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Police Files Chargesheet Against 2 Persons in 2021 Rajouri Grenade Blast

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Jammu, Jan 16: The police on Monday filed chargesheet against two persons, accused to be associates of Lashkar-e-Taiba, in connection with a grenade throwing case in Rajouri district in which a minor was killed and six people injured in 2021.

"Police Rajouri filed a charge sheet in case FIR No. 542/2021 U/S 307/120-B/121/122 IPC, 3/4 Explosive Act, 13-ULA (P) of P/S Rajouri before the court of 3rd Additional Sessions Judge Jammu against 02 accused namely Altaf Hussain Shah son of Qadir Shah of Draj, Tehsil-Koteranka District Rajouri and absconding accused namely Mohammad Qasim alias Suleiman son of Mohammad Shaifi caste Gujjar of Angrala Tehsil Mahore District Reasi A/P PAK," police said in a statement to GNS.

"The accused person threw a grenade in the house of one Romesh Singh son of Lal Chand at a Khandli Chowk and due to explosion one child aged 03 years namely Veer Singh son of Jasbir Singh died and several others Romesh Singh, wife Siya Devi, his sons Jasbir Singh and Balbir Singh, Arjun Singh son of Kulbir Singh, and Karan Singh son of Balbir Singh sustained serious injuries." The accused were associated with LeT, it said. "The investigation exposed the (militant) network in J&K and (PaK)."

2 children among family of 4 found unconscious in Handwara, hospitalised

Handwara Jan 14: Four members of a family were hospitalised on Saturday morning after they were found unconscious in Machipora area of Handwara in north Kashmir's Kupwara district. An official told Kashmir News Service (KNS) Tanveer Ahmad Bhat, his wife and two children were found unconscious in their house in Machipora village today morning. He said all were immediately rushed to district hospital Handwara for treatment, where their condition is said to be stable.

The official said they had kept a room heating device on throughout the night, which probably caused them to fall unconscious. He added the timely help of locals and health department saved precious lives.

Man falls from hilltop, dies in Reasi

Reasi, Jan 16: A man from Bathoie village of Reasi's Mahore subdivision died after falling from a hilltop on Monday, officials said. Officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer that a man identified as Qamar Din (37), son of Mohd Ismail of Bathoie fell from a hilltop near Magarpath, Lower Bathoie area of Mahore under mysterious circumstances and died on spot. Meanwhile, police said to have started legal proceedings and investigation into the matter—(KNO)

Drug peddler arrested in Awantipora: Police

Srinagar, Jan 16: Jammu and Kashmir police on Monday claimed to have arrested a drug peddler in Awantipora and recovered contraband substance from his possession. "A Police Party of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Nambalab-Kadlabal crossing near Me School intercepted a suspicious person. During the search, 105 grams of charas (wrapped in Maize Husk) was recovered from his possession," a [police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir He has been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Dar @Tiger Kala son of Ab Khaliq Dar resident of Aram Mohalla Nambalab. He has been arrested and shifted to a police station where he remains in custody. Accordingly, police said that a case under FIR number 7/2023 under relevant sections of laws stands registered at Police Station Pampore and investigation has been initiated.

DC Anantnag finalizes arrangements for Republic Day-2023 celebrations

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 16: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Anantnag, Dr Basharat Qayoom today chaired a meeting of officers and various security agencies to finalize the preparations for Republic Day-2023 celebrations at DC Office Complex, here. During the meeting threadbare discussions were held with regard to preparation and consolidation

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'Exam Warriors' PM Modi's Inspiring Book Released at Jammu

The Book Can Serve as Constant Companion of Aspiring Youth : LG Manoj Sinha

HT News Desk

Jammu, Jan 16: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday released the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspiring book 'Exam Warriors' in Hindi, Urdu and English at Jammu. Pertinently, in this path-breaking, best-selling book 'Exam Warriors', the Prime Minister has outlined a refreshing approach to exams urging everyone to celebrate the exam like a festival with enthusiasm and gaiety. Interacting virtually with students and teachers from across the districts, the Lt Governor said that the 34 mantras given by the Prime Minister in this book are not just to be read and memorized, but we all should try to imbibe them in our



lives so that the exam becomes an occasion of celebration and not of stress. "Hon'ble PM's 34 Mantras for students, teachers and parents will beat the exam stress and help the exam warriors appearing for board exams to deal with anxiety & stress," the Lt Governor said. This book should be constant companion of young aspirants, the Lt Governor added. CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

Commencement of Digital era in J&K All offline services to end from today

HT News Desk

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: In an important decision, J&K has decided to go fully digital from today. This was decided by the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta in a meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) today attended by all the Administrative Secretaries.

Dr Mehta directed Commissioner Secretary, IT to ensure that all government services are only made available through online mode from today. He reiterated that no service shall remain offline and applicants need not to visit any of the government offices for availing any services. The Chief Secretary enjoined upon all the Secretaries to monitor that the services are being delivered online in a hassle free manner.

The Chief Secretary also advised them to constitute control rooms in Administrative departments as well as at HoD level and in the offices of Deputy Commissioners for providing support to public. He asked them to run campaigns so that am-



ple awareness is created among masses. He told them to conduct awareness programmes in educational institutions and at the Panchayat level. He stressed upon all the officers to take note of all the services provided by their respective departments and implement these orders. The Chief Secretary was informed that over 400 services have already been of

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Experts explain why there is sudden surge in heart attacks in Kashmir

'10-20 heart attack cases being brought to SMHS Hospital alone on a daily basis'

HT News Network | (KNO)

Srinagar, Jan 16: A sudden surge in heart attacks in Kashmir has worried people with a dozen cases reported in the last 48 hours. Doctors said that prevailing freezing temperature constricts blood vessels and increases blood pressure as blood tends to be thicker during extreme cold, increasing chances of heart attack or stroke.

Dr Irfan, a cardiologist from Government Medical College Srinagar told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that heart attack cases in Kashmir have increased in the last four years with about 10-20 heart attack cases being brought to SMHS Hos-



pital alone on a daily basis. He suggested precautionary measures including keeping blood pressure and diabetes in control and cholesterol levels. Besides, people should leave sedentary life, quit smoking and do regu-

lar physical exercises to avoid risk of heart attack, Dr Irfan added.

"People must keep themselves warm, avoid going out in the chilly cold for a walk. They should eat a healthy diet, mainly fruits and vegetables, to keep themselves hydrated," he said.

He said that the first hour of a heart attack is called the golden hour and patients who have cardiac emergencies need thrombolysis and first aid after which they can be shifted to tertiary care hospital.

"Whenever we receive a call, we analyse the ECG and ensure that the right treatment is given to a patient at the right time at their doorstep. When a cardiac emergency case gets first

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Temp dips further in Kashmir, Gulmarg recorded season's lowest -12.0 C

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16 (UNI) Minimum temperature further dips in Kashmir valley as ski resort of Gulmarg experienced season's coldest night at minus 12.0 degree Celsius on Monday.

Meteorological Centre forecast of mainly dry weather to continue with cloudy sky chances of light rain/snow over isolated to scattered places. There would be a fall in Minimum temperature and rise in day temperature.

Tourist hot spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir after experiencing coldest night with minimum temperature plunges to minus 10.9 degree Celsius a day ago was recorded at minus 10.2 degree Celsius on Monday. Srinagar, the summer capital of



Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 1.9 degree Celsius against minus 0.6 degree Celsius the previous night. It was 0.2 degree above normal during this period of the season. The maximum temperature recorded in Srinagar was 1.9 degree above the normal 6.4 degree Celsius recorded today. Qazigund, on Srinagar Jammu national highway in south Kashmir had a low of minus

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Govt orders transfer, posting of 7 JKAS officers

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Monday ordered transfer and posting of 7 JKAS officers with immediate effect. According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Pardeep Kumar, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Information Department, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Reasi, against an available vacancy. As per the order, Ishtaq Ahmad Bhat, IKAS, CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

Desist from publishing info about militant sightings in Rajouri: Police to Media

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday urged media fraternity to desist from publishing information about militant sightings in Rajouri district. In a communication, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Rajouri police said sharing or publishing such information is detrimental to the ongoing investigation and anti-militancy operations. It said the media fraternity is requested to desist from publishing such sensitive information.

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At APM on remote voting rights, J&K parties pitch for holding assembly polls

NC, PDP says CEC told them they are also concerned

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16: Jammu & Kashmir's regional political parties on Monday vociferously raised the issue of delay in holding Assembly elections in the Union Territory during the all-party meeting convened by the Election Commission of India to discuss the issue of remote voting rights to migrant workers. Talking to news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), PDP chief spokesman Suhail Bukhari said that he raised the issue of delay in holding assem-



bly elections in Jammu & Kashmir during the meeting. "I told them that it is ironic that the poll-body has called a meeting to discuss ways to increase that the poll-body has called a meeting to discuss ways for increasing voter partic-

ipation in polls, but people in Jammu & Kashmir are eagerly waiting for the past five years to exercise their voting rights," he said. He said the Chief Election Commissioner told the meeting that all technical processes have been completed in Jammu & Kashmir.

"The CEC told us that exercises of delimitation and revision of voters have been completed," he said, adding that CEC further said they are also concerned over the matter. In a statement, the Nation CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

Availability of mutton: Govt mulls to provide alternative to consumers

Will take a decision in next few days, says Dir FCS&CA

HT NEWS NETWORK | (KNO)

Srinagar, Jan 16: Amid ongoing seizure of mutton shops across Srinagar for violation of norms, the government is seriously con-



Shooting stones at Panthyal disrupt traffic along Sgr-Jmu highway for 4 hours

Steel tunnel suffers damage to a large extent, say Officials

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16: The traffic movement on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway remained suspended for almost four hours on Monday due to shooting stones at Panthyal area of Ramban district.

A traffic official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the traffic on Srinagar-Jammu national highway remained halted for around four hours due to shooting stones at Panthyal area of Ramban. "The iron tunnel at Panthyal also suffered damage to a large extent due

to continuous shooting stones," he said. He said soon after the shooting stones incident, the authorities pressed men and machinery into service following which the road was thrown open for traffic in the evening. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Ramban, Mohita Sharma tweeted, "NH 44 through for traffic after clearance. Travel with caution".

Meanwhile, the traffic department issued a fresh advisory, stating that subject to fair weather and road clearance, LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be CONTINUED ON ► PAGE 07

considering to provide alternatives to the people where the mutton at set rates will be made available for the consumers.

Pertinently, nearly 90 mutton shops have been sealed in Srinagar after the dealers were found selling the meat at exorbitant rates while some wholesalers have also faced the law.

Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department (FCS&CA), Abdul Salam Mir told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the department has

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Govt orders comprehensive audit of MGNREGA works after preliminary inquiry alleges misappropriation of Rs 8 crore

Committee directed to fix responsibility, submit report within 10 days

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 16: Days after a preliminary inquiry conducted by the Rural Development Department found that funds worth Rs eight crore have been misappropriated in works executed under the MGNREGA scheme in Jammu, the J&K government has ordered a comprehensive audit of all the identified works in the report.

According to an order, a copy of which is in possession of the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), the Rural Development Department has directed Director, Social Audit, MGNREGA to depute a team of two district resource per-



sons (DRPs) along with some experienced village resource persons (VRPs) to undertake a comprehensive audit of all the works identified in the report by Assistant Commissioner Development, Jammu and submit a detailed report to the commissioner secretary, RDD within 10 days.

The Director, Social Audit has also been asked to fix the responsibility of the concerned officers.

The Block Development Officer Mathwar/Balwal has been directed to provide all relevant record(s) of the case to the committee, failing which immediate disciplinary action shall be taken against him by ACD Jammu.

The move comes after a preliminary inquiry by ACD Jammu reported alleged misappropriation of funds amounting to Rs 8,62,40,000 in MGNREGA works executed in blocks Bhalwal/ Mathwar in Jammu district—(KNO)

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Member Parliament meets Lt Governor

HT NEWS NETWORK



Jammu, January 16: Hasnain Masoodi, Member of Parliament met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here today.

The Member Parliament discussed with the Lt Governor various issues of public importance pertaining to strengthening of healthcare facilities in Tral and Pulwama area, developing the South campus of Kashmir University into a centre of educational excellence, among other matters. The Lt Governor assured the Member Parliament for incorporating his suggestions in the decision-making process and redressal of the genuine issues put forth by him. Later, Sh Sheikh Muzaffar, President,

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DIPR condoles demise of Nazir Ahmad Shah, ex. official



SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 08: Joint Directorate of Information Kashmir Division has expressed grief and sorrow over the sudden demise of Ex. Chauffeur Nazir Ahmad Shah, who breathed his last on Sunday, January 15.

In this connection, a condolence meeting was convened here under the chairmanship of Deputy Director Information (PR) Srinagar, Bilal Mukhtar wherein he lauded the role of the ex. Official of the department.

The Deputy Director in his address expressed deep sorrow and grief over the demise and offered sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Assistant Director, Mohammad Aslam Khan, besides, other officers and officials of the department also offered condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

The Assistant Director threw light on his contributions in the department and his hardworking nature and never say die attitude. Assistant Director, Mohammad Aslam Khan, besides, other officers and officials of the department also offered condolence to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul.

Director Fisheries sets targets for implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Plan in JK UT

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 16: In order to lay the roadmap for achievement of set targets for fisheries sector in Jammu & Kashmir under "Holistic Development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors", the Director Fisheries, Mohammad Farooq Dar today visited Recirculatory Aquaculture System (RAS) project at Awantipora.

