsite. ABHA or Health ID or ABHA Card is a unique identity or health locker to receive, store & share medical records from health service providers for reference with the us-



er's consent. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Government of UT and District Administration were committed to provide best and quality healthcare services to the public in the district. The manpower, infrastructure, and machinery were being augmented in the newly established GMC Doda to meet the health care demand of the area. He informed that administration was going to organise more such consultation camps at the district headquarter and in the rural areas to cater to the health care needs of the patients. He further informed that the health department has started tele-consultation services under the e-Sanjevani scheme, and the contact numbers are already in circulation. He advised the public to take maximum advantage of tele-consultation services, ABHA ID, and AB-PM JAY-SEHAT Scheme.

DC Rajouri launches Leprosy Awareness Campaign - Sparsh

RAJOURI, JANUARY 30: A "Leprosy Awareness Van" was today flagged off from the District Administrative Complex by Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, as part of the launch of the leprosy awareness campaign- SPARSH to inform the community about the illness and remove any potential stigma attached to it. The van will visit different towns and remote regions to spread awareness of the signs, the value of early diagnosis and treatment, and the fact that leprosy is curable.

"Initiatives like these are essential for tackling the social stigmas of various diseases and in creating awareness about their causes and preventive measures," the Deputy Commissioner said, while expressing gratitude to the volunteers and sponsors who are supporting this initiative.

"The community will become healthier and more



informed thanks to this leprosy awareness campaign," he said.

The Deputy Commissioner said it was crucial that such awareness campaigns are regularly held to enable the people to learn about leprosy prevention and how to better care for those who have already been infected. The introduction of this van was also a motivational step towards the total eradication of leprosy from society and guaranteeing that no one will ever again have to endure its debilitating effects. Among the others pres-

ent included Dr. Abdul Hamid Zargar, Chief Medical Officer Rajouri; Dr. Anees Altaf Nabi; Dr. Ghulam Qadir and other officers/officials of Health Department. "Initiatives like these are essential for tackling the social stigmas of various diseases and in creating awareness about their causes and preventive measures," the Deputy Commissioner said, while expressing gratitude to the volunteers and sponsors who are supporting this initiative.

Jammu Administration retrieves over 63 Kanal prime state land at different places

JAMMU, JANUARY 30: In continuation to the anti-encroachment drive, the district administration Jammu today evacuated more than 63 Kanal prime state land worth crores at different places of the district.

During a demolition drive, a team of revenue officers and police conducted the drive and demolished 3 illegal paca structures including boundary walls and retrieved prime state land measuring 21 Kanal in village Deeli near Tawi Farm Bishnah Bridge. The land is approximately one kilometre from National Highway and values crores of rupees.



In another anti encroachment drive, state land measuring 12 kanal was retrieved in village Gole Tehsil Jammu West. A team of revenue officers along with police retrieved prime state land from the encroachers and installed a sign board on

the spot. Similarly, in another eviction drive, the district administration retrieved state land measuring 23 Kanal 09 Marla in village Ghaink Tehsil Bhalwal. The retrieved land was encroached by a former legislature which was evacuated today by District Administration Jammu. Similarly, in another eviction drive, the district administration retrieved state land measuring 23 Kanal 09 Marla in village Ghaink Tehsil Bhalwal. The retrieved land was encroached by a former legislature which was evacuated today by District Administration Jammu.

Three Day International Conference concludes at the Cluster University of Jammu

Jammu, January 30 (KNS): The third & final day of the Three Day International Conference concluded today on 30th of January 2023. Dr. Amitabh Vikram Dwivedi, Faculty, SMVDU delivered his plenary talk titled "Saving languages with respect to the descriptive linguistic tradition".

Dr. Dwivedi emphasized on documenting the local languages of J&K such as, Sarazi, Bhaderwahi, Dogri, Bhalessi, Saroori, Kashmiri etc. This was followed by parallel academic sessions through offline and online mode wherein the researchers presented their papers on diverse topics of language,

literature, and folklore. Furthermore, an invited plenary speaker (Online), Prof. Panchanan Mohanty (GLA University, Mathura) also spoke on the theme of the conference and informed the participants about preserving & saving the regional languages of India. Hereafter, a panel discussion was held where retired Prof. Veena Gupta (University of Jammu), Prof. Posh Charak (Retd., University of Jammu), and Prof. Vandana Sharma (Head, Dept. of English, Central University of Jammu) delivered their talks respectively on the theme "Language, Literature, and Folklore".

Week long National Save Girl Child campaign under BBBP concludes at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 30: An impressive function was today organized by District Administration Udhampur on the culmination of Week Long National Save Girl Child Campaign with the theme "Value of girl child and rights of the child" 2023. The campaign conducted under the aegis of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme concluded at the Conference Hall DC Office Complex.

Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna was the Chief Guest, while District Youth Services & Sport Officer, S. Swarn Singh was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC congratulated the participants and asked the stakeholders to continue to generate awareness among the masses

about the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign. The DC said that the main objective of celebrating this day was to eradicate different types of social discrimination and exploitation that are faced by the girls. She said that now-a-days girls are competing with the boys in each and every field and are not lacking anywhere.

Reflecting on the importance of education of the girl child, she said that education will make girls a responsible citizen and help them to get their voice heard in the society. The DC said that such awareness programmes would help in ensuring empowerment of women through education and equal participation in every field of human life besides preventing



gender biased sex selective elimination of girl child. DC appreciated the efforts made by Social Welfare departments for generating awareness among the masses. She also handed

over 120 Gudda-Guddi boards to be placed in AWCs to ICDS Udhampur. Further a digital Gudda-Guddi board was installed in the DC Complex. Earlier, District Social Welfare Officer,

Kanika Gupta, who is also the Nodal Officer of BBBP, presented a welcome address and highlighted the importance of the National girl child day. She apprised the chair about the weeklong events organised in the district from Jan 18 to Jan 24- 2023 which included competitions among school children, Mahila Sabhas, Oath ceremonies etc. She briefed about the annual action plan under BBBP and the interventions like mass communication campaign, capacity building and multi sectoral interventions made at various levels to improve the Child Sex Ratio. She added that the main objective of organizing this programme was to create awareness among the common.

Doda Admin retrieves 15 Kanal Prime land, demolishes illegal structure in Thathri

DODA, JANUARY 30: District Administration Doda, under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Paul Mahajan today, carried out a major eviction and demolition drive in Thathri Subdivision in the main town area and retrieved state/ government land worth more than Rs 10 crores. The eviction/ demolition drive was conducted by SDM Thathri along with Tehsildar Thathri and SHO Thathri.

Around 3 Kanal Commercial-Land worth Crores was retrieved on Ring



Road alongside the Bus Stand by removing encroachments. The land has been handed over to Municipal Committee Thathri for utilisation as parking space.