The Director was apprised by Joint Director Fisheries, (South), Abul Majid Tak that this innovative RAS project is first of its kind in the UT established by the Department in private sector under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) scheme and has become inspiration for young and budding entrepreneurs owing to its gainful results.

Director also interacted with the entrepreneur and obtained gratifying feedback. He also being "Mission Director" for implementation of "Holistic Agriculture Development Plan" in the UT said that effective measures are being taken for inclu-

sive and substantial Development of Aquaculture and allied sectors including fisheries on mission mode through transfer of technology, value addition and development of marketing chains.

Since there are a series of activities involved in the fisheries sector, the young and budding entrepreneurs shall be provided hand holding support for adopting different activities based on location specific feasibility and potential so as to generate employment, Dar said.

Later, the Director visited Trout Hatchery, Panzeth, Qazigund to take stock of ongoing breeding and hatchery management of trout. The Deputy Director Fisheries, Anantnag, informed that trout hatchery Panzeth has a production capacity of 4 lac fingerlings per year.

He also visited Asia's largest Trout Fish Farming Project, Kokernag.

It was informed that quality trout seed is being supplied



to the Government as well as the Private Sector across UT from the project. Moreover, trout seed is being supplied to other States / UT's including Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and also to the Republic of Bhutan.

On the occasion, Chief Project Officer, Kokernag, Ghulam Mohiud-din Wani, informed that the Department is expecting bumper seed production of Rainbow Trout during the cur-

rent year and 20 lac fingerlings shall be supplied to trout farmers in the private sector.

Director was also apprised that the Trout Feed Mill installed in the project is of old version and has turned outdated, therefore needs to be replaced with a new mini Trout Feed Mill with updated features to meet the demand of Trout Feed in the project and other adjacent districts of South Kashmir.

The Director also inspected

In-Service Training Institute, Kokernag, and interfaced with the In-Service Trainees. The Principal of the Institute informed that the trainees are updated with the latest skills / technologies in the field of fisheries besides rules and regulations of fisheries act.

The Director instructed the Officers to draw a comprehensive plan for upgradation and strengthening of existing fisheries infrastructure and raising of additional one to boost fish production in the Union Territory.

Joint Director Fisheries, (South), was instructed to identify the trout hatcheries and take all necessary measures required for planting of imported germplasm of Rainbow and Brown Trout to be imported from outside the country in a phased manner under "Holistic Development Plan" of fisheries sector for which Global tenders are being floated in near future.

SSP Kulgam interacts with media fraternity

Farooq Rather



Srinagar, CNS, 16-Jan: Senior Superintendent of Police Kulgam held a detailed interaction meeting with the media fraternity.

SSP Kulgam Sahil Sarangal-IPS pinned hopes on the media fraternity in bringing out positivity to the masses and help Police to eradicate social evils/crimes and stressed on mutual cooperation for the betterment of the society.

During the meeting, Dsp HQ G M Bhat was present. Various issues having direct bearing on the society were discussed. He also issued a helpline number +91 87170 05555 to report any demands of bribe or favour by its personnel.

He asked media personnel to cooperate with police in order to combat with Drug producers as the majority of youth is involved in drug abuse. "we should counsel them so that they should not take drugs, we should hate drugs not drug consuming persons", SSP added. (CNS)

SSP Baramulla visits District Police Lines

January 16: In order to ensure the smooth functioning of district Police Lines Baramulla and to ensure welfare of the jawans, SSP Baramulla Shri Amod Ashok Nagpure-IPS visited District Police Lines Baramulla and inspected the smooth functioning of all sections/units.

On the occasion, he was accompanied by DySP DAR Baramulla. SSP Baramulla while interacting with the supervisory officers of different sections and other staff members emphasized upon them to put best possible efforts & ensure maximum services to the department.

During inspection of these sections viz MT, Clothing, Equipment, NGOs block, Quarter guard, Stores, Mess, Recreation, Gymnasium, Orchestra, MI Room, Crime Section, Barracks, Dog Kennel, Canteens and Munishat building, SSP Baramulla stressed upon the supervisory officers and technical staff to work with more dedication in providing necessary services to the personnel and the department continuously. He directed the officers to further improve the efficiency and monitor the working personally. He also impressed upon the officers to solve the problems and genuine demands/ grievances of the subordinates particularly of SPOs and constabulary.

Referring to the different welfare measures, SSP Baramulla said that benefits of the welfare programmes must reach to subordinates. He exhorted upon the officers to seek feedback from the subordinate personnel and take the necessary steps to upgrade the working conditions for achieving better results.

SSP Baramulla also inspected ongoing rehearsal of Republic Day-2023 parade and necessary directions were given on spot for further improvement.

SSP Budgam inaugurates Winter Sports & Youth Festival-2023

January 16: SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Gilani-JKPS under Civic Action Programme inaugurated Winter Sports & Youth Festival-2023 at Indoor Stadium Budgam.

On the occasion, ASP Budgam Shri Gowhar Ahmad-JKPS, DySP DAR DPL Budgam Shri Owais Rashid-JKPS, DySP(P) Shri Faisal Rishoo and DySP(P) Mubashir Zargar were also present.

The event is consisting of three different sports championships including Badminton, Taekwondo and volleyball besides, the event will also have an Open Painting competition. Hundreds of youth including boys and girls from across the district are participating in the event.

During the inaugural day of the festival, 12 matches were played in the male category and 16 matches in the female category in the Badminton Championship. Similarly, in Taekwondo 39 fights were held in the senior weight category and 32 fights in the junior weight category.

SSP Budgam in his message, stressed upon the participating teams to play their matches with high spirit of professionalism and stressed upon the youngsters to allow their minds to explore their own thoughts and imagination through the medium of sports. He further stated that sports activities are important for personality development and to infuse positivity, good health and sense of achievement among the individuals. SSP Budgam in his message, stressed upon the participating teams to play their matches with high spirit of professionalism and stressed upon the youngsters to allow their minds to explore their own thoughts and imagination through the medium of sports.

Director Agriculture reviews preparation for implementation of projects under holistic development of agriculture in Ganderbal

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 16: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today visited Ganderbal and convened a meeting of officers to review the preparations for the implementation of projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors in the district.

Addressing the meeting, Director Agriculture said that the UT government has approved 29 projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors and implementation of these projects would not only energize the agriculture sector but will also change the economic fortune of the farming community.

He impressed the officers to raise awareness regarding these approved projects among the farming community so that the desired results and targets could be achieved. He also asked the officers to ensure that the benefit under these projects reaches every grassroots level farmer.

The Director Agriculture asked the officers to put in all the efforts and work in close coordination with the officers of allied sectors to address the issues relates to primary as well as secondary level.

He reaffirmed the commitment to attract young educated youth towards the agriculture sector and said that efforts at different levels under different centrally sponsored schemes are on in this direc-



tion and in the coming days we are expecting good results.

Later, the Director Agriculture inaugurated Vegetable Mandi at STL Manigam. He was accompanied by Chief Agriculture Officer Ganderbal, SDAO Ganderbal, SDAO Kangan and other senior officers who were present in the meeting. He impressed the officers to raise awareness regarding these approved projects among the farming community so that the desired results and targets could be achieved. He also asked the officers to ensure that the benefit under these projects reaches every grassroots level farmer.

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Kwar Hydro Electric Power Project, CVPPPL organise Free Medical Camps under CSR at village Padyarna

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 16: Kwar Hydro Electric Power Project, CVPPPL in collaboration with District administration & Health Department organized two free health checkup camps (A General Checkup Camp and a specialized Gynecology medical camp) under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Corporate Social Responsibility (FY- 2022-23) at Dam Area, village Padyarna block Nagseni District Kishtwar Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

The General Checkup Camp was inaugurated by Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Sham Lal by cutting the ribbon whereas specialized Gynecology medical camp was inaugurated by Rajan Jairath, Head of the Project, Kwar HEP in presence of Dr. Chander Prakash, Chief

Medical Officer and invincible Doctors.

Free medicines were distributed among the patients in this Medical Camp.

The Gynecology and menstrual hygiene awareness campaign was also conducted as a part of this camp.

A medical team from District Hospital Kishtwar was also present on the occasion.

More than 350 persons from the Project affected villages and nearby areas availed the free medical consultation and medicines along with menstrual hygiene material.

The ADDC Kishtwar along with the CMO interacted with the visitors and patients and enquired about the free Medicare facilities and services being provided in the camp.

People showed great sat-

isfaction in the free medical screening, gynecological consultations given by doctors and free medicines provided to them in the said camps besides extended gratitude to Kwar HEP CVPPPL and District Administration and Health authorities for this positive gesture. A medical team from District Hospital Kishtwar was also present on the occasion.

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NIT Srinagar gets regional Center of IChE

Bushra Makdoomi bags most versatile Chemical Engineering student (female) 2022 award

Srinagar, Jan 16: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar was felicitated for upgradation to the Regional Center of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers (IChE) and 2021 pass-out student was named as most versatile Chemical Engineering student (female) 2022 award during CHEMCON 2022 held recently in Kanpur.

Director NIT Srinagar Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Sehgal expressed his gratitude to IChE for upgrading the Regional Center of IChE on campus. It is a proud moment for our institute; he said adding that it will help students both professionally and academically.

Prof. Sehgal said the primary objective of the Regional Centre is to promote and complement the objectives and activities of the Institute within the Centre's territorial limits.

He also congratulated 2021 pass-out student, Bushra Makdoomi was awarded most versatile Chemical Engineering student (female) of the year 2022 award.

The Director NIT Prof. Sehgal also commended the work put in by Dr. Tanveer Rasool, who was Coordinator IChE Student Chapter. There is a lot more to do and such results are encouraging, he said.

Institute Registrar, Prof. Syed Kaiser Bukhari extended his greetings to

Chemical Engineering Department for being felicitated for upgradation to Re-

gional Center IChE. neering Deptt. Prof. Mohammad Noor Salam Khan said the regional centre of



gional Center IChE.

"Over the past several years NIT Srinagar has signed several MoUs with Institutions across the globe. It is emerging as the hub of knowledge and other activities. We are committed to serving society through technology, and ease living of common people," Prof. Bukhari said.

In his message, Head Chemical Engi-

IChE at NIT Srinagar will act as a vibrant platform for our students.

Coordinator IChE Student Chapter NIT Srinagar, Dr. Tanveer Rasool said during the recently concluded biggest scientific event of India in Chemical Engineering, CHEMCON 2022 held at Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), Department of Chemical Engineering NIT Srinagar was felicitated for

upgradation to Regional Center of IChE and for holding the council meeting of IChE in July 2022.

It is pertinent to mention here that the student chapter of IChE was functional in the department which was upgraded to the Regional Center in July 2022.

Dr. Rasool said in another ceremony during CHEMCON 2022, former student of 2021 batch, Bushra Makdoomi was awarded with most versatile Chemical Engineering student (female) of year 2022 award.

He said the award is named after Padmashri Professor G D Yadav and Dr. (Mrs.) Vasanti G. Yadav award containing a cash price of Rs. 5000 and a citation. The award was received by the said student at HBTU Kanpur during CHEMCON 2022. The coordinator of the center Dr. Tanveer Rasool congratulated all the faculty members of the department and the student members for the same.

He expressed his gratitude to the council for considering their long demand for upgradation to the Regional Center. The coordinator of the center Dr. Tanveer Rasool congratulated all the faculty members of the department and the student members for the same.

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Stop administration sponsored land grab: Tarigami, Wider unity and struggle-need of the hour

Farooq Rather

Jammu January 16: CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami has voiced deep concern over the government's move of divesting the people of the land registered under various titles in revenue records across Jammu and Kashmir. The administration is totally blind towards the destruction of the livelihood of the rural poor. Is this beginning of the process of "Acche din"? The administration is conducting false propaganda that the land is being acquired for development purposes but the facts are contrary to its claims. It is rather unfortunate that the government has mobilized all its machinery to dispossess the poor and excluded of the land registered as Kahchhari, Shamlat and so on. The people who are living off this land have found themselves in a bind after the government's recent order. In the name of retrieving the "state land", the government is mak-

ing desperate attempts to pauperize the people by snatching their land and creating private land banks. The move is not only bound to render thousands of people roofless, but also divest many of cultivation rights.

After the BJP led Central dispensation ended the special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir, the government introduced a new set of land laws to prod outsiders into investing in the region which had ticked up the fears among the people about losing their land to the non-locals. And now their fears are coming true with the new directions from the government, compelling a battery of revenue officials to retrieve the "state land" by January 31.

The government in order to digress attention from the pressing issues like unemployment have started retrieving the land of poor. The non-BJP political parties must come together to fight against the move.

IIM Jammu successfully inaugurates fourth Academic Module of MGNF

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: IIM Jammu successfully inaugurated the fourth academic module of its ongoing Mahatma Gandhi National fellowship academic (MGNF) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Govt. of India here today.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with the lamp-lighting ceremony. This was followed by an introductory address by Dr. Shahid Jibrán, Program Manager, MGNF.

The Program was inaugurated by Prof. B. S Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, in the presence of Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean of Academics, IIM Jammu, and Dr. Prateek Maheshwari, Co-Chairperson, Executive Education and Consultancy.