Similarly, 12 Kanal prime State Land falling under Khasra No. 803 was retrieved alongside National Highway by demolishing an under construction column structure.

Likewise, a multi storey under construction illegal structure was also sealed and taken over by the Government at Thathri.

Ex J&K CMs see ray on hope in Rahul Gandhi

Srinagar, Jan 30 (UNI) Peoples Democratic Party President Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said she was hopeful that whatever has been

just to J&K, but to the whole country," she said.

She said Mahatma Gandhi had seen a ray of hope in J&K and to



peace and with love and affection which BJP can't give," Omar said.

Omar said the Yatra has given a new hope in Jammu and Kashmir

"...Today, Ghandiji was martyred. In 1947 said he saw a ray of hope in J&K. This yatra, perhaps, has once again rekindled that ray of hope in the whole country," Omar said.

Omar asked Rahul to think of starting a similar Yatra from East to West.

"Rahul, your yatra joined south India with the north India. I know you need some rest as you have been walking continuously since September, but, I request you that perhaps, time has come to join East India with the West through a Bharat Jodo Yatra," he said.

Rahul has remained noncommittal on Article 370 restoration during his entire Bharat Jodo Yatra. During his media interactions in Jammu and Kashmir, he only reiterated that the resolution of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) was very clear on Article 370.

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She was addressing a rally at the culmination of the Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar which was attended by several leaders of Congress, National Conference and opposition parties amid a heavy spell of snowfall.

"..Rahul ji said he has come to Kashmir to his home. Rahul ji, this is your home. I hope that whatever has been taken from Jammu and Kashmir and this country, by the (Nathuram) Godse's ideology, will be returned by a Gandhi, and not

day, the whole country sees that ray of hope in Rahul Gandhi.

Another former chief minister and National Conference Vice president Omar Abdullah said the country was in a dire need of this yatra.

"There has been an attempt to give an impression to the world that there is only one thinking in this country that is of Sangh Parivar, which is communal. But, this yatra has proved that while there are those who like the BJP, but, there are those also who want new politics without the BJP, who want brotherhood and want to live in

Do not become slave of smart gadgets: Army Commander's 'mantra' to students

Jammu, Jan 30 (UNI) Explaining the mantra of 5 P's for life, Northern Command Army Commander, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday asked children to smartly use smart gadgets and do not become their slave. Lieutenant General Dwivedi interacted with the students of J&K, studying in General B C Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh, sponsored through Army's Operation Sadbhavana at Udhampur.

The students were on their way back to the school after winter break and had a lifetime opportunity of meeting the Army Commander which further motivated them to excel in future. General Dwivedi emphasized on the importance of Passion for one's dreams which is

a must, Persistence combined with pragmatism which makes one succeed in any endeavour, Parvarish or the teachings of one's parents which should never be lost sight of, Peers who are an important part of a student's life as they can boost learning, Padhai which is an important part of life as it enables an individual to equip with knowledge to grow in life. The Army Commander further emphasized that the world is changing fast with latest innovations and gadgets like smart mobile phones and laptops etc. but the young children must use them smartly and not become slaves of the gadgets.

He reminded the students that their final exams will be due once they reach their school in a month's

time from now and all students especially those who are appearing for Board exams should not let exam pressure weigh them down.

They should take time to reflect on their potential and align it with the expectations for the future," said the Army Commander wishing children the very best for their exams and a bright future ahead on behalf of Indian Army. Indian Army is a major contributor towards Nation Building and Northern Command is spearheading the efforts in UT of J&K for empowerment of the people especially in the field of education for the youth. The Indian Army under Op Sadbhavana has sponsored 47 students from J&K for education in General BC Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh.

Congress leaders offer 'chadar' at Dargah Yousufain as Bharat Jodo Yatra ends

Hyderabad, Jan 30 (UNI) As a thanksgiving for the successful completion of AICC leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, Telangana Congress senior leaders offered a 'chadar' and prayed at Dargah Yousufain, Nampally on Monday.

Congress leaders including TPCC Working President M. Anjan Kumar Yadav, TPCC Minorities Dept Chairman Shaik Abdullah Sohail, Khairatabad DCC President Dr Rohin Reddy and others visited Dargah Yousufain and paid floral tributes. On this occasion, they prayed for peace, unity and brotherhood among all citizens and the pros-

perity of India, especially Telangana.

"Completion of the 3,500 km long Bharat Jodo Yatra is a historic occasion. Rahul Gandhi started the Yatra with the pious intention of uniting people and fighting against the divisive politics of RSS and BJP. He was quite successful in highlighting the importance of unity among the people irrespective of their religion, caste, language or region. He undertook and completed this long journey with complete devotion to a noble cause. He will be remembered in history forever for his efforts to stop the forces which are trying to divide

the nation by spreading hatred and violence. He certainly enjoyed some divine support which provided him energy and crores of Indians voluntarily joined the Padayatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir," Shaik Abdullah Sohail told reporters after visiting the Dargah Yousufain.

Abdullah Sohail said that the Congress party would carry forward Rahul Gandhi's message of the Bharat Jodo Yatra through the 'Haath Se Haath Jodo' campaign in Telangana. "We will visit every household in Telangana with a letter written by Rahul Gandhi sharing his experiences

of Bharat Jodo Yatra. As stated by Rahul Gandhi, the politics of hate has its limits and cannot continue for long, the Telangana Congress will make their contribution in fighting against the evil forces by ensuring the success of the 'Haath Se Haath Jodo' campaign," he said. Stating that the Congress party has released chargesheets on the failures of the BJP Govt at the Centre and BRS Govt in Telangana, Abdullah Sohail informed that the TPCC Minorities Department would release a separate chargesheet against the BRS and BJP Govts on the injustices done with minorities since 2014.

"Will accept to die but will not go with BJP any more: Nitish

Patna, Jan 30 (UNI) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar reiterated that he will accept death but will not go with the BJP anymore.

After paying tribute to the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat here on Monday Nitish Kumar told newsmen that he would accept his death instead of going with BJP and dubbed the speculations about him for again going with BJP as bogus.

Earlier BJP in its state executive held here on Sunday had resolved

that the party would never enter into any kind of alliance with Nitish Kumar and Janata Dal (U).

Pointing towards Deputy Chief Minister Tejaswi Yadav, the Chief Minister said that while remaining with us, the BJP unnecessarily implicated Tejaswi's father (Lalu Prasad Yadav) and others in the case. He said that now when he is with RJD after getting rid of the cases the BJP was again trying to implicate them. Kumar said that BJP has changed a lot and the for-

mer leadership of the party too was of the similar opinion. The CM said that he was a supporter of Atal-Adwani but with the dominance of new incumbents, the party has changed into a new form. The new leadership of the party was changing everything in the country which all were meaningless. The Chief Minister said that after coming to power in 2005 he worked in the interest of both Hindus and Muslims following which a decisive chunk of the minorities started to vote.

Rahul owed apology to people for Congress's Himalayan blunders in J&K: Rana

SAMBA JANUARY 30- Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today blamed Rahul Gandhi for failing in apologizing to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the Himalayan blunders committed by the Congress in this part of the country since 1947.

"Least to speaking about tendering apology, Rahul Gandhi took pride in being in the company of PAGD allies who have exploited Kashmiris, one way or the other, all these years", Mr Devender Rana told media at the side-lines of Yagya organized by Sant Sri Balak Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj for the martyrs.

Mr Rana said that Rahul Gandhi also preferred to align with those who push for talks with Pakistan whenever the rogue neighbour perpetrated mayhem through her lackeys—be it in Dangri Rajouri or target killings of Kashmiri Pandits and the outsiders. He said the former Congress President also conveniently forgot the threats and warnings of the PAGD leaders that there will be nobody to hold Tiranga in Kashmir. He must now thank Prime Minister Narendra Modi for creating a situation where, not only the people of Kashmir are carrying on economic activities and daily chores freely and fearlessly, but political leaders like him freely enjoying snow in the Valley.

The Senior BJP leader said the people do not know whether Rahul Gandhi has joined the nation together or not during his just concluded so-called yatra but they have certainly watched his brazen bonding with 'Bharat Todo' PAGD, which stands for Pakistan, anti-national, separatist, radicalised and secessionist elements.

"No wonder, the person, who em-



barked on the yatra to Kashmir to understand, as he says, the feelings of the people, must be returning back as ignorant as he has been, due to lack of his understanding", he added.

Mr Rana said that the peace and normalcy dawning in Kashmir is result of path breaking initiatives taken by the Prime Minister for holistic development of the Valley post abrogation of Article 370, which removed all obstacles in bonding of Jammu and Kashmir with rest of the country emotionally. Unfortunately, he said, Rahul Gandhi did not clear his stand on Article 370 even at the close of his yatra.

On a question about Rahul Gandhi hoisting tricolor in Lal Chowk, Mr Rana said this is the changed Kashmir and changed scenario in the Congress as well. In this context, he recalled the statement of the Congress General Secretary in Jammu, observing that unfurling the national flag in Kashmir is RSS legacy and said that this tradition has now inspired their young leader to follow the Sangh footsteps. Better late

than never, he observed and wished Rahul Gandhi to understand the Indian ethos in its totality. That will be true repentance of the Congress for the sins committed in independent India, he added.

On the Mahayagya, Mr Devender Rana complimented Sant Sri Balak Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj as a tribute to martyrs, due to valour and sacrifices of whom the nation is breathing in democratic, sovereign nation. He said the Indian Armed Forces were the most disciplined and brave forces across the world, which are capable of defending the territorial integrity with valour.

Those accompanying Mr Rana for participating in the Mahayagya included Mr Surinder Choudhary, Mr Mangu Shah, Mr Surinder Singh Gill and others. On the Mahayagya, Mr Devender Rana complimented Sant Sri Balak Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj as a tribute to martyrs, due to valour and sacrifices of whom the nation is breathing in democratic, sovereign nation. He said the Indian Armed Forces were the most disciplined.

Delhi court reserves order on bail application of Shankar Mishra

New Delhi, Jan 30 (UNI) A Delhi Court on Monday reserves its order on the bail application of Shankar Mishra who was arrested for allegedly urinating on a woman passenger in Air India flight between New York and Delhi.

After dismissal of the bail application by Metropolitan Magistrate, Mishra moved the bail application in Sessions Court which was fixed for hearing during the day.

Counsel for Mishra submitted be-

fore the court that investigation in the matter has been completed and no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the accused behind bar.

The prosecution opposed the bail application by submitting before the court that the accused is non-cooperative and has threatened the complainant and India has been defamed internationally due to the incident. Delhi Police requested the court the bail application of the accused may kindly be dismissed in

the interest of justice.

It is alleged that Mishra had urinated on a 70 years old woman in an intoxicated condition in the business class of an Air India flight on November 26 last year.

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) police station has registered an FIR No 6 under various sections of Indian Penal Code against Mishra and arrested him from Bengaluru. UNI XC SSP

Pathaan' collects Rs 542 cr gross worldwide in 5 days

New Delhi, Jan 30 (UNI) Yash Raj Films' (YRF) 'Pathaan' directed by Siddharth Anand, is on a record-breaking run at the domestic and overseas box office as it collected Rs 542 crore gross worldwide in just five days.

'Pathaan' had hit another 100 crore plus day in its fifth day, as it registered Rs 60.75 crore nett in India (Hindi - 58.50, All Dubbed versions - 2.25 crore), taking the India gross to Rs 70 crore. The overseas gross on day five is at Rs 42 crore (5.13

million dollar), taking the total collection on its fourth day of release to Rs 112 crore gross. In five days, Pathaan has recorded 25.42 million dollar (Rs 207.2 crore) in the overseas territories alone.

'Pathaan' also crossed the 250 crore nett mark in India in just five days with 280 crore nett up on the board already! It is the fastest Hindi film to enter the 250 crore club in just 5 days!

Pathaan is also the only Hindi film to register four 50 crore plus days and

that too within five days since its release! With this insane result, all films of YRF's Spy Universe - Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai, War & Pathaan are blockbusters!

Akshay Widhani, CEO of Yash Raj Films, says, "At YRF, we are proud that Pathaan is entertaining people across the globe, pulling people to the theatres and giving them an experience of a lifetime! The YRF Spy Universe films have also registered blockbusters every single time.

"So, the stakes were high with Pathaan and we are thrilled to have delivered a film that has not only extended this feat of delivering hits but has also registered countless new records in the process. This is one for the ages for YRF and for the Indian film industry and we couldn't be more humbled."

The flick stars Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and John Abraham.

We just want to go out there & enjoy our cricket: Harmanpreet Kaur

Kolkata, Jan 30 (UNI) A young and fiery Indian women's cricket team step into their biggest test for the year 2023 when they begin their campaign for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. With the hopes of an entire nation resting on their shoulders, the 'Women in Blue' will have to play their best cricket to bring the ICC trophy back home. Led by the charismatic Harmanpreet Kaur, Team India will be looking to build on their achievements from last year, where they won the Women's Asia Cup 2022 and now have their eyes fixed on the T20 World Cup. With the likes of Smriti Mandanna, Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepthi Sharma all geared up to bring the ICC Women's T20 World Cup back to India after the heroics of the Women's U-19 team, it will be an enrapturing tournament for all cricket fans.