The event witnessed the presence of faculty and staff members of IIM Jammu, the MGNF team consisting of Radhika Sharma and Rajan Kumar (State Resource Coordinators, MGNF), and fel-

lows. The fourth academic module of the program spans twelve days from 16th Jan to 28th Jan 2023 where learning and application will go simultaneously.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, and Program Director, MGNF welcomed the participants and briefed the fellows about the academic module IV course structure, and highlights of the previous academic modules. He gave an overview of the modules which will include important sessions on Finance, Strategy, HR, Operations, Skill Development, and Marketing. He also mentioned the contributions of fellows despite the various hardships they faced. He reiterated the need for successful implementation of the Program at their district levels. He further emphasized the need for teamwork, and cross-collaboration and motivated the fellows to excel ahead. Lastly, he wished good luck to all the participants for their journey ahead.

DDC Anantnag unveils Road Safety Week-2023 Calendar

MVD Anantnag organises Blood Donation Camp

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 16: In a first of its kind initiative, Motor Vehicles Department Anantnag today unveiled the Road Safety Calendar at Mini Secretariat DC office, here as part of National Road Safety Week-2023 celebration with the theme 'Swachhata Pakhwada'.

District Development Commissioner (DDC) Anantnag, Dr. Basharat Quyoom, who was Chief Guest at the event released the Calendar on Road Safety in presence of senior officials of Civil, Police Administration and Security Forces.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC said that this is an eye-catching reminder of road rules for the family or workplace, or road user and the 2023 Road Safety Calendar features a 'best of collection' bringing together some of the best road safety messages and various offences which is a very unique and innovative concept and for this he appreciated Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Anantnag and his team for their commitment towards road safety.

Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Anantnag and his team for their commitment towards road safety. Regional Transport Officer Kashmir, Sajid Yehya Naqash who was the Guest of Honour said that the calendar is very informative and displays messages pertaining to road safety which will help us to spread the message of road safety to every household and can significantly change the behaviour of youth towards road usage. Automobile dealers associations and various automobile dealers of the district were present on the occasion.

Earlier in the day, in connection with 34th Road Safety Week celebrations, Motor Vehicle Department Anantnag in collaboration with the Health Department organized a Blood donation camp at Bijbehara. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer Anantnag, Dr. Mohd Yousuf Zagoo in presence of ARTO Anantnag, Dr. Mohammad Zubair Lattoo.



The event witnessed huge participation of volunteers including the officials of MVD department besides representatives of Taxi Operator Union, Drivers from various schools and volunteers of the Automobile dealers donated blood in the camp.

Addressing the gathering, the ARTO said that donating blood can save precious lives, particularly in road accidents. He stressed upon the need to organize road safety awareness programmes throughout the year as a sustained drive. He appealed to motor vehicle users to follow the traffic rules and make road safety part of life.

He impressed upon the Transporters/Drivers to ensure implementation of Motor Vehicles Act/Rules strictly so that road accidents are minimised and precious human lives are saved. The camp was inaugurated by Chief Medical Officer Anantnag, Dr. Mohd Yousuf Zagoo in presence of ARTO Anantnag, Dr. Mohammad Zubair Lattoo.

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Rehabilitation/ distribution camp for specially-abled held at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 16: A daylong rehabilitation/ distribution camp of aids and appliances for specially-abled persons was today held at mini secretariat, Bandipora.

The camp was organised by Composite Regional centre (CRC) Srinagar with the support and coordination of District Administration Bandipora and Social Welfare Department Bandipora.

The camp was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed and was attended by District Social Welfare Officer (DSWO) Ubaid ul Khazir, Camp Coordinator CRC Irshad Ahmad and other concerned.

The camp was organised under the ADIP scheme of the ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Government of India for differently-abled persons.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that an extensive field survey at panchayat level was conducted to identify specially-abled persons and accordingly prosthetic aids were distributed among them today, here.

He said a similar camp was organised last week at Sumbal during which hundreds of prosthetic aids were distributed and said a similar camp shall be organised at Gurez also.

On the occasion Hundreds of prosthetic aids including wheelchairs, clutches, hearing aids, smart canes, tricycles etc were distributed among specially-abled persons.

Dr. Owais appreciated the efforts of various collaborating agencies for organising such camps for specially-abled persons.

SVEEP awareness programme held at HSS Kanir, Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 16: To create momentum and enhance the pace of enrollment of new voters in the voter list and to inculcate democratic values in the general public of the district, a SVEEP awareness programme was today organized by the District Nodal Officer SVEEP (Chief Education Officer Budgam) in collaboration with District Election Officer Budgam at Higher Secondary School Kanir Budgam.

The awareness program was attended by the general public, PRI members, Anganwadi workers and Asha workers.

During the awareness programme, DLMTs Sr. District Level Master Trainers (senior lecturer) Mir Firdous Ahmad and Gowhar Rasool (teacher) delivered the lecture regarding importance of electoral registration and participation and shared the detailed schedule of the Revision timelines and important ways and means for the enrolment.

The detailed description of the different prescribed forms viz. 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D were also shared with the participants through demonstration. The same forms were also circulated among participants.

Road Safety Week: ARTO Ganderbal organises Awareness rally



GANDERBAL, JANUARY 16: As part of Road Safety Week, the Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Ganderbal along with Traffic Police today organised an awareness rally in the town.

During the event, drivers and vehicle owners were made aware about various Road Safety measures to be taken for safe driving on the road.

Pamphlets on road safety were also distributed among drivers and passengers for disseminating the message of road safety among the public.

On the occasion, ARTO Ganderbal, Wajahat Qayoom said that road safety is a collective responsibility. He said that MVD has organized several activities in the district as part of ongoing Road Safety Week with the purpose to generate awareness among the commuters regarding safe driving on roads.

He also advised the commercial vehicle drivers to avoid over speeding and use of mobile phones while driving adding that behavioral changes and positive attitude is must to avoid road accidents and save precious human lives.

DHEW Ganderbal organises Awareness programme at Chappergund

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 16: The District Hub Government of Women (DHEW), Mission Shakti Ganderbal today organised an awareness programme regarding women centric schemes at Chappergund Ganderbal. The team imparted the awareness regarding working and functioning of the District Hub for Empowerment of Women Mission Shakti Ganderbal at district level. The team raised awareness of different schemes like Pension schemes, Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids, etc. Participants were also made aware about women empowerment schemes available at District level such as DHEW,

DC Baramulla chairs DLTC meeting for approval of SoF for 2023-24

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 16: In order to finalize the Scale of Finance (SoF) for the year 2023-24 for Agriculture, Horticulture and other allied sectors, a meeting of District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar at her office chamber here.

On the occasion, the participants deliberated on various factors like input prices and market prices of commodities for assessing the Scale of Finance in order to provide short term loans to the farmers in the shape of Working Capital for various field crops.

Information was also shared with the attendees on the prices of various sub items such as fodder, fertilizer, pesticides, labour value addition and manure etc for growing the crops and maintenance of dairy animals.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sehrish said that agriculture and allied sectors are the backbone of sustenance and an important



economic activity and the credit facility to the farmers will be instrumental in boosting the sector. She directed the banks to be liberal in lending these small loans to farmers without any delays.

The DC directed the officers to ensure maximum coverage of the farmer beneficiaries under the Government schemes and PMEGP. She directed the Floriculture officer to identify at least one beneficiary in every block of Baramulla district for sponsoring them under different schemes so that maximum avenues for

earning livelihood are generated.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Floriculture Officer, Chief Manager C&APD, LDM JKB, DDM NABARD, besides other functionaries of concerned departments. The DC directed the officers to ensure maximum coverage of the farmer beneficiaries under the Government schemes and PMEGP. She directed the Floriculture officer.

Youth Convention 'Let's take a stand, for a Drug free land' organised at Bandipora

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 16: Bandipora Youth Federation in collaboration with District Administration Bandipora on Monday Organised a Youth Convention themed 'Let's take a stand, for a Drug free land' at mini secretariat, here.

The convention was presided over by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed and was attended by SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar, JD Planning Intiyaz Ahmad, Programme Manager DIC Mehraj Wani, members of Bandipora Youth Federation and large gathering of youth from across the Bandipora.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC deliberated upon various roles of youth beginning from home towards society and nation. He said organising youth convention and creation of youth federations will empower

youth and create a skillful generation for better development.

Highlighting the role of youth in curbing Drug menace, Dr. Owais said that Youth are capable of leading the change and can come up with fruitful initiatives in eradicating drug menace. He urged youth to come forward and show maximum potential on different platforms. He said youth leadership and youth empowerment is important in eradicating social evils like drug abuse. He urged them to avail benefits of self-employment schemes besides taking front in the tourism sector. Dr. Owais asked the participants to actively participate in Gram Sabhas and be part of planning at Panchayat level. He asked the officers to organise awareness programmes at panchayat level for solid waste management and drug De-addiction involving youth clubs and PRIs.

He appealed to youth to become aware of the changing scenario in employment and skill and keep themselves updated with latest developments and work towards excellence.

SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma on the occasion threw light on various youth engagement programmes. He said cooperation between police and public is essential for curbing drug menace and stressed upon youth and the general public to cooperate with police and administration in eradicating drug menace.

Padmashree Faisal Ali Dar who is also president of Bandipora Youth Federation deliberated upon various aspects of Bandipora Youth Federation. He said the aim of Bandipora Youth Federation is to unite the youth of Bandipora on the developmental front and work for all round development of youth and make Bandipora a drug free land.

Road Safety Week: RTO Kashmir visits Bandipora; participates in various activities

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 16: In connection with Road Safety Week being observed from January 11 to January 17 under 'Swachhata Pakhwada-2023', the Regional Transport Officer (RTO) Kashmir, Sajid Yehya Naqash today visited Bandipora to participate in various road safety week activities. The RTO Kashmir participated in a Road Safety car rally held to create awareness about traffic rules as part of celebration of National Road Safety Week, 2023. The RTO Kashmir in presence of ARTO Bandipora, Bilal Ahmad Mir also flagged-off the Road Safety Motor-Cycle Rally.

The rally started from New Bus Stand Bandipora and passed via Gulshan Chowk and culminated back at Bus Stand Bandipora. A free eye screening

and first aid medical camp was also organised for drivers at New Bus stand Bandipora.

During the camp, hundreds of drivers were screened for eyesight and other ailments by concerned doctors. A live demo was also held for imparting first aid in case of accidents.

Speaking on the occasion, RTO Kashmir urged the transporters to follow the rules and stressed on maintenance of vehicles. He urged transporters to strictly adhere to the safety measures to save precious lives and follow traffic rules and road icons during drive to ensure the hassle free movement of vehicles on roads. In order to avoid congestion, the transport department is working in tandem with police and other auxiliary agencies, he added.

Arrangements for R-Day celebrations 2023 reviewed & finalized at Kulgam

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 16: To review and finalize arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day-2023, a meeting of Officers was today held at mini-secretariat here under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

During the meeting, DC reviewed arrangements to be made by various departments including security, seating, car parking, transportation, illumination of buildings, refreshments, besides accommodation for the participants.

Dr. Bilal exhorted all the departments to put in place elaborate arrangements for smooth conduct of the National event.

It was finalized that the main function will



be held at District Police Lines where the National Flag will be unfurled by the chief guest followed by the parade comprising contingents of JKP, CRPF, NCC, police band, women contingent and school children.

Moreover, a full dress rehearsal function will be held on 24th of January.

The concerned departments were instructed

to ensure smooth power supply and put standby DG sets at the venue.

The Municipality and Power department were also instructed to illuminate main buildings in the town.

The DC also instructed the concerned to arrange colorful cultural programmes on various themes depicting rich culture and heritage of the district.

He directed the concerned officers and agencies to maintain close coordination for smooth and error free conduct of the national event.

All the heads of the departments and institutions were also directed to unfurl the National Flag in their offices and institutions at district, sub-divisional, tehsil and Panchayat levels.

DC Kupwara reviews progress of RDD works

Gave timelines for completion of works

KUPWARA, JANUARY 16: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review the progress of ongoing developmental works under various Rural Development schemes.

The Deputy Commissioner reviewed work wise status of developmental works and other schemes and received updated status and feedback from the officers.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to work with added dedication to accelerate the developmental tempo and ensure completion of all ongoing works

within the stipulated time frame. He gave timelines for completion of different developmental works. He directed the BDOs to ensure field visits for proper inspection.

Reviewing the status of new works under CD Panchayats, the Deputy Commissioner was informed that 191 works have been tendered out of which 77 have been physically completed at an expenditure of Rs.283 lakh so far. Rest of the works are in progress. In addition, it was informed that out of 62 Spill Over works under CD Panchayats, 28 have been completed at an expenditure of Rs.28.36 lakh.

Reviewing Border Area Development Plan, it was informed, 72 Spill Over works at an estimated cost of Rs.335.91 lakh are in progress out of 53 works have been completed so far and 19 works are under progress and are near completion.

The Deputy Commissioner while



reviewing the status of developmental works being carried out under Area Development Fund was informed that 1080 works have been tendered out of which 508 works have been physically completed so far with an expenditure of Rs.1496.30 lakh.

It was further informed that out of 392 Spill Over works under ADF, 189 have been completed with an expenditure of Rs.532.45 lakh.

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The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the status of Amrit Sarovar, Solar Lights, Amphitheater and Soakage Pits.

JD Planning, ACD Kupwara, BDOs and other concerned officers attended the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner while reviewing the status of developmental works being carried out under Area Development Fund was informed that 1080 works have been tendered out of which 508 works have been physically completed so far with an expenditure of Rs.1496.30 lakh.

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Cardiac Health Issues Amid Intense Cold...

Heart Attacks/Strokes on Abrupt rise.