Speaking exclusively on Star Sports show 'Believe in Blue', captain of the Indian women's cricket team Harmanpreet Kaur further spoke about how the team is going to approach the ICC Women's T20 World Cup and how they will adapt to the conditions in South Africa, she said "I think, for the past few years we have been travelling, so there won't be much difference to us. But recently, we had a camp in Bangalore where the ball was good, we trained specially in a few areas we wanted to work. Before that we have tri series, in the tri series we will have enough time to get settled in those conditions." "Now we aren't thinking of too many things, how it's going to work or not going to work. We only think about whether we can do it or not and which areas do we feel that we can improve on even 1% every day. So, I think other than just thinking about whether it's going to work or not going to work, we just want to go there and enjoy our cricket," she said. Speaking exclusively on Star Sports show 'Believe in Blue', Team India cricketer Jemimah Rodrigues spoke on how she and her teammates look up to Harmanpreet Kaur and how they gain motivation from the captain.

She said, "I think it started with a knock of Harmanpreet, because before that, Hari di was going through a bad patch and I can't imagine the kind of emotions or what she was feeling at that time.



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair in Salt Lake on Jan 30. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.

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'HAR GAON HARYALI'

substantially higher than the national average of 24.56 percent."

The J&K Government initiated 'Har Gaon Haryali' campaign in November 2021. Under this campaign, forest and sister departments were vested with the responsibility to cover all the village panchayats and planting of one crore saplings.

With an aim to realize the objectives and target set under 'Har Gaon Haryali' campaign, the Social Forestry department is laying emphasis on providing hybrid clonal plants to farmers from its modern nurseries, so that farmer's income can be supplemented and sustained supply of raw materials to wood based industries can be ensured. In addition, the department is organizing such programs with multiple activities in all districts of Jammu and Kashmir to provide impetus to J&K Green drive initiative with participation of local communities.

The department has apprised the people in general and farmers in particular to avail the supply of plants from departmental nurseries to take up agro-forestry activities on their lands.

Also, Chief Secretary has released publications titled 'Har Gaon Haryali under Green Jammu and Kashmir Drive' and "Digitization of Forests: Strengthening of Forest Protection and Management" by Forest Department, "Pollinators: Nature's Miracle Workers" by J&K Biodiversity Council, and "Key Wildlife Species: Kishitwar High Altitude National Park" by Wildlife Protection Department.

SNOW

Banihal," the traffic authorities said.

The Railway Authorities also informed that the train service will remain suspended until the snow on the railway line is removed. "The railway will resume its operations as soon as the snow is cleared. After the snow is cleared, WDS 4 will go first, apologize for the inconvenience," Railway officials said.

The Cluster University officials said that all the examinations of Cluster University Srinagar scheduled on 30th of January, 2023 have been postponed due to inclement weather. "Fresh dates for postponed papers shall be notified separately," said Controller Exams CU Srinagar.

Meanwhile, the Kashmir University also said that all PG, engineering and other examinations scheduled to be held on January 30, 2023 (Monday) postponed in view of inclement weather conditions, fresh dates for the deferred Examinations will be notified separately later.

The weather man said that the widespread moderate to Heavy Snowfall in Kashmir, Hilly areas of Jammu, moderate Rain with Thunderstorm at most places of Jammu during next 24 hours. "Heavy Snowfall and Rain with thunderstorm in plains of Jammu very likely to continue for next 12 hrs. Expect gradual decrease in Precipitation from later tonight," he said.

The official said that the heavy Snowfall may cause Snow Avalanche in Avalanche prone areas during above period as higher reaches has accumulated one foot of snowfall. "It may affect Surface & Air transportation on 30th(>75% chance)," it said.

"People are once again advised NOT to venture out in Avalanche prone areas, unless emergency during next 2 days as possibility of Avalanches has increased due to Hvy Snowfall. 2. Contact concerned Traffic police regarding Road Status," the officials said.

'Chillai-Kalan' — the 40-day harshest winter period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent — began on December 21 last year. While it ends on January 30, the cold wave continues even after with a 20-day-long 'Chillai Khurd' and a 10-day-long 'Chillai Bachha' following it.(KNS)

DC SRINAGAR

He also visited SMHS Hospital to inspect the clearance measures for hassle free movement of ambulances apart from looking into power supply. He took a round of various units of the Hospital and inspected the Emergency unit, ICU, OPD, IPD and enquired about the patient care facilities available at the hospital.

On the occasion, the DC asked the Medical Superintendent SMHS to ensure all healthcare facilities to the patients and take appropriate measures to ensure patient care services are not affected at all. He also directed the other line Departments to make sure periodical Snow clearance is undertaken besides stationing of mobile dewatering pumps to overcome water logging.

The DC also stressed on ensuring free Ambulance movement enroute all City Hospitals. He emphasized on Snow clearance from outer Srinagar areas like Harwan, Dara, Fakir Gujri, Khanmoh, Balhama, Soiteng, Panzina, etc.

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and bomb disposal squad, the officials said. The bomber entered the highly secured mosque inside police lines where four layers of security were in place to enter the mosque.

Quoting Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Peshawar Muhammad Ijaz Khan, Dawn newspaper said that a number of jawans are still stuck under the rubble and rescuers are trying to pull them out.

Khan said between 300 to 400 police officials were present in the area at the time of the blast. "It is apparent that a security lapse occurred," he told the media.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif strongly condemned the attack, saying the attackers behind the incident "have nothing to do with Islam".

"Terrorists want to create fear by targeting those who perform the duty of defending Pakistan," he said and vowed that the sacrifices of the blast victims will not go in vain. "The entire nation is standing united against the menace of terrorism."

He also said that a comprehensive strategy will be adopted to counter the deteriorating law and order situation in restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the federal government will help provinces in increasing their anti-terrorism capacity.

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also condemned the attack, saying "terrorist incidents before the local and general elections were meaningful".

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Gulam Ali condemned the blast and urged the people to donate blood for the injured, saying that it would be a "huge favour for the police".

The injured are being shifted to the Lady Reading Hospital, officials said.

Hospital sources said 13 of those injured were in a critical condition.

An emergency has been declared in the hospitals of Peshawar. The hospital has appealed citizens to donate blood for the victims.

Security has been beefed up in other major cities, including Islamabad, after the Peshawar blast. In Islamabad, security at all entry and exit points of the capital city has been increased and snipers have been deployed at "important points and buildings".

Caretaker Chief Minister Azam Khan condemned the attack and offered condolences to the bereaved families.

Former prime minister Imran Khan strongly condemned the terrorist attack in the mosque.

"My prayers and condolences go to victims' families. It is imperative we improve our intelligence gathering & properly equip our police forces to combat the growing threat of terrorism," the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf tweeted.