Seven people lost their lives to heart Attacks on 13th January across Kashmir Valley. Come Winter and Health Issues flair up due to intense and biting Chill during 40 day of extreme cold known as CHILAI-E-KA-LAAN. Cardiac health issues top the list followed by brain Strokes. This winter not only Kashmir valley witnesses extreme dry cold weather conditions, however entire north India is facing the similar music. Just last week a shocking news broked out from Kanpur in UP that 27 people lost their lives in a single day due to Heart Attacks and Strokes. The reason being severe Cold Wave across entire north India from last one week.

Severe Cold weather conditions continue across Kashmir Valley too, accompanied by related health issues. Although 40 days of intense Chill, CHELAI-KALAAN began on a positive note with no major change in weather. improvement in temperatures. However the Cold wave has intensified in Kashmir and will increase with the beginning of "Chillai Kalan" which began from December 21. Though winter brings many memories, it increases the problems for those who have cardiac and hypertensive problems. According to the doctors, people mostly elderly with hypertension have to take precautionary measures in winters as it might increase the chances of haemorrhages. They say that winter can be a challenging time for people suffering from hypertension. When the temperatures are below freezing point in Kashmir and going out in those conditions can be dangerous for people with hypertension problems. Winters, especially the harshest period, chillai kalan causes higher blood pressure levels. The doctors believe that hypertensive patients need to cover their head properly and keep their body warm especially during nights when the temperatures are very low. Besides these issues, Cardiac arrests are often on rise during winters. Experts want people to limit outdoor activities to reduce workload on the heart during freezing conditions. They also suggest that weightlifting and taking heavy loads should be limited in winters especially for those who have blood pressure issues. Winters can be challenging for elderly as well as comorbid patients and they need to take extra care. Researchers say possible explanations of the cold weather effect include activation of the sympathetic nervous system (which helps control how the body responds to stress) and release of the hormone catecholamine, which may increase blood pressure by speeding the heart rate and decreasing the responsiveness of blood vessels. Because the risk of stroke or aneurysmal rupture is highest in the elderly, improved protection against these diseases by close monitoring of blood pressure and antihypertensive medication when outdoor temperature is very low could be considered. So it's better to take precautions before it's too late.

O SILKY FACE...

SHAHID SHAMSHAD KUMAR

*I couldn't unveil you - O Silky face
You were just like the dew - O silky face
Perhaps, thee clothes were new
To my eyes I demand a few - O silky face
While I went there, nothing but only
Your shadow in between the avenue - O silky face
And the gardens were closed abruptly
When the flowers listened your walking hue -
O silky face
The birds stopped chirping in no time
As now they want to review - O silky face
The race in my heart has been postponed
So I decided next date because of you -
O silky face*



Peer Mehraj ud din

Kashmir the heaven on earth has every thing that make us wondered .Nature has blessed it with infinite bounties and treasures .Every part of it offers utmost charm and joy .Besides scenic beauties it has mesmerizing seasons .Winters "wantee" has a unique speciality in kashmir .People out here had to make different preparations to meet the harsh winters in the past .Winters in the past were so harsh ,and people had to face bundle of problems due the sacaristry of life saving resources ,but people had to manage their living by locally available resources without complaining about anything .It is always the scaristry that makes people learn and invent things for life .People in the past used to get prepared well before the coming of winters ,and the stock of vital things were made well in time .I am witness of the preparations we used to make for winters .The stock of dried vegetables like dried ,tomatoes "Ruwagon hachi,dried brinjal "Wangi hachi ,dried loki ,Alee Hachi ,pickel "Anchar and

The Wonder Winters ...

different kind of cereals and dalls were stoked for winters .In the past, winters had super speciality of heavy snowfall everything could been seen wrapped by the white blanket ,tress could be seen as if they prostrate before the power of

money ,and every member enjoyed to have different work and duty to perform .Elders could be seen weaving grass mats locally known as "Patej"women used to work with cotton, making finest threads for weaving sweaters ,socks ,blankets

household used to have mini poultry forms for rearing and breeding chickens ,ducks and swans as well .In winters people used to make special dishes out here in my vilage "Shab degh "a pumpkin cooked with chicken was one of the finest popular dishes , , and the practise is still continue . "Shab daag " dish is mentioned in the " BAGU BAHAR" book written by Meer Aman .When i remember and recall the memories of nights we enjoyed in our childhood days were just amazing .The elderly person had a special place and protocol in every house hold .Every youngster would serve them without complaining about anything .The position of a person who used to narrate folk tales ,lores was unmatched in the house .Every passing day we used to wait desperately for evening to find a safer corner in a room to enjoy story that would take us wonderlands to meet wonder people .Our new generation is mostly unacquainted with these joyful attributes of the velley .They never experienced the wonders and horrors of the winters .We can just hope and pary for the good days and nights would come again in our lives .



nature .The magnificent view of icicles hanging from the roofs would present spectacular view .People would get up in the morning by the opening of frontal doors which were made of thick wooden planks locally knowns as ""Gogal darwazee""the noise they would generate was enough to wake up the family members and neighbours as well .People used to live with great love and har-

"Joriputt" a popular blanket for personal and commercial purposes .Spining wheel locally known as "Yander" was the asset almost every house hold used to have and prefered to acquire . Cattle rearing and breeding was a common practise " Gaan" a special room designed for cattles in every house hold was also a common practise to feed and protect cattles . Every

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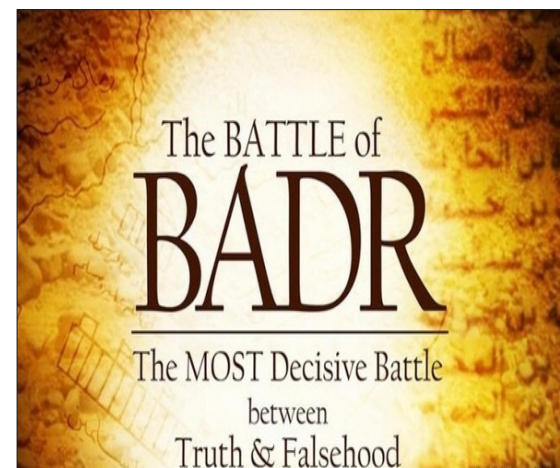
THE BATTLE OF BADR (THE DAY OF FURQAAN)



By Raashid Ul Nabi Khan

In the Battle of Badr the muslim army numbered around 313 who were not well equipped and their enemy had over 950 in number and were well equipped. The battle of Badr has been quoted as " Day of Furqaan" Prominant Companions such as Abu Bakr, Umar, Hamza, Musaib ibn umair, Zubair bin Al- Awwam, Ammar ibn Yasir and Abu Dharr af Ghafari (may Allah be pleased with them all). Everyone took part in the battle with great Courage, determination, enthusiasm and will power. Usman (RA) unable to take part as he was instructed by Prophet (PBHU) to take care of his Sick wife Ruqayyah who was daughter of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)Ibn 'Umar narrates: ""Usman did not join the Badr battle because he was married to one of the daughters of Allah's messenger and she was ill. So, the Prophet said to him. "You will get a reward and a share (from the war booty) similar to the reward and the share of one who has taken part in the Badr battle." (Sahih al-Bukhari) Allah send Angels to help Muslims in the battle of Badr against their enemy who were well

equipped in terms of number, weaponry, camels and war horses!! Allah says in the Quran; Well, if you are steadfast and mindful of Allah, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand swooping angels if the enemy should suddenly



attack you! 14 Companions were martyred in the battle of Badr, their names are as under:

- 1) Sayyiduna 'Umayr ibn Abi Waqas.
- 2) Sayyiduna Safwan ibn Wabb.
- 3) Sayyiduna Dhu-Shimalayn ibn 'Abdi.

- 4) Sayyiduna Mihja' ibn Salih.
- 5) Sayyiduna 'Aqil bin al-Bukayr.
- 6) Sayyiduna 'Ubaydah ibn al-Harith.
- 7) Sayyiduna Sa'ad ibn Khaythama.
- 8) Sayyiduna Mubashir ibn 'Abd al-Mundhir.
- 9) Sayyiduna Harithah ibn Suraqah.
- 10) Sayyiduna Rafi' ibn Mu'ala.
- 11) Sayyiduna 'Umayr ibn Humam.
- 12) Sayyiduna Yazid ibn al-Harith.
- 13) Sayyiduna Mu'awidh ibn al-Harith.
- 14) Sayyiduna 'Auf ibn al-Harith.

May Allah be pleased with them all. 70 men from the army of the enemy were killed including Abu Jahal. Many were taken as prisoners of war. They were treated with dignity and respect. As mentioned in Sahih Al Bukhari Jabir relates: "After the Battle of Badr, prisoners of war were brought. Among them was al-Abbas. He did not have a shirt on, so the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) looked for a shirt for him. It turned out that a shirt of 'Abdullah bin Ubayy was the right size, so the Prophet gave it to al-Abbas to wear and compensated 'Abdullah with his own shirt."

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The Complexities Of A Kashmiri Marriage

by strictly following rituals from the pre-wedding to post-wedding ceremonies. Starting with matching the horoscope of the bride and the groom (sitaar), our people stress on checking the compatibility between the family of the bride and the groom, checking the backgrounds of each other's family, reputation and status (family tree). Most likely a middleman/woman fixes the dates of the



wedding after matching the horoscopes and then the two parties agree to go with it. After that several steps are followed in the pre-wedding period like Vaana, Livun, Wanwun, Maenziraat, Duribat, Devgon, etc.Vaana: Vanna is a formal engagement or commitment ceremony that takes place after the two parties agreed to form the alliance. Vaana takes place in front of an idol, which is followed by the meeting of parents and other elderly persons from the family of the bride and the groom. The two parties meet in a temple and exchange flowers that symbolize the formalization of the ceremony. The bride's family invites the groom's party for a meal that comprises traditional Kashmiri food. Cash, dry fruits, candies and a pot containing nabad (misri) are sent by the bride's family to the groom's house. Livun: Cleansing of the houses of both the bride and the groom before the wedding. The participation of all female members in the Livun is customary. Wanwun: It is the next part of the pre-marriage rituals and is held a few days before the wedding. Wanwun is actually music session that is held every evening at both and is attended by the relatives and neighbours of both

sides. However, these things are nowadays not being performed by some hard religious followers. The message is spreading but it will take time to make people concisely conscious.Maenziraat: The ceremony takes place a day before the wedding and is the most depressing night, full of futile activities. All nonsensical things are performed that night. Further, coming on the ceremony begins with kroolkhanun, a ceremony for decorating the main entrance of both houses. Then elaborate bathing of the bride, then 'henna' or 'maenz'. Women are invited to the ceremony and are served special Kashmiri meals and kehwa with saffron.Apart from these other parts of Kashmiri wedding traditions in the pre-marriage session include; Bariyan, sending of thaals, sending of phoolkagehna (ornaments made of flowers), mehendi (decoration of bride's hand, palm and feet with mehndi), Diugun, Sanzvaru and Devgon. These things are really burdensome for a poor family. A poor girl rejects marriage proposals because of these factors. This type of marriage system in Kashmir has become a hell of fire. People wedded through such ceremonies rarely last for years. They only sow poison for other fellows and also in person end with the same fate - living dead.Reviving the charm again Then, it comes to the reception of baarat; the groom and his party by the bride's family, First, Vidai: (the farewell of the bride from her home) and then welcoming the newly-weds at the groom's house. The new wedding is also followed by some post-wedding rituals like Satraat, Phirlath, and Roth Khabar. On a lighter note, these things make no sense in real sense. They only add a burden to poor families. This is the cause 'love marriages' are preferred over 'arranged' one's viz. court marriages etc. to avoid extra time consumption in fixing dates and other futile deals. "Marriage is a commitment (solid union). What I want to say is to get married but let always way open for others and never try to show off. Please carry your daughter or son's marriage in a social way, leaving a moral print for others to follow. Arranging feasts and squandering all along is letting us all down. Simply trying to be simple won't be a problem.

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Secretary Heath launches website for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Bhupinder Kumar, today launched the website of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, J&K, during a one day workshop on ABDM held at GMC, Jammu. The website shall provide seamless access to the citizens for being informed about various activities of ABDM besides creation of ABHA account and registration of Hospital Facility Registry (HFR) and Hospital Professional Registry (HPR). The portal shall also contain latest circulars, notices, orders and vacancies in the J&K ABDM mission. Mission Director ABDM, Sanjiv M Gadkar, Additional Mission Director, Shafiqat Khan besides senior officers of H&ME department were present on the occasion.

JNV Jammu-1 invites applications for admission Test to class VI

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Online applications are invited for admission to class VI in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Jammu-1 through selection Test for the session 2023-24. Interested candidates may apply online through Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, website <https://navodaya.gov.in/> who are studying in class V during the session 2022-23 in any Govt/ Govt. recognized schools of District Jammu comprising Bhalwal, Gandhi Nagar, Kacchi Chawni, Marh, Miran Sahib, R.S. Pura and Satwari blocks.

A candidate seeking admission must have been born between 01.05.2011 and 30.04.2013 (Both dates are inclusive). The last date to apply online is January 31, 2023 and the test will be held on April 29, 2023.

For any further information or query aspirants can contact helpdesk No.9622188452, 7780865044, 9419132308 and 7006050278.

Special camps being held in Kishtwar, Matta, Hidayal and Lochkhazono Villages

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Special camps are being held in Kishtwar, Matta, Hidayal and Lochkhazono Villages for the mutation of landholdings.