Last year, a similar attack inside a Shia mosque in the Kocha Risaldar area in the city killed 63 people.

The TTP, set up as an umbrella group of several militant outfits in 2007, called off a ceasefire with the federal government and ordered its militants to stage terrorist attacks across the country.

LG

Indian youth are lured towards drugs. In J&K, huge number of youth are drug addicts and aim is to push them towards militancy. I would say narco-terrorism is the second face of terrorism in J&K," the LG said addressing a function in Jammu where he paid tributes to father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi, as per news agency— He said security agencies are working to counter the growing drug abuse and narco-terrorism but "there was a need for a mass campaign in every district of J&K to root out the menace."

Speaking at an event organized by Gandhi Global Family J&K in Jammu, the LG said that Babu's life and teachings continue to guide the world in the 21st century. "The eternal values he taught us will sustain human civilization in the decades and centuries to come. The ideals that Babu espoused Satya and Ahimsa - truth and non-violence, protecting human dignity, equality, social justice, respect for all religions, welfare of the underprivileged, rights of women and youth, are powerful instrument & guiding light for peaceful co-existence," he said.

The LG said that Babu's ideals and timeless teachings have influenced world leaders to establish the society based on social harmony, syncretic co-existence and economic prosperity. "Women are leading as role model and contributing to economic development. It is our collective responsibility to ensure women have access to education, equal opportunities and financial & other assistance to grow and prosper," he said adding that "whole society approach is the need of the hour to fulfil the resolve of Amrit Kaal Khand to create a fear-free, corruption-free and drug free Jammu Kashmir."—(KNO)

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said that it has given hope among local players that the ground will be developed at the earliest. He is hopeful that national level matches will be held on the ground—

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lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the CEOs have been asked to furnish the details in ten days.

"CEOs are advised to get the genuineness of all 2009 and other appointees verified by reference to original orders issued by DSEK and selection list of JKSSB and intimate to the undersigned within 10 days confidentially," DSEK said.

The officer said this in a reference to the fake appointment made by a fraudster who had managed to get an entry in the department for more than 13 years by producing fake posting and appointment orders. In previous week, DSEK has said, "Chief Education Officer Srinagar in a letter on November-22-2022 has reported that the service book of a 'imposter' working as teacher in government school reveal an entry to the effect that he has been appointed as teacher in 2009 under RBA category, after being selected by the JK Service Selection Board."

"In order to ascertain the genuineness of his appointment order, the original order issued by DSEK on December-12-2009 appointment Service Selection Board were verified and it has been found that his name does not figure anywhere in the original appointment order nor original select list of JKSSB," the director said—(KNO)

BJY

"My family taught me, and (Mahatma) Gandhi ji taught me to live fearlessly, otherwise, that is not living. But it happened just as I expected, the people of Jammu and Kashmir didn't give me a hand grenade but only love and hugs with open heart," the former Congress chief said. Rahul said the aim of his Yatra is to ensure no deaths happen in any violence.

He said that the Prime Minister and Home Minister have no idea about the violence like him or Kashmiris or security men or Army men who face such tragedies.

Pointing out to the personal tragedies, Rahul recalled the moments when he was informed over phone calls about the assassination of his grandmother Indira Gandhi and father Rajiv Gandhi. He said he the inciters of violence will never understand that pain.

"Those who incite violence - like Modiji, Amit Shahji, the BJP and the RSS - will never understand this pain. The families of CRPF men who were killed in Pulwama (in 2019 suicide attack) will know what that pain is. The people in Kashmir will know about the loss of their loved ones. Families of Army personnel will know about the phone calls which no one wants to receive and the aim of my Bharat Jodo Yatra is to stop such phone calls," Rahul said.

RAHUL

Kashmir witnessed the season's first major snowfall that started Sunday evening and is still continuing. The brother and sister were seen enjoying the snow in Srinagar.

WINTER GAMES

transportation. The meeting was informed that this edition of Khelo India Winter Games is expecting around 1800 participation of players and officials, dignitaries and media persons from across the country.

First time, an online registration portal with feedback mechanism and customized mobile app has been developed, and hoardings with QR Code are being installed enroute to facilitate the participating sportspersons and the visitors. "Khelo India Winter Games is an occasion not only to celebrate sporting excellence but also the spirit of camaraderie among sportspersons of the country. It is an opportunity for us to showcase J&K's culture, warm hospitality and our organizational capabilities," the Lt Governor said. Sarmad Hafeez, Administrative Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department briefed the meeting on the promotional activities including Logo & theme; Mascot, Anthem of the winter game; jingles; cultural programmes throughout the event; besides deployment of experts and the assistance & support required from various departments and organizations.

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ensure that appropriate events are held in connection with the naming of these infrastructures and assets," it reads—(KNO)

Pipping ceremony held at DPO Ganderbal



GANDERBAL January 30: Pipping ceremony of recently inducted 05 officials as ASI(S) was held during an impressive ceremonial function at District Police Office Ganderbal. The inducted officers were decorated with their new ranks by SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS and DySP Hqr's Ganderbal. Besides, other senior officers were also present on the occasion.

On the occasion, SSP Ganderbal congratulated the newly promoted in-service Police personnel for getting selected as ASI (S) through recently held departmental Examination conducted by PHQ J&K. He advised them to continue doing work with more enthusiasm, zeal and zest and highest degree of dedication. He emphasized upon them that promotion is not only about upgrading the status but it also adds more responsibilities and challenges in the working team spirit in J&K Police.

SSP Ganderbal later wished the newly promoted officers good luck in future. The promoted officers pledged to work with zeal and enthusiasm in future also and ensured better public services.

In view of snowfall, Police establishes helpline numbers for emergencies

Srinagar January 30: In view of inclement weather and advisory issued by MET department regarding heavy snowfall, Police established Emergency Helpdesk Control Rooms for the general public in order to facilitate them in case of any untoward incident or distress. For any emergency or exigency, general public can also dial 112.

For Bandipora district, the helpline numbers are: PCR Bandipora 01957225278, 9596767430, ASP Bandipora 9596767453, DYSP HQRS Bandipora 9596767440, SDPO Gurez 7006795292, SHO PS Gurez 7006250037, SHO PS Tulail 7780922131, DO Police Post Izmarg 9419991882, SHO PS Bandipora 9596767411, SHO PS Pethkote 9596767415, SHO PS Aragam 9596767421, DO Police Post Aloosa 9596767416, DO Police Post Sumlar 9596767413, DO Police Post Ajas 9596767452, SHO PS Hajin 9596767431 & SHO PS Sumbal 9596767441.