All the applicants of the villages (as stated in the subject), who have applied for attestation of the mutation through the online mode through the specified portal i.e. jkrevenue.nic.in that various camps pertaining to the stated cause are being held in your respective villages for the aforementioned purpose.

The camp for Village Kishtwar will be held at Tehsil Ktw, Headquarters on 17.1.2023 and camps for Village Matta, Hidayal and Lochkhazono will be held on 18.1.2023 at Tehsil Ktw, Headquarters.

J&K regions to get fair share in development under BJP dispensation : Slathia



RAMGARH JANUARY 16- Former minister and BJP Vice President Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today said that all the regions and sub-regions of Jammu and Kashmir will get fair share in development under the BJP dispensation.

"The darkest phase of disparity, discrimination and hopelessness has been taken over by hope and a new era of change is discernible since the past couple of years under the visionary, progressive and forward looking leadership of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, Mr Slathia said while addressing the BJP functionaries Rajpura Mandal in Ramgarh Assembly Constituency under the Parwas Programme.

He said The spirit the Naya J&K is in the making with the guarantee of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Paryas, Sabka Vishwas. In the wake of various path breaking initiatives taken during the recent years, Jammu and Kashmir is scaling the ladder of holistic development with the people, irrespective of region, religion or caste, feeling a sense of belongingness and political empowerment. The governance being people centric, the phase of appeasement of some and discrimination of many is nightmarish chapter of the past. As the delivery system has improved significantly, everyone is benefiting from the government schemes without any bias, he added. Mr Slathia said that the Prime Minister's vision about Naya Jammu and Kashmir is taking shape vigorously and the measures post August 2019 have paved way for development and undoing the decades of neglect. The deprived people are now getting benefitted by the central legislations, which are hugely beneficial for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Valmiki Samaj, Refugees besides the various other segments of the weaker sections. Mr Slathia also referred to the major initiatives taken during the recent years in respect of development and implementation of various welfare schemes.



Children between 9 months to 15 years' give a dose of the measles-rubella (MR) vaccine program at Kolkata Press club, January 16, 2023. H.T. Photo SOURAV DUTTA.

BSE starts 50 hour training for unemployed youth at Doda DC urges youth to build confidence, skills to face life challenges

DODA, JANUARY 16: The Bombay Stock Exchange Institute, in association with the District Administration Doda, and department of Labour and Employment today started a 50 hour training programme under Mission Youth J&K for imparting training to unemployed youth in Banking, Insurance and Mutual Funds.

Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan inaugurated the training programme in presence of the ADDC, Pran Singh; Deputy Director, Employment, District Employment & Counselling Centre Idrees Lone; DIO DIPR, Doda Mohd Ashraf Wani, faculty members and participants (trainees) from across the district.

Exhorting the educated youth to avail the opportunity and prove their potential, the DC asked the trainees to use the opportunity to groom their abilities to become employers to provide employment to unemployed youth. He informed that the training programme aims to prepare them to become successful entrepreneurs with the startups capable of providing employment to the others also.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC said that the training programme shall upgrade the skills of youth in non-conventional economic sectors like Banking, Insurance, and Financial Services having high employability potential.

Deputy Director Employment, while giving a brief account of the training



programme, informed that the 50 hour training was being conducted from tomorrow at Government Degree College Doda. "More than 50 unemployed youth have registered themselves on the first day today," he informed and added that the training was being imparted to unemployed youth under Mission Youth initiative of J&K UT Government.

More such training courses will be conducted in future to impart skills to enable unemployed youth earn a dignified livelihood. He requested the aspirants to register on the designated portal Employment Department at www.jakemp.nic.in so that they can be called for such skill upgradation courses in the future. The faculty member Jyoti Parkash of

the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute gave the detail of the 50-hour training courses and its scope for creating employment opportunities for the trainees in different sectors across the country. Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC said that the training programme shall upgrade the skills of youth in non-conventional economic sectors like Banking, Insurance, and Financial Services having high employability potential.

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DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Revenue Department



RAJOURI, JANUARY 16: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today took a thorough review of the functioning of the Revenue Department here in a meeting attended by , accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Imran Kataria and other officers.

A comprehensive discussion was held regarding the implementation of online services, progress of delineation of Gair Mumkin Khads, physical eviction of State/Common/Kacharie/Roshni land, details of Revenue Court cases, attestation of pending Mutations, utilization of funds under

District Capex, digitalization of land records, progress in cadastral maps and progress under Land Passbooks and Pending Land Acquisition cases and other defence land issues. The DC directed Revenue Officers to remain available and accessible to the public in the office, especially during winter months and also mandated Biometric/Aadhar-based office attendance. He emphasized that public services and grievances redressal should be the department's top priority, and instructed the officers to resolve all pending grievances posted on different

portals at the earliest.

The DC expressed satisfaction over the performance of the department and the progress made in the disposal of the revenue cases. He directed the concerned officers to ensure that all pending cases are cleared promptly. He further directed all officers to ensure that there is no pendency regarding online services such as issuing Fards, Domiciles certificates, income, and category certificates.

The DC directed tehsildars to convene regular meetings of the Lambardar and chowkidars in their respective Tehsils.

Director Horticulture Jammu reviews developmental works in Panchayat Lower Narayna, Khour

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Director Horticulture Jammu, Ram Savak, who is also Prabhari of Panchayat Lower Narayna of block Khour, today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of decisions taken in the Back 2 Village 4 programme wherein the representatives of various departments besides Sarpanch and Panches of the Panchayat participated.

During the meeting, a road map was prepared for the developmental works to be undertaken for the overall development of the Panchayat.

On the occasion, the Department of Horticulture Jammu organised a one day farmers' awareness cum training programme on Canning and Processing of Fruits at panchayat Kot Maira upper under the chairmanship of Director Horticulture Jammu.

Chief Horticulture Officer Jammu S. Sarjeet Singh, Chief Canning & Processing Instructor, Gul Sayeed, DL Subject



Matter Specialist, Sandeep Gupta, MCC, Vinod Wanchoo, HDO, Amit Saraf besides Sarpanches, Panches, women entrepreneurs and farmers participated in the programme.

While addressing the farmers of the area, Director briefed the farmers about various Centrally and UT sponsored schemes of the department in detail and urged them to avail incentives under different schemes of the department. He impressed upon the trainees to associate with the Horticulture Department and form Self Help Groups

(SHGs) for setting up of small fruit and vegetables processing units. He assured that the department will help them in setting up of Micro Food Processing units under the PMFME scheme, a landmark initiative of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for the value addition of fruit products which will not only provide employment opportunities to the beneficiaries, but will also make them self reliant and henceforth they can play an important role in enhancing the family income.

ADC Doda reviews Republic Day 2023 arrangements

DODA, JANUARY 16: Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Doda, Dr. Ravi Kumar Bharti today chaired a meeting to review the arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day- 2023, here at the conference hall of the DC office.

The meeting was informed that the main function would be held at Sport Stadium. The function will start with the Shehna Wadan at 7.30 AM in the morning by the District Information Centre Doda.

It was also given out that contingents of JKP, JKAP, CRPF, Forest Protection Force, NCC Senior and Junior Division and various government and private schools shall participate in the event.



The ADC directed all the departments to make the assigned arrangements and submit the list of participants to the designated Committee well in time.

The departments were asked to replace the National Flags with new Tricolours at their offices by

duly following Flag Code. ADC also directed to illuminate all the government offices across the district with Tricolour lights from 24th of January to 27th of January.

It was informed that a committee constituted under the headship of ADDC Doda shall screen

the cultural activities at the venue of the program.

The arrangements for drinking water facility, power supply, parking, first aid, sanitation, security, Public Address System, Fire tenders, preparation of tableaux, seating arrangements besides arrangements for Memento and refreshments were also discussed.

The meeting was attended by SP Operations Doda Raj Kumar, Abdul Qayoom; ADC; PO ICDS, Shahida Parveen; ACD, Phulail Singh; SE PMGSY; CMO; CEO; CAO; CHO; DIO Doda; DYSSO Doda; other district officers of all line Departments and Executive Engineers of PWD, PDD and PHE.

SSP Kishtwar holds introductory meeting with Senior Citizens

Kishtwar, 16-Jan; SSP Kishtwar Khalil Poswal JKPS convened an introductory meeting with the senior citizens of district Kishtwar at Conference Hall of District Police Headquarters (DPO) Kishtwar.

Addl SP Kishtwar Rajinder Singh-JKPS and SHO PS Kishtwar Insp Abid Bukhari, besides others attended the meeting.

During their maiden meeting with the SSP Kishtwar, the prominent citizens of Kishtwar put forth their issues for early redressal. The general issues brought to his notice were related to sanitation, drugs free Kishtwar, Bike stunts, Road Romeos, traffic jamming emphasis towards the problems of

senior citizens, unemployment issue besides urged for holding of regular meetings with Civil society and senior citizens.

Every participant in the meeting unanimously urged to maintain peace and brotherhood and Drugs Free Kishtwar.

SSP Kishtwar Poswal JKPS patiently heard the suggestion of senior citizens and assured that the suggestions will be implemented on ground and also appealed to join hands with District Police Kishtwar in development path and to make Kishtwar Drugs free besides asked them to give their suggestions and feedback what activities should be organised during Nasha Mukth Bharat Abhiyan rolled out for the district.

JKEDI celebrates National Startup Day Handholding startups imperative for economic growth in J&K: Director JKEDI

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: To build a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship in the Union Territory, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) today organized a day-long workshop to celebrate National Startup Day. Director, JKEDI, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat inaugurated and presided over the event.

Scores of aspiring entrepreneurs, students, startups, experts from industry and academia participated in the day long workshop.

Seven years ago on January 16, 2016, the Indian startup ecosystem got a big policy push from the Government in the name of Startup India, with an

aim to drive the economy to the next stage. It proved to be a new beginning with the day now marked as National Startup Day. This effort gave these new-age businesses a massive push, and since then startups have helped the country widen its footprint in the global landscape. Startups have come up throughout the country even from places that have not traditionally been known for innovation. Most of them come from tier II and tier III cities. J&K is no exception and despite all odds these new age businesses have the potential to provide solutions even to the most critical problems of our society. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director JKEDI, in his inaugural address, elaborated on the impor-



tance of the day. "We are celebrating National Startup Day, the successes of startups and validating their innovative ef-

forts. Startup India is a flagship initiative of the Government, intended to catalyze startup culture and build a strong and

inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship," he added. He further added that JKEDI emphasizes innovation and technology-based solutions to deal with the challenges of the society. JKEDI has engaged the youth by organizing many hackathons and the Institute has received many innovative solutions in record time. Keeping this in mind, the J & K Startup policy was rolled out in 2018 and JKEDI has been designated as a nodal agency for the implementation of this policy.

He elaborated on the features and benefits of this policy. He encouraged participants to be a part of this policy by providing suggestions. He promised them that every comment would be evaluated and the Institute.

Dulloo reviews functioning of Animal, Sheep Husbandry, Fisheries deptts

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today reviewed the functioning of the Animal, Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries Department and deliverables under major schemes in the sector.

Mission Director Dairy Development, Secretary in APD, Director General (Planning) APD, Director General Sheep Husbandry Kashmir, Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, Director Sheep Husbandry Jammu, Director Fisheries J&K, Director Finance Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries, APD, CEO Livestock Development Board Jammu/Kashmir and other concerned attended the meeting.

Kashmir based officers attended the meeting via video conferencing. The meeting had a detailed review of CAPEX budget, funds released, expenditures incurred under centrally sponsored schemes for 2022-23, and deliverables of Animal/Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries Departments.

Besides, Cattle Feed Production Scheme, Integrated Poultry Development Scheme, Fodder Development Scheme, Integrated Poultry



Development Scheme, Aquaculture Development Schemes, and other related schemes were also assessed during the meeting.

At the outset, Directors Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir gave detailed presentations over the targets and achievements of their respective Directorates including several sectors including dairy, poultry, set targets and achievements and Centrally Sponsored Schemes pertaining to the Department.

While reviewing performance of Animal Husbandry Department, the ACS asked the respective directors to set priorities so that projects

would be taken up as per Apex Committee led by Dr Mangla Rai.

With regard to Artificial Insemination (AI), Dulloo asked the concerned officers to involve SKUAST-Jammu/Kashmir in order to train additional 800 MAITRIS in AI. Besides, he directed the officers to allocate Liquid Nitrogen Plants in the shortest possible time so that work would be started at the projects at the earliest.

He asked Director Animal Husbandry Jammu to organize Mandies as these fares help local farmers to buy premium quality cattle in the UT from sellers of neighbouring states.

Div Com conducts spot inspection of Tawi River Front Project of Jammu Smart City

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar today inspected the progress of ongoing works on 1st phase of Tawi River Front project being executed by Jammu Smart City Limited (JSCL) under Smart City Mission of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

The Div Com was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) & CEO JSCL, Rahul Yadav; Chief Engineers of Irrigation and Flood Control, JPDCL, Superintendent Engineer PWD, concerned Tehsildars, consultants, site engineers besides other concerned officers.

During the visit, the concerned engineers apprised the Div Com about the works completed so far, besides future work plan.

It was informed that the sufficient manpower has been deputed for



expeditious work on the project while the work is in full swing. It was informed that work on machinery mobilization, grating, centre making, topographic survey benchmarks has been completed while work on construction of Diaphragms is in progress.

The Divisional Commissioner took a round of various spots and inspected the work. He directed concerned officials to clear bottlenecks, if any, and expedite the pace of works for timely completion of the prestigious project. He also instructed them to ensure quality parameters of each work.