For district Budgam, the helpline numbers are: PCR Budgam 01951-255207, 01951-255042, 8082567612, SHO Budgam 9419000538, SHO Magam 9906449794, SHO Khansahib 9596000212, SHO Chadoora 7006411196, SHO Charar-e-Sharief 9797279660, SHO Khag 9419905840, SHO Breehaw 7006252476, DO Humhama 6005599737, DO Soibugh 9906000474, DO Narbal 9797626526, DO Waterhail 9419007052, DO Pakerpora 9797985415, Out-Post Hardipanzoo 9596203940, DO Mouchwa 9797290222.

For district Kulgam, the helpline numbers are: Police Control Kulgam (PCR) 01931260486, 7889786112, ASP Kulgam 9906605555, DySP Hqrs Kulgam 7051510654, SDPO DH Pora 7051510676, SHO PS Kulgam 7051510661, SHO PS Yaripora 7051510662, SHO PS DH Pora 7051510663, SHO PS Devsar 7051510664, SHO PS Qazigund 7051510665, SHO PS Qaimoh 7051510667, SHO PS Manzgam 7051510671, SHO PS Behibagh 7051510669, SHO PS Kund 7051510670, IC PP Frisal 7051510668, IC PP JT 7051510680, IC PP Mirbazar 7051510679.

For district Ganderbal, the helpline numbers are: PCR Ganderbal 01942416564, 01942416478, 9906668731, DySP Hqr's Ganderbal 9419014565 9541786715, SDPO Kangan 94190 03184 9541786714, SHO Sonamarg 9419001413, 9541786717, SHO Gund 9906034729, 9541786718, SHO Kangan 9419088801, 9541786719, SHO Lar 9419006700, 9541786720, SHO Safapora 7006419228, 9541786723, SHO Ganderbal 9419042458, 9541786721, SHO Kheerawani 7006403030, 9541786722, DO Nagbal 7006248873, 9541786725 DO Gutlibagh 9541373526, 9541786724 DO Shadipora 9906000959, 9541786726

For Sopore, PCR Sopore 01954-222312, 01954-225333, 9596773024 Police Station Tarzoo 9596773011, 01954-223355 Police Station Sopore 9596773010, 01954-222271SDPO Sopore 01954-222422, 9596773004 SHO Bomai 9596773012, SHO Dangiawacha 9596773014, SHO Panzla 9596773013, PCR Srinagar 0194-2477567, 9596222550, 9596222551, PCR Awantipora 01933247369, 7051404001, PCR Shopian 9596768831, 01933-261891, 9596768831, PCR Anantnag 01932-222870, 01932-222100, 9596777669, PCR Handwara 01955262295, 9906767076, PCR Baramulla 01952234410, 01952237830, 9596767768, PCR Kupwara 01955-252451, 9596152621, 7051404938, PCR Pulwama 01933-241280, 01933-241986, 8491942867, 9070123536.

PCR Kashmir: 0194-2506506, 0194-2506507 Citizens can also avail any kind of assistance by Dialling

Do not become slave of smart gadgets: Army Commander's 'mantra' to students

Jammu, Jan 30 (UNI) Explaining the mantra of 5 P's for life, Northern Command Army Commander, Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Monday asked children to smartly use smart gadgets and do not become their slave. Lieutenant General Dwivedi interacted with the students of J&K, studying in General B C Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh, sponsored through Army's Operation Sadbhavana at Udhampur.

The students were on their way back to the school after winter break and had a lifetime opportunity of meeting the Army Commander which further motivated them to excel in future.

General Dwivedi emphasized on the importance of Passion for one's dreams which is a must, Persistence combined with pragmatism which makes one succeed in any endeavour, Parvarish or the teachings of one's parents which should never be lost sight of, Peers who are an important part of a student's life as they can boost learning, Padhai which is an important part of life as it enables an individual to equip with knowledge to grow in life.

The Army Commander further emphasized that the world is changing fast with latest innovations and gadgets like smart mobile phones and laptops etc. but the young children must use them smartly and not become slaves of the gadgets.

He reminded the students that their final exams will be due once they reach their school in a month's time from now and all students especially those who are appearing for Board exams should not let exam pressure weigh them down.

They should take time to reflect on their potential and align it with the expectations for the future," said the Army Commander wishing children the very best for their exams and a bright future ahead on behalf of Indian Army. Indian Army is a major contributor towards Nation Building and Northern Command is spearheading the efforts in UT of J&K for empowerment of the people especially in the field of education for the youth.

The Indian Army under Op Sadbhavana has sponsored 47 students from J&K for education in General BC Joshi Army Public School, Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand).

Urs Mubarak celebrated in Ghani

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MENDHAR The Urs Mubarak of Hazrat- Khawja Ghareeb Nawaz (RA) celebrated in Ghani of Mankote tehsil in Poonch district with reverence and religious fervor.

According to press release, the Urs Mubarak is an annual festival and it is celebrated on every year of February month, where more than 5,000 devotees paid visit at the shrine to take blessing, during the nightlong prayers, the Ulama and Imams threw a detailed light on the life, religious services and teachings and spiritual strength of the saint Hazrat- Khawja Ghareeb Nawaz (RA) who had devoted his whole life to the service to and preaching of Islam.

Arrangement of Langar, food is done by the Ziarat Committee for the devotees who visit the shrine" locals told".

Ravinder Singh State General Secretary BSP join NC in presence of Farooq Abdullah



JAMMU January 30TH: State General Secretary BSP Ravinder Singh (Papu) joined National Conference in presence of the party President Dr Farooq Abdullah the otherday at Bathindi, Jammu.

Welcoming Ravinder Singh into the party fold, Dr Farooq Abdullah described National Conference as a mass movement that has all stood for the just cause of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and strived for development and progress of the state with a sense of commitment.

Dr Abdullah hoped that with the joining of Ravinder Singh the party will be further strengthened at the grass roots level.

"A strong National Conference is a key to steer Jammu and Kashmir to peace, progress and development besides meeting the challenges confronted to the state", he added. Ravinder Singh pledged to carry forward the mission of National Conference in transforming Jammu and Kashmir into a peaceful and progressive state with devotion and dedication.

The Joining programme was organized by Naresh Bittu District President Jammu Rural B.

Those who joined the party fold include: Balbir Singh, Gurmeet Singh Chahal, Rampal Block President BSP, Narinder Singh, Harbans Singh, Varinder Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Manjeet Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Gurucharan Singh, Pardeep Singh, Narinder Singh Nitu, Pawandeep Singh, Narinder Singh (Bittu), Darvinder Singh (Pepsi), Surinder Singh, Kulwant Singh Johal, Vijay Kumar, Gurubaksh Singh, Ujjagar Singh, Gurucharan Singh (Raj), Baljeet Singh and Gabbar Singh.