Pertinently, the JSCL is developing the Tawi River front on the lines of the Sabarmati riverfront in Gujarat. The project is aimed to enhance the aesthetic value of the River Tawi by enhancing natural purifying capabilities, as well as promoting environmental and urban infrastructure sustainability. The 7 KM long river front is proposed to be completed in 2 phases.

The first phase starts from 4th bridge to Main Tawi Bridge and phase 2 from Main Tawi Bridge to Gujjar Nagar Bridge. Pathways would be constructed on both the sides (banks) of the river to

provide easy access to the public.

Initially work on 2.7 km from Bhagwati Nagar Barrage to Vikram Chowk Bridge has been taken up under phase I.

While giving details of the ongoing works the CEO Jammu Smart City informed that the work is in progress on development of the riverfront left Bank, right Bank and Central courtyard. He further informed that the major works executed were guide wall, diaphragm wall, cast in situ, embankment, retaining wall, NP4 pipe laying and pier protection.

The Div Com issued directions to the concerned officers to expedite the pace of work on the prestigious project for its timely completion. He also directed JPDCL to early start the work on shifting of transmission lines coming in the alignment of the project and complete the same in a time-bound manner.

Road Safety Awareness Week: Free medical cum awareness camp organised in Bus Stand Nowshera'

RAJOURI, JANUARY 16: In connection with the special series of activities being organised in the district as a part of Road Safety Week, the Motor Vehicle Department Rajouri today organised a Medical-Cum Awareness camp for drivers, conductors, vehicle owners and passengers at Bus stand Nowshera.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, Kartar Singh was the chief guest on the occasion.

During the event, the drivers and vehicle owners were made aware about various Road Safety measures to be taken for safe driving on the road. They were advised to wear Crash Helmet and Seat Belt while driving two Wheelers and Cars on the road.

They were made aware that use of mobile phones, stunting, use of beams during night and non use of seat belts are common offences which can be easily avoided. He urged the drivers to be mindful of



duties and responsibilities while driving and having self restraint in speeding limits is a way forward towards changing driving behaviours.

While interacting with the participants, the ADC Nowshera said that road safety is the prevention and protection of road accidents by using all the road safety measures and public safety is one of the most important aspect in order to avoid roadside accidents, injuries and deaths and everyone should respect each other while driving and take proper care of their and others safety.

DC Kathua takes appraisal of Revenue Department

KATHUA, JANUARY 16: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of Revenue officers to discuss revenue matters here in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex.

At the outset, the DC took detailed review of the anti-encroachment drives being carried out by the district administration. He laid emphasis on strict execution of the eviction plan and furnishing of the report regarding removal of encroachments on a daily basis for apprising the higher authorities about the progress. While reviewing the status of SWAMITVA scheme, the DC exhorted upon the revenue officials to speed up the mapping process of the revenue villages besides expediting the digitization process of revenue records within the set timelines. Taking serious view of the delay in disposing of



cases under PSGA, the DC called for taking stringent action against the defaulting officers besides ensuring speedy disposal of applications under PSGA thereby improving the public service delivery by making the system efficient and effective. Regarding the Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RCCMS), the DC stressed upon revenue officers.

JK commences distribution of free foodgrains amongst AAY and Priority Households

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 16: In an important move aimed at ensuring food security, the Government of India has announced distribution of foodgrains, free of cost to NFSA beneficiaries (AAY & PHH) from 1st January 2023. Pertinently, so far subsidized food grains under NFSA for AAY & PHH beneficiaries were being distributed at the rate of Rs 3 per kg for rice, Rs 2 per kg for wheat and Rs 3 per kg for wheat flour under PDS in Jammu & Kashmir.

In tune with the Central Government's decision, J&K's Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) has commenced free distribution of food grains (rice and wheat) to AAY and PHH beneficiaries from 1st January 2023 across Jammu & Kashmir. The authorities at the helm of affairs in the Department have issued instructions to the field officers, NIC Team and Technical Teams to incorporate the fresh changes in IT system, e-POS applications and PDS so as to ensure free of cost distribution of rice and wheat to AAY & PHH beneficiaries under NFSA in J&K from 1st January 2023.

"While distribution of rice and wheat would be absolutely free, Rupee 1 would be charged for wheat flour per kg as conversion charges, with applicable conversion loss, where wheat flour is provided to beneficiaries instead of wheat," an official of the Department said.

He said the beneficiaries are also advised to obtain printed e-POS receipts, clearly indicating free distribution of rice and wheat, along with their entitlement. "This benefit is exclusively for AAY and PHH beneficiaries and the rate and scale shall remain unchanged in respect of Non Priority Households", he maintained. He said as PMGKAY has been discontinued by the Government of India from 31st December 2022, so additional free

rations at a scale of 5 kg per beneficiary per month as were made provided earlier, cannot be provided in respect of AAY and Priority Households now but has been substituted with free ration under new scheme "But while discontinuing PMGKAY, the foodgrains provided to these two groups earlier under NFSA at Rs 3/ kg rice and Rs 2 / kg wheat, have now been made absolutely free for AAY & PHH beneficiaries," he said.

Responding to the reports appearing in certain sections of the media that there is dearth of rations in J&K and the foodgrains earlier being provided under PMGKAY have been stopped, the FCS&CA official made it clear that earlier free foodgrains at a scale of 5 kgs per beneficiary per month were provided to AAY and Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries for nearly two years under Government of India run scheme- PMGKAY, which has now been discontinued by the Government of India.

The official said that additionally, a J&K Government run scheme by the name, Jammu Kashmir Food Entitlement Scheme (JKFES) was also under implementation in J&K upto July 2022, under which a top up of 5 kgs per beneficiary was also provided to PHH and Non-Priority Households, subject to a ceiling of 35 kgs per household. "The foodgrains for this scheme were sourced from Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) OMSS-D, implemented by the Government of India/ FCI," he said adding that OMSS-D Scheme was stopped by GoI in respect of wheat in April 2022 and consequently the Department switched over to distribution of rice only under JKFES till July 2022. Further, OMSS-D scheme was stopped in respect of rice also by GoI during July 2022, as a result of which there was no scheme to source foodgrains for

JKFES beyond July 2022. "Consequently, JKFES has been in abeyance because of non-availability of foodgrains under the scheme," he said and added that the Government of India, subsequently, restored the OMSS-D scheme with a rider that the States/UTs could only lift 10,000 MTs from July to December, 2022 under the scheme, as a special case. This quantity was too inadequate to take care of requirements under JKFES even for a month, where prior to stoppage of the scheme, the Department would need an allocation of about 24,000 MTs a month, to run JKFES. OMSS(D) still has not been restored by the Government of India/ FCI, so the Government of J&K is not in a position to consider the revival of JKFES at this stage.

The official said that it has been reported by certain individuals in media that the allocation of foodgrains has come down in Jammu & Kashmir since 2021. "In an effort to made PDS credible and transparent, the Department undertook accelerated Aadhar seeding in a mission mode, consequent to which more than a million duplicate/bogus beneficiaries were de-weeded, as a result of which the allocation that used to be made earlier, has come down," he said and emphasized that allocation of each and every eligible beneficiary as per norms is ensured every month. "While AAY households get 35 kgs of foodgrains per Ration Card, the beneficiaries in PHH category and NPHH get 5 kgs per beneficiary per month," he maintained and added that during this period more than 68,000 eligible households were also brought under the ambit of PDS. The department has already instructed both the Divisional Commissioners to identify left out eligible beneficiaries, if any, who are still required to be brought under the ambit of PDS, so that they too.

Traffic violations will not be spared: RTO Jammu Special drives being launched to book violators, tempering SLD

SAMBA, JANUARY 16: Regional Transport Officer Jammu, Pankaj Mangotra today acted tough against traffic violators and swooped on Jammu Kathua route to book violators, especially in passenger vehicles. He challaned 30 vehicles and seized 2 vehicles for violation of MVA Act. Speaking on occasion, the RTO Jammu said such drives would continue to check the violations and penalize the violators under relevant sections, besides ensuring safety.

While seeking cooperation of people from all walks of life, the RTO Jammu said masses should respond to such campaigns, and understand the magnitude of the problem. "The number of road accidents could be brought down if the people cooperate with the department," he added.



He further added that Parents should respond to the situation and do not gift speed and power vehicles to their children, and instead try to bring required behavioural change in them so that road accidents could be avoided to a large extent."

Later, the RTO Jammu also launched a signature campaign to generate awareness among road users regarding road safety. ARTO Samba Rehana Tabassam, MVI Vikas Srivats Official from ARTO Samba accompanied the RTO Jammu.

District Administration Kupwara arranges Air Sorties for Karnah

KUPWARA, JANUARY 16: The District Administration Kupwara today arranged air service for the stranded passengers of Karnah subdivision. As many as 26 persons were airlifted from Tang-

dhar to Kupwara, including 7 patients, who were in need of advanced treatment, besides 7 students and other 12 passengers in 5 air sorties during the day. Likewise, 18 Karnah bound stranded passengers

were airlifted from District Police Lines (DPL), Kupwara today in subsidised Helicopter service. SDM Karnah, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather monitored the air service facility at Helipad Tangdhar during the day.

ADC Bandipora reviews status of Anti-encroachment drives

BANDIPORA JANUARY 16: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Waseem Raja today reviewed the status of Anti-encroachment drives carried out in Bandipora in a meeting held at Mini Secretariat, here.

During the meeting, it was enjoined upon the revenue officers to ensure removal of encroachments on state, Kachcharai, Roshni land before the deadline. To ensure that encroachments are removed before the stipulated timeframe, daily targets were given to all Tehsils.

As the details of retrieved land has to be submitted to higher authorities on a daily basis, the revenue officers were directed to ensure that the daily target is adhered to without any fail.

It was also directed to involve DDCs, BDCs, PRIs and locals in anti-encroachment drives to retrieve the land and protect it from land grabbers.

Besides, various other issues were also discussed in the meeting, which includes digitization of cadastral maps, land acquisition issues, generation of land passbooks etc. and accordingly necessary directions were given to the officers.

The meeting was attended by ACR Bandipora, Parvaiz Rahim, SDM Sumbal, Tehsildars, Naib Tehsildars and other concerned.

Over 150 commercial drivers, conductors screened in Poonch

POONCH, JANUARY 16: On the 5th Day of National Road Safety Week, Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) Poonch, in collaboration with the Health Department, today organised a free Medical and Eye checkup camp for commercial Drivers and Conductors in Bus Stand Poonch.

The camp was inaugurated by ARTO, Basharat Mahmood in presence of Motor Vehicle Inspector Gurmeet Singh Bali, team of expert doctors and MVD Department, Traffic department representatives of various transport Unions remained present. On the occasion, over 150 commercial drivers, conductors were screened for blood pressure and eye test by the team of expert doctors. An awareness programme/ counselling session was also organised for commercial drivers by MVD Poonch.

On the occasion, the ARTO appealed to people to follow road safety tips and traffic rules to minimize accidents to save precious lives. An awareness programme/ counselling session was also organised for commercial drivers by MVD Poonch. On the occasion, the ARTO appealed to people to follow road safety tips and traffic rules to minimize accidents to save precious lives.

Public Notice

My Sons Date of Birth wrongly mentioned in school records as 15-07-2007 instead of 1-11-2010. Now I am applying for its correction if anybody have any objection in this regard He / She may contact Principal Milat Model School Darwa Wagoora within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained

ABDUL MAJEED WANI
F/O MANZOOR AHMAD WANI
R/O DARWA FRESTWARI

Public Notice

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

BASHIR AHMAD LONE
S/O GH MOHAMMAD LONE
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The Lt Governor observed that Education is not merely about competition among children. Education teaches us the ways to develop compassion and joy towards life and other human beings, he added.

The Lt Governor also spoke about 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' an annual event held every year since 2018, in which the Prime Minister interacts with students, teachers and parents from across the country and shares valuable tips on how to take board and entrance exams in relaxed and stress free manner.

It is a movement that is driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully, the Lt Governor added.

The current generation is fortunate to have the National Education Policy-2020. It is the responsibility of us all to implement it in letter and spirit, the Lt Governor said to the officers of Education Department and the District Administrations.

The Lt Governor noted that School Education in J&K is going in the right direction with many breakthrough initiatives of the Department like reducing the dropout ratio, increasing the enrolment rate. We should continue to work for extending an ideal education to the students with innovative interventions, he said.

I believe that education is the medium of mental and spiritual development for any student. Throughout life, we keep learning something or the other and if seen in this direction, examination is just a stage, not the destination, he added.

The children should also learn about the towering personalities who have contributed in building and nurturing the country," said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also stressed on promotion of vernacular languages in schools.

Alok Kumar, Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department; Dr Ravi Shanker Sharma, Director School Education Jammu; Tasaduq Mir, Director School Education Kashmir; Er. Deep Raj Kanethia, Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, officers of District administration and school education department were present in person and through virtual mode—(KNO)

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5.6 degree Celsius, Kokernag minus 6.6 degree Celsius while the frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara recorded a low of minus 2.9 degree Celsius on Sunday, the MeT office said.

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ferred in online mode across all the departments and many of them are integrated with the quality check and feedback seeking mechanism of RAS. It was also revealed these services are also being on boarded on the digital portal of e-UNNAT, Service Plus and Digi Locker for the ease and free access of general public.