Besides Provincial President Mr Rattan Lal Gupta, those present on the occasion included: Ajaz Jan Provincial President YNC Jammu Province, Jatinder Bhagat, Jatinder Choudhary Block President Suchetgarh, Dev Raj Block President R.S Pura and others.

The National Conference leaders profusely garlanded the new entrants and greeted them on joining the party.

ADC, SP Awantipora inaugurate CBC's three-day multimedia exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Awantipora, January 30, 2023 Additional Deputy Commissioner, Awantipora Sh. Zaffar Hussain Shawl and Superintendent of Police, Awantipora Sh. Syed Fayaz Ahmad on Monday inaugurated a three-day long multimedia exhibition at Government Polytechnic College Awantipora in Pulwama district. The exhibition is being organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India as part of a series of awareness programmes being organised across different districts of J&K under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The exhibition showcases the history of India's freedom struggle through photo exhibits, audio-visual aids, printed Information Education and Communication (IEC) material and documentary screenings. Apart from the information on the unsung heroes of the Indian National Movement, the exhibition also provides information about different public welfare schemes of the government focusing on flagship schemes like Ayushman Bharat- PMJAY, PM-KISAN, NEP-2020 and POSH-AN Abhiyan. The information is being disseminated by the Bureau by means of focussed group discussions with the stakeholders, expert lectures, multimedia aids and by the distribution of the printed awareness material among the participants. In addition to this, empanelled Private Registered Troupes (PRTs) of CBC are also presenting theme based cultural programmes for mass awareness. In his welcome address Sh. Shahid Mohammad Lone, Field Publicity Officer, CBC, Anantnag briefed the guests about the mandate and activities of CBC in Jammu and Kashmir.

India clinch inaugural women's U-19 T20 World Cup

POTCHEFSTROOM: India on Sunday won their maiden ICC title in women's cricket as a bunch of sprightly and talented teenagers lifted the inaugural U-19 World Cup with an emphatic seven-wicket victory over England. India first bundled out England for 68 in 17.1 overs and then returned to knock off the paltry target in 14 overs to lift the coveted trophy.

India's bowling attack, led by pacer Titas Sadhu and supported by leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra, set up the comprehensive win as they blew England away with a clinical display at Senwes Park.

While Sadhu recorded impressive figures of 4-0-6-2, Chopra too continued her dream run as she snapped two for 13.

England were all at sea after being asked to take first strike and their innings never really took off after being reduced to 16 for three in four overs.

Chasing 69, Shafali started with a boundary off Hannah Baker before launching Sophia Smale for a maximum. But Baker came back to get rid of the India skipper, who was caught by Alexa Stonehouse in the third over.

Shweta Sehrawat, also was back in the hut after giving a simple catch to Baker off Grace Scrivens in the fourth over. Soumya Tiwari (24 not out) and Gongadi Trisha (24) then dug their heels in with a 46-run partnership.

With four runs needed, Trisha was cleaned up by Stonehouse, as Tiwari knocked off the winning runs.

Earlier, Sadhu struck in the fourth ball of the innings with a superb catch and bowled effort to get rid of Liberty Heap (0).

Spinner Archana then cleaned up Niamh Fiona Holland (10), while Gongadi Trisha pulled off a sensational catch to get rid of Grace Scrivens (4) to hand Arch-

ana her second wicket. Macdonald Gay played a couple the act, trapping Charis Pavely (2) in front of wicket as England



of hits to the fence to ease the pressure but in-form leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra then got into lost half their side for 39 in 10 overs. Left-arm spinner Kashyap also kept things tight at the other

end as Chopra removed Macdonald Gay with Archana taking a superb one-handed catch with a full dive at extra cover.

With England at 46-6 in 12 overs, skipper Shafali brought herself in but Alexa Stonehouse hit her for a rare boundary. Soumya was then in action as her direct hit found Josephine Groves short by a big margin, leaving England at 53-7 before the team was eventually bundled out. Earlier, Sadhu struck in the fourth ball of the innings with a superb catch and bowled effort to get rid of Liberty Heap (0). Spinner Archana then cleaned up Niamh Fiona Holland (10), while Gongadi Trisha pulled off a sensational catch to get rid of Grace Scrivens (4) to hand Archana her second wicket. Macdonald Gay played a couple of hits to the fence to ease the pressure but in-form leg-spinner Parshavi Chopra then got into the act, trapping Charis Pavely

FIFA bans four Uruguay players for World Cup chaos

ZURICH: Uruguay's Fernando Muslera and Jose Maria Gimenez were hit with four-match bans by FIFA on Friday, while Diego Godin and Edinson Cavani were suspended for a game each after they confronted the referee following their World Cup match against Ghana.

The Uruguayan football federation has also been fined 50,000 Swiss francs (\$54,248) and handed a partial stadium closure for their next home match over the "discriminatory behaviour of its supporters" and the "misconduct" of the players.

FIFA launched proceedings against the players who angrily harangued the referee after crashing out of the tournament in Qatar, despite beating Ghana 2-0 in their final group match on Dec 2.

In the Group "H" deciders, Uruguay had one foot in the last-16 before South Korea scored in stoppage time to beat Portugal 2-1 and went through by virtue of scoring one goal more than the South Americans over their three matches.

German referee, Daniel Siebert, decided not to award penalties for tackles on Darwin Nunez in the opening half and Cavani in the dying minutes, with striker Luis Suarez saying after the game that FIFA was "against Uruguay".

The players will also have to carry out football-related community service, and will pay fines of up to 20,000 Swiss francs (\$21,701).

Leeds, Leicester avoid FA Cup shocks

LONDON: Leeds United beat Accrington Stanley 3-1 to book their place in the fifth round of the FA Cup for the first time in seven years as Leicester City also avoided a shock with a 1-0 win at Walsall on Saturday.

Jack Harrison's stunning long-range strike settled Leeds' nerves of an upset against the League One side at the Wham Stadium. Jesse Marsch's men face a fight to survive in the Premier League, but are beginning to click as an attacking force with the return of Patrick Bamford and Luis Sinisterra from injury to complement new signing Georginio Rutter. "I'm confident this group is coming together," said Marsch. "Really happy with the team, with the progress we are making. I think we are ready for some big challenges now."

Bamford's brilliant reverse pass teed up Junior Firpo to double the visitors' lead just after the hour mark.

Two minutes later, Sinisterra tapped home Harrison's cross to end the tie as a contest. But there was a moment to savour for Stanley as 18-year-old Leslie Adekoya pulled a goal back nine minutes from time.