HEART ATTACK

medical contact in the area, the doctor uploads ECG in WhatsApp group of Save heart initiative, where a cardiologist evaluates the ECG following which he guides the official how to handle the patient," the doctor said.

Another cardiologist said the common symptoms for heart attack include chest pain, tightness, squeezing/ache discomfort that spreads to the shoulder, arm, back, neck, jaw, teeth or sometimes the upper belly. "Cold sweat, fatigue, heartburn or indigestion, light-headedness or sudden dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath are some of the common symptoms," he said—(KNO)

METERS

Pertinently, under the smart metering project, 59000 meters have been installed in Srinagar district—(KNO)

LG MEETS

J&K Nationalist People's Front also called on the Lt Governor and projected the demands of people including a J&K bank branch at Behibag, Kulgam; augmentation of health facilities at DH Anantnag, besides other issues. The Lt Governor assured Sh Sheikh Muzaffar of addressing the issues and demands projected by him on merit.

ECI

al Conference said that its treasurer Shammi Oberoi while speaking on the issue that when the government is concerned about facilitating domestic migrants to exercise their voting rights, the 1.4 crore people of Jammu and Kashmir continue to remain deprived from exercising their democratic rights.

Oberoi further added that J&K which hasn't seen elections for the last so many years is suffering on many fronts. He raised the concern that people of J&K are being kept away from exercising their democratic rights and choosing their own government which would have effectively addressed their day to day issues.

In its response, the Chief Election Commissioner acknowledged the points raised by Oberoi and said that the ECI is also concerned about the Assembly elections in J&K.

The CEC said that preparations for the polls are underway and that much groundwork has been covered in terms of delimitation of constituencies, electoral rolls revision and booth identification, the National Conference said.

J&K has been without an elected government since June 19, 2018 when the BJP withdrew support to Mehbooba Mufti-led government. The last assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir was held in 2014. The delimitation process was completed in May 2022 while summary revision exercise was completed on November 25—(KNO)

MUTTON

been considering providing alternatives to the consumers. "We will make an alternative available for the consumers in the next few days," he said, adding that the issue is under consideration.

The consideration comes at a time when the mutton dealers, wholesalers and others are taking the streets to protest against the seizure of shops by the department for not adhering to the government rates.

"We are not selling meat at exorbitant rates, but the rates set by the government are too low," the protesters said.

Notably, the consumers are facing hardships while buying the mutton as most of the dealers have now switched to selling chicken after the seizure of many shops in Srinagar.

The drive against mutton dealers took a pace in the first week of January as the people complained that the

mutton is being sold @Rs 650 against the government set rate of Rs 535—(KNO)

ROAD

allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW viz Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. "TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the traffic", the advisory said.

About the cut of timing for LMVS/ Passenger/Private cars it said to be released from Nagrota (Jammu) from 0800 hrs. to 1100 hrs. from Jakhani (Udhampur) 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs & from Qazigund 0900 hrs to 1200 hrs".

"TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings".

Regarding traffic plan for HMVs/Load Carriers advisory said Subject to fair weather and road clearance, HMVs shall be allowed from NAVYUG Tunnel towards Jammu after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44. "TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs"

The advisory said, the SSG Road is closed for vehicular movement vide Divisional Commissioner Ladakh UT's order no. 75 dated 06-01-2023 in view of snow accumulation.

"Mughal Road closed for vehicular movement vide District Magistrate Shopian's order endstt. no. DMS/PA/2023/1362-67 dated 05-01-2023 in view of snow accumulation", it stated—(KNO)

TRANSFER

Deputy Secretary to the Government, Culture Department, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Ganderbal, against an available vacancy.

Muzaffer Ahmad Sheikh, JKAS, BDO, Devsar, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Bandipore, against an available vacancy. Shabir Ahmad Hakak, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Budgam, is transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Baramulla, against an available vacancy.

Muzamil Maqbool Beigh, Collector Land Acquisition Special Army (Budgam & Srinagar) will look after the routine work of Sub-Registrar, Budgam in addition to his own duties.

Sheraz Ahmad, JKAS, is transferred and posted as Project Manager, IWMP, Rajouri, Commissioner Panchayat, Rajouri, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Project Manager, IWMP, Rajouri, till further orders.

Manzoor Ahmad Mir, JKAS, Deputy Secretary to the Government, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Shopian, against an available vacancy.

Sunil Kumar, JKAS, Project Manager, IWMP, Samba, is transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Samba, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the additional charge of the post of Project Manager, IWMP, Samba, till further orders—(KNO)

RAJOURI

At least seven civilians were killed after militants stormed Dhangri village of Rajouri district on January 01—(KNO)

DC SRINAGAR

of the main venue ground, preparations for cultural programmes, PA System, seating arrangements, cultural programmes, prize distribution, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water/ tanker service, illumination by KPDC, barricading of venue by Jal Shakti Bijbehara, medical aid camp, availability of ambulance, deployment of fire tenders and sanitation measures.

The DC informed that the main function of the Day shall be held at Government Degree College (Boys), Khanabal. Whereas, similar functions will be held at sub-divisions of Bijbehara, Doru, Kokernag, Pahalgam and at all Tehsil headquarters.

He directed the concerned officers to ensure participation of DDC's, BDC's, Panches, Sarpanches and ULB members.

The meeting was informed that contingents of JKP, IRP, CRPF, Auxiliary Police, Fire & Emergency Services, NCC, students of government and private schools will participate in the march past parade.

The DC stressed for coordination among various stakeholders for the successful conduct of the event. He directed all the district heads to ensure the participation of the staff on full dress rehearsal function and on the Republic Day function.

Further directions were issued to ensure that Republic Day is celebrated at Blocks, Panchayats and Educational Institutions also.

Among others the meeting was attended by SSP Anantnag, ADC, JD Planing, Ex. Engineers of R&B, KPDC, Jal Shakti, Officers from various security agencies including Police, CRPF, and other concerned officers.

DC Poonch reviews measures to curb drug abuse at NARCO meeting

POONCH, JANUARY 16: Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Inder Jeet today chaired a meeting of the District Level Committee under the NARCO Coordination (NCORD) to discuss the measures to curb the drug abuse in the district.

During the meeting, the action taken report on the decisions taken in the previous meeting was sought from all the stakeholders.

Chief Agriculture Officer & DFO intimated that no area in the district is under poppy cultivation.

SDM Surankote, Mendhar, Tehsildars Haveli and Mandi briefed the meeting about the action taken by the concerned Tehsil level committee for NARCO control.

In the meeting, Dysp Hqr explained the measures taken by police to check the menace of Narcotic Drugs.

The Chief education officer and representative of colleges gave details about the awareness campaign/programmes conducted in Educational Institutions against the drug menace.

Deputy Drug Controller informed about the regulation mechanism in place to keep check on unauthorized sale of psychotropic drugs by medical stores. He further informed about the installation of CCTV cameras in the medical shops to check the supply of scheduled drugs. He also provided the list of patients who have been given such drugs on medical prescription.

He was directed by the chairman to ensure that all the chemists/ Druggists shall maintain proper record of the sale of drugs to the needy patients only on the basis of authorized medical prescription.

The Medical Superintendent of district hospital was directed to provide the services of doctors as already ordered to the drug de-addiction centre on SOS basis.

At the end, the Deputy Commissioner directed all the stakeholders to work with zeal and zest to ensure NARCO drugs free environment in the district.

Zeezayn Huts and Resorts setup new resort at Yousmarg

Srinagar: As the footfall of tourists remained high in 2022 in Jammu and Kashmir, Zeezayn Huts and Resorts of Srinagar have made another achievement to set up a new resort in Yousmarg and expect that tourists in the coming months will enjoy the new and modern leisure time in the resort.

Nayem Nazir, owner of the new resort of Zeezayn Huts and Resorts said, "Nestled in the serene and picturesque surroundings of Yousmarg popularly known as the 'Green Pastures', with an enchanting view of the pine covered hill slopes and the beautiful Doodh Ganga River, The resort is conveniently located on the Terrace meadows surrounded by beautiful mountains."

"It offers an ideal destination for leisure, recreation, family and corporate bonding with the perfect mix of contemporary features and facilities, comfortable and relaxing surroundings, and traditional Kashmiri hospitality," he said.

Nayem further says that Zeezayn Huts and Resorts offers a selection of four beautiful well appointed rooms and a beautiful multi cuisine Restaurant with mount view as all the rooms have been designed elegantly in a contemporary decor, equipped with modern day amenities keeping in mind the comfort of the guests. Adding to this, most of the rooms offer a majestic view of the Yousmarg.

"Keeping in mind the needs of a business traveller, the resort offers a well furnished meeting point. Also a separate space divisible into two parts with a pre-function area, to host functions and events of all natures ranging from conferences, seminars and incentive meets to social gatherings. All these facilities are backed with state-of-the-art meeting and conferencing equipments and professional service," he said.

Lumpy Skin Disease Govt declares J&K as 'Free area' for purposes of PCICDA Act 2009

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: The Jammu and Kashmir government has declared the whole Union Territory as "Free Area" for purposes of Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009. According to a government notification issued here today in this regard, the declaration has been made in exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (5) of section 6 of the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals (PCICDA) Act, 2009, and in supersession of notification S.O 424 dated 05.09.2022 after the Government on being satisfied that no cases of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) have been reported from any district of Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

IIM Jammu organizes maiden leadership program for J&K Bank Officers

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 16: In a first, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) today kick-started a leadership training program for the Branch Heads of J&K Bank at its Jammu and Srinagar campuses.

Director IIM Jammu, Professor B S Sahay inaugurated the program titled "Effective Leadership for Branch Managers" along with Bank's General Manager/Divisional Head Sunit Kumar at Old University Campus in Jammu in presence of faculty members of the institute and officers of the bank.

Lauding J&K Bank for its developmental role especially in J&K, Prof. Sahay said that the rising trend of Bank's share price also speaks well of its market performance. "I see these training programs as significant platform for exchange of information, experiences and insights between the two institutions", he said.

On the occasion, he presented a memento to GM Sunit Kumar, who was also the Chief Guest on the occasion. Earlier, welcoming the dignitaries on the launch of inaugural program, General Manager Sunit Kumar said, "Translating an important part of MoU into action between the two premier institutions of J&K, I feel delighted to be part of this inaugural event meant for training the officers of J&K Bank for leadership programs. Such programs will further deepen the bond between the two institutions."

Recognizing the expertise of IIM Faculty on the occasion, he added, "With banking becoming a highly diversified and specialized domain requiring up-gradation in knowledge and skill set regularly, I am sure that the trainees would be fully equipped to meet new challenges of leadership in contemporary management so as to come up to the expectations of all our stakeholders." On the occasion he thanked the faculty of IIM associated with the program and wished the trainee batch best for the program.

Pertinently, forty officers of the Bank will attend the 5-day leadership training program at Srinagar and Jammu campuses of IIM Jammu till 20th January, 2023.

Awareness cum sensitisation program on Road Safety held at GDC Bishnah

JAMMU, JANUARY 16: Regional Transport Officer, Jammu Pankaj Bhagotra organised awareness-cum-sensitisation program on 'Road Safety' at Government Degree College, Bishnah, here today. ARTO BOI (P) Esha Chib; Motor Vehicle Inspectors, Ranjeev Bhasin and Anupam Gandotra were also present on the occasion. In his address, the RTO said that the main objective of organising such programmes in the educational institutions is to motivate the students to come forward and spread awareness about 'Road safety' among the general public. He also asked the Principal of the college to constitute Road Safety Cells and organise First aid training programmes for the NSS and NCC cadets so that they can extend help to the accident victims and act as Good Samaritans. Later, he felicitated the winners of the Symposium competition and also administered the Road Safety pledge to the students. The symposium competition was followed by an awareness rally which began from Degree College and after passing through the Bishnah town culminated back at GDC. In another awareness programme, various teams of MVD officers distributed helmets among the two wheeler riders.

DDC reviews progress under RDD Sector in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 16- The District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today conducted a comprehensive review of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDD) sector in Rajouri district. The review focused on the progress of District Capex, Area Development grants projects, the progress of AWCs, MGN-REGA works, and other developmental works. The review meeting was attended by District Programme Officer ICDS, Showket Malik; Chief Planning Officer Rajouri, Mohd Khurshid; Assistant Commissioner Development, Vijay Verma; DPO, Chandrakant Bhagat; Block Development Officers; and Child Development Project Officers.

Stop harassing people on name of eviction drive: Jan



JAMMU Jan 16th : J&K Youth National Conference today criticized the government over its eviction drive, asking Lt Governor Manoj Sinha to stop harassing general public in the garb of anti-encroachment drives.

Addressing media persons here today, Ajaz Jan, Provincial President Youth National Conference, Jammu termed the recent Govt order directing the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to get all the encroachments on State land removed by the 31st of January 2023 as a draconian order just to harass the general public. He said that the present regime is the worst phase of misuse witnessed by the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which has plunged this sensitive region into unprecedented darkness.

The senior NC leader asserted that the proxy government of BJP in J&K has failed in every front which has worked to drown the people of this sensitive region in an ocean of miseries. He asserted that the present dispensation is pursuing anti-people policies and arbitrarily issuing orders one after the other to further its anti people agenda especially in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jan asserted that majority of State land is being possessed by the poor and economically weaker sections of the society and they are mainly using it for agricultural purposes or at the most for meager shelter. These people have no source of income except the meager returns from the agricultural activity on the land. He said that the protection and welfare of such people is the prime duty of the Government and as such dislodging such people from the State land would amount to gross injustice to them.

The former Legislator stated that there is uncertainty prevailing in the state and the youth is feeling cheated and betrayed by the policies of Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that the youth of J&K has feeling cheated due to hollow policies of BJP leadership after repealing of Art 370 from the state.

The senior NC leader warned the government to desist from harassing common and poor people and withdraw the aforesaid controversial order at the earliest failing which the Party has no option left to come on roads to save the people from the wrong policies of the government.

Among others who were present include Sandeep Singh Wazir Zonal President YNC, Tejinder Pal Singh District President YNC, Meed Choudhary, Jasim Malik, Jatinder Singh, Mudit Sharma and Prince.

Nalwa vows to take forward PM's idea of 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat'

Calls upon BJP cadres to strengthen party

Amir Iqbal Khan



Jammu, Jan 16 Vowing to take forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's idea of 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat', J&K BJP Minority Morcha's president Ranjodh Singh Nalwa today called upon the party cadres to give their everything to strengthen the party at grass-roots level.

Addressing the J&K Executive Committee meeting of Minority Morcha, he sought to push the PM's vision of 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat' and make it a sustained campaign. Nalwa, however, said to achieve this vision, India has to be first made 'Viksit Bharat' (developed nation) to lift its economy.

"Modi has spoken about a unified glorified India and the India which has Unity in Diversity. We are only taking forward his ideas," he asserted.

He called upon the party workers to go for massive reach out programmes to apprise general masses of the policies, programmes & ideology of the party ahead of the assembly polls in J&K.

"For BJP, nation is first," he said and added, "The great BJP leaders have sacrificed their personal comforts for the sake of the country. Now, this is our duty to carry forward this legacy with a great dignity," he said.

"BJP-led NDA government at the Centre has given J&K two AIIMS and upgraded the district hospitals. As part of the government efforts to further strengthen healthcare facilities in J&K, 11 more hospitals are being established in the UT," he said.

He also showered praises on the central government for its Ayushman Bharat Sceme & stores of generic medicines which provide generic medicines to people at very affordable prices.

Nalwa called upon the gathering to keep those, who join the party for selfish interests, at an arm's length. "Only those, who want to serve people, should be welcome," he said. He also asked them to strictly adhere to discipline as 'indiscipline becomes reason for downfall of individuals and organisations'. "I expect you all to work with dedication and honesty," Nalwa asserted. He also asked them to strictly adhere to discipline as 'indiscipline becomes reason for downfall of individuals and organisations'. "I expect you all to work with dedication and honesty," Nalwa asserted.

Kafeel Khan elected New President Tata Sumo Union Mendhar

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Mendhar The Driver community of Sub Division Mendhar Mendhar. Kafeel Khan was elected as the New president of Tata Sumo Union in sub-division Mendhar. Vice President Mohd Rafi Khan, General Secretary Zaffer Iqbal, Chairman Mohd Lal

Various Organisations congratulated the New elected Union

On this occasion, Kafeel Khan thanked all the people and said that my efforts will continue and I will continue to play my key role in solving all the problems and difficulties of the all Driver community day and night.

Youth Services & Sports starts Snow Skiing course for Girls at Gulmarg

Training Course for Batch 1st inaugurated today, other batches to follow

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 16: The Department of Youth Services & Sports, District Srinagar today started the annual Snow Skiing courses for Girl students at world famous Ski destination Gulmarg. Regular Training course for Batch 1st was inaugurated by Assistant Director Tourism Dr Javid-ul-Rehman in presence of District Youth Services & Sports Officer Srinagar, Balbir Singh.

The Assistant Director Tourism graced the inaugural ceremony as Chief Guest, and in his address congratulated and encouraged the participants to work hard during the training days in order to acquire necessary knowledge and skills. DYSSO Srinagar briefed the participants regarding the initiatives being taken by the department to engage youth in productive activities. He also highlighted the achievements of the department and instructed the trainers to work with utmost dedication during the course. He also instructed the YSS

staff to provide every possible facility to the students during the entire



course. DYSSO Srinagar thanked the Tourism department for their support and cooperation in making the course possible at the busiest tourist destination. About 45 Girl students from various Government schools of Srinagar are taking part in the training course. It is worth

mentioning here that every year these courses are conducted under

in different competitions. Veteran Olympian Gul Mustafa, Incharge course Muzamil Ahmad, Incharge Hutments-YSS Hilal Ahmad besides other senior officers and instructors of the department also attended the inaugural function. About 45 Girl students from various Government schools of Srinagar are taking part in the training course. It is worth mentioning here that every year these courses are conducted under the patronage and supervision of Directorate of Youth Services & Sports J&K to train aspiring students in the domain and to prepare and produce youth to take up this skill at professional level in the later part of their lives besides providing them with an opportunity to participate

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Tom Moody, Andy Flower rule themselves out of running for Pakistan head coach job

The Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) search for a new head coach suffered fresh setbacks on Saturday when Australia's Tom Moody and Zimbabwe's Andy Flower both ruled themselves out of the running. Moody, who is in Dubai for the International T20 League (ILT20), said it's "highly unlikely" that he will be in the race due to his commitment in franchise cricket. "I'm currently busy with the ILT20 league with the Desert Wipers and also some coming assignment so it's highly unlikely that I will be in race for the Pakistan head coach role. "But Pakistan is a talented cricket nation and I'm sure whoever becomes head coach will have an exciting time."



Flower, who is also in Dubai for the ILT20, confirmed that he is also unavailable. Talking to media in Abu Dhabi, Flower who is also associated with Pakistan Super League (PSL) franchise Multan Sultans, said he was busy with franchise cricket

Adair helps Ireland level series against Zimbabwe

HARARE: Opener Ross Adair struck a brisk 65 as Ireland levelled a three-match T20 International series against Zimbabwe with a six-wicket victory here on Saturday. Zimbabwe made 144 with captain Craig Ervine top scoring on 42 and Ireland knocked off the runs with two balls to spare, setting up a series decider on Sunday.



Apart from Adair, skipper Andy Balbirnie (33) and Harry Tector (26) made significant contributions for the tourists. Adair faced 47 deliveries and struck four sixes and two fours at sun-drenched Harare Sports Club. It was a huge change of fortunes for him as he made only five runs in his international debut on Thursday, with Zimbabwe winning by five wickets. Adair departed after trying to clear long-on off left-arm quick Richard Ngarava, miscuing his shot and picking out Wessly Madhevere. Balbirnie atoned for a poor showing in the first

match with his runs coming off 31 balls in an innings that included a six and three fours. When Adair departed, Ireland were 119-3 and needed 26 runs from four overs to win. Tector departed with nine still required before George Dockrell hit a six to secure victory. Leg-spinner Ryan Burl was the best of the Zimbabwe bowlers, taking two wickets for 26 runs in his four-over spell. With former England Test batter Gary Ballance ruled out by concussion and star Sikandar Raza playing franchise cricket

in Bangladesh, Ervine assumed the mantle of chief run-getter. Put in to bat after losing the toss and one wicket down with just six runs on the board, Ervine took charge with his 40-ball innings, which included four fours. He was undone when attempting a scoop shot off a back-of-a-length delivery from Graham Hume, top-edging it to fine leg where Tector made the catch. Hume was the most effective of the Irish bowlers taking three for 17 while Tector took two for 22.

Pakistan women beat Rwanda to kickstart U-19 T20 World Cup campaign

POTCHEFSTROOM: Pakistan got off the mark at the inaugural ICC Women's U-19 World Cup with an eight-wicket win over Rwanda on Sunday. Struggling at 42-2 at the halfway stage during their chase of Rwanda's 107-run target, Pakistan scored the remaining 66 runs in just 47 balls and went over the line with 13 deliveries to spare.

Opener Eymen Fatima was the pick of the Pakistan batters with an unbeaten knock of 65 runs off 60 balls — an innings that was studied with 11 boundaries. The right-hander put up a 34-run second-wicket stand with Warda Yousuf — who added 16 — after losing opening partner Shawaal Zulfiqar early. Eymen then notched up an unbeaten 72-run stand with skipper Syed Aroob Shah for the third wicket. Aroob returned unbeaten on 20 off 21 balls with the help of two fours. Earlier, Rwanda hit six fours in their 106-8 that revolved around Gisele Ishimwe's 40 and Cynthia Tuyizere's 20. The two batters added 52 runs for the second wicket after Areesha Noor had taken a wicket on the fifth ball of her first over. She later added the wicket of Rwanda wicket-keeper Henriette Isimbi to finish with figures of 2-19. Zaib-un-Nisa, Anosha Nasir and Aroob took a wicket each, while three Rwanda batters were run-out. Pakistan take on England on Tuesday, while their last Group 'B' match will be against Zimbabwe on Thursday. RWANDA WOMEN'S U-19 106-8 in 20 overs (Gisele Ishimwe 40, Cynthia Tuyizere 20; Areesha Noor 2-19); PAKISTAN WOMEN'S U-19 108-2 in 17.5 overs (Eymen Fatima 65 not out, Syeda Aroob Shah 20 not out, Warda Yousaf 16).

Adieu to 2023 edition of Dakar Rally

Dammam (Saudi Arabia), Jan 16 (UNI) Monday saw the conclusion of the 2023 edition of the Dakar Rally after the 14th stage held between Al-Hofuf and Dammam. This completed the 8,549 kms of Round 1 from the World Rally Raid Championship, with the most mythical and certainly hard motorsports off-road competition of all times. This way it also completed the trip from coast to coast, connecting the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf. Monster Energy Honda Team finished the race with three of its four riders, since American and Dakar winner Ricky Brabec had to abandon the race at stage three. The pace was quite high in this last stage, with a short special section 136 kilometers long. This is the year of the rain and mud in a quite unusual Dakar Rally so today this was no exception.

Chelsea ease pressure on Potter, Newcastle go third

LONDON: Chelsea eased the pressure on manager Graham Potter with a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace as Newcastle struck late to beat Fulham 1-0 and move up to third in the Premier League on Sunday.

Kai Havertz scored the only goal at Stamford Bridge with a towering second half header on the day Chelsea paid tribute to former player and manager Gianluca Vialli. The Italian great died earlier this month aged 58 from pancreatic cancer. A number of Vialli's former Chelsea team-mates joined the players from both sides on the field for a minute's silence, while the home fans unfurled a banner with a picture of Vialli against the backdrop of the Italian flag. The action on the field was also overshadowed by the official announcement during the first half that Chelsea had completed the signing of Mykhailo Mudryk for a fee that could rise to 100 million euros (88 million, \$108 million). The former Shakhtar Donetsk winger was presented at half-time draped in the Ukrainian flag with the move set to take Chelsea's spend-



ing in their first season under the ownership of Todd Boehly's consortium beyond 400 million. There was not been much to show for that investment so far, but Potter's injury-ravaged squad did enough to grind out just a second win in 10 league games. Havertz made the breakthrough as he rose highest to power home Hakim Ziyech's cross from a well-worked corner on 64 minutes. Chelsea still needed some heroics from goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga to see the game out as the Spaniard made a flying save from Cheick Doucoure's sweetly-struck volley.

Australian Open: Nadal tames young talented Jack Draper

MELBOURNE: Rafa Nadal will kick off his Australian Open title defence on Monday with a first round test against rising Briton Jack Draper as a new era begins on the blue hardcourts of Melbourne Park. At the first Grand Slam following Roger Federer's retirement and Serena Williams's "evolving away" from tennis, Spaniard Nadal carries the flame for the fading golden generation as he bids for a 23rd major title and third at Melbourne Park. The 36-year-old is third up at Rod Laver Arena, returning to the centre court where a year ago he conjured the "miracle of Melbourne", coming back from two sets down to topple Daniil Medvedev in a

five-set classic. However, as Nadal observed on Saturday, tennis moves quickly. The top seed has had only one win since September's US Open and admitted his title defence was vulnerable to an early shock after two straight defeats in the lead-up. A young man in a hurry, 21-year-old Draper surged into the top 40 after a run to the Adelaide II semi-finals last week and has previously recorded wins over a slew of top players, including Stefanos Tsitsipas and Felix Auger-Aliassime. "It's probably one of the toughest first rounds possible, being seeded," Nadal said of the match-up. "I'm here to just give myself a chance."



With local hero Ashleigh Barty having retired last March after ending Australia's 44-year wait for a home winner, the women's tournament will feature a new

champion. Top seed Iga Swiatek is strong favourite to succeed Barty and win her first title at Melbourne Park, having won two of the four Grand Slams in 2022. The reigning French and US Open champion opens her campaign against Jule Niemeier in the first evening match at Rod Laver Arena, the German who gave Swiatek a huge scare in the US Open fourth round. With American tennis looking for a new champion in the post-Serena era, Coco Gauff will open the day session at Rod Laver Arena against Czech Katerina Siniakova. Big things have been expected of Gauff since her stunning run to the fourth round at Wimbledon in

2019 in her Grand Slam debut at the tender age of 15. Now 18 and with her first major final under her belt after last year's French Open, Gauff may be among the strongest candidates to fill the vacuum left by Williams. The women's tournament has been described as one of the most open in years, with only two former champions in the draw. Only one will remain after Sofia Kenin and Victoria Azarenka play off in the third match at Margaret Court Arena. Medvedev, the men's seventh seed, will return to the scene of last year's final heartbreak when he faces unseeded American Marcos Giron in the late match at Rod Laver Arena.

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ELIGIBILITY

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

RESERVATION

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

Last Date to apply

31.01.2023

Date of Exam

29.04.2023

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