Leicester were pushed even closer by League Two Walsall only to be bailed out by FA Cup specialist Kelcei Iheanacho. The Nigerian has scored more goals in the competition than any other player since making his debut in 2016. Leicester, who beat fourth-tier strugglers Gillingham by a single Iheanacho goal last time out, faced a stern test from a hard-working, high-energy Walsall side eager to shut out their top-flight opposition. It took 30 minutes for the Foxes to get a shot on target, and a frustrating afternoon was made worse as Belgian midfielder Youri Tielemans' powerful effort from the penalty spot struck the post after Patson Daka was fouled inside the box.

But second-half substitute Iheanacho rescued Leicester's afternoon when his effort from the edge of the box took a wicked deflection off the back of Walsall defender Brandon Comley, turning it into a curling, dipping ball that proved too much for the goalkeeper to handle.

Brighton strike late to knock holders Liverpool out of FA Cup

BRIGHTON: Holders Liverpool were knocked out of the FA Cup after losing 2-1 at Brighton & Hove Albion in the fourth round on Sunday as Kaoru Mitoma struck the winning goal in stoppage time.

Harvey Elliott put Liverpool ahead, Lewis Dunk equalised before halftime and the score stayed at 1-1 until Mitoma found the net in the 92nd minute with a fine finish.

It was the second time Brighton defeated Liverpool in two weeks, having also beaten Jurgen Klopp's side 3-0 in the Premier League.

Earlier, Liverpool's teenage midfielder Elliott put them ahead in the 30th minute with a low shot into the far corner following a clever pass from Mohamed Salah.

Brighton equalised nine minutes later when Dunk got a flick on a long-range effort from Tariq Lamptey which deflected into the goal, with goalkeeper Alisson Becker wrong-footed.

Elliott, who also scored in Liverpool's win in the third-round replay, could have made it 2-1 before halftime as he latched on to Cody Gakpo's pass but Lamptey made a superb last-ditch tackle.

Liverpool had another chance on the hour mark when Salah connected with a wonderful pass from James Milner but



the Egypt forward chose to whip in a cross instead of taking a shot and Brighton keeper Jason Steele easily blocked it.

The tie looked set for a replay when Brighton's Solly March missed a golden opportunity to score in the 71st minute when he failed to beat the onrushing Alisson from close range after Mitoma set him up with a brilliant low cross.

But Mitoma took things into his own hands, scoring a superb goal following a free kick as he controlled the ball on the half volley, dummied and rifled it home.

It was another disappointing result for Liverpool who have struggled with form and injuries this season and are ninth in the Premier League standings.

Usain Bolt says 'stressful situation' trying to recover lost millions

KINGSTON: World 100 and 200 metres record holder Usain Bolt said on Friday that it was a "stressful situation" trying to recover more than \$12.7 million that has disappeared from his account with a Jamaican investment firm.

The 36-year-old Bolt earlier this month was informed that his account balance at Kingston-based Stocks and Securities Ltd (SSL) had inexplicably dwindled to just \$12,000, lawyer Linton Gordon said on Jan 17.

"It's tough you know, but I think through the years I've competed it has helped me to understand and focus on what matters," Bolt told reporters on Friday.

He was speaking at the Gibson McCook Relays launch in Kingston where he was unveiled as the ambassador of the athletics meet, now in its 50th year.

"I will leave the matter in my lawyer's hands and focus on my family, try not to think too much about it because it's a stressful situation," the 11-time world champion added.

SSL said in a Jan 12 statement that it had become aware of fraudulent activity by a former employee and had referred the matter to law enforcement, adding it had taken steps to secure assets and strengthen protocols.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force said its fraud and financial investigation teams were probing "alleged fraudulent activities at (SSL) which are said to have affected the accounts of Mr. Usain Bolt among other individuals."

Bolt's account was intended to serve as a pension for the eight-time Olympic champion and for his parents, Gordon said.

Bolt retired in 2017 after dominating global sprinting for a decade, reviving a sport plagued by doping scandals and becoming a household name like Brazilian football great Pele and American boxing champion Muhammad Ali.



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Palestine stun Sri Lanka in West Asia Baseball Cup

ISLAMABAD: Palestine stunned Sri Lanka in their West Asia Baseball Cup match here at the Pakistan Sports Complex on Sunday, beating their experienced counterparts 10-0. On a chilly day in the federal capital, Daylan Renard and Ibrahim Shalabi scored three runs each for the Palestinian outfit while Malik Abdullah and Tariq Suboh added two runs apiece to outclass the Sri Lankans. The result took Palestine as into the Super Four stage while Sri Lanka also went through along with hosts Pakistan and Bangladesh, who beat Afghanistan 12-2 earlier. It is Palestine's maiden appearance at the tournament, yet the side has taken the onlookers by surprise with their unbelievable performances. However, having several players, who play club baseball in the United States, has been helpful for the middle-eastern team.

"Palestine is participating in this cup for the first time, but their performances have surprised all of us," Pakistan Federation Baseball president Syed Fakhar Ali Shah told Dawn.

Sabalenka subdues Rybakina for breakthrough Slam crown at Australian Open

MELBOURNE: Aryna Sabalenka bludgeoned her way to a maiden Grand Slam title at the Australian Open with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Kazakh Elena Rybakina on Saturday in a thrilling final between two of the most exciting power-hitters in the women's game.

Sabalenka's 11th straight win of the year will propel the Belarusian fifth seed back to her career-high ranking of number two behind Iga Swiatek as she reaps the rewards of her improved mental stability.

Success has followed a period of introspection and change for Sabalenka, who had often appeared to let her emotions halt her progress on the big



stage, as she dropped her sports psychologist in pre-season.

Sabalenka also worked with a biomechanics trainer to improve her cannonball serve, which tended to fail her in big moments in the past, and the results were evident before the year's first Grand Slam as she won the Adelaide International 1 title.

After finally securing her first Grand Slam on Saturday, she dropped to the floor in delight and then walked up to Rybakina's side of the court.

ARYNA Sabalenka smiles as she holds the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup smiles while her vanquished opponent Elena Rybakina looks on after the women's singles final.—AFP

Spin rules as India level T20 series with tense win against NZ

LUCKNOW: Suryakumar Yadav hit an unbeaten 26 as India edged out New Zealand by six wickets in a low-scoring and tense second Twenty20 international, to level the series at 1-1 on Sunday.

India restricted New Zealand, who won the opener of the three-match series, to 99-8 with Yuzvendra Chahal leading the spin charge on a slow and turning pitch in Lucknow. India then lost regular wickets as the Kiwi bowlers took it into the final over but Suryakumar, along with Hardik Pandya, anchored the tricky run chase to achieve the target with one ball to spare.

The match witnessed 30 overs of spin without a six being hit in either innings. The series moves on to the decider in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. Chahal, a leg-spinner who came in as the only change in the team from the opening loss, bowled the fourth over of the innings and started with a wicket maiden.

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