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HEADLINES TODAY

NEWS IN BRIEF

DSEJ further extends winter vacations in summer zones of Jammu till Jan-15

Srinagar, Jan 09: In view of cold waves, the School Education Department Monday further extended winter vacations for summer zones of Jammu division from till January-15. The news agency—Kashmir News Observer has learnt that the Director of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has said, "In view of prevailing inclement weather conditions in Jammu division, the winter vacation of all government and recognized private schools functioning in the region shall observe it upto January-15-2023."

Bijbehara woman's death triggers protest at MCCH Anantnag

Anantnag, Jan 09: Death of 40-year-old woman from Bijbehara area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district has triggered protest at Maternity and Child Care hospital in the district as family has alleged medical negligence even as authorities said investigation has been taken up. Family members of Shabnum Farooq from Nanil area and married in Bijbehara told the news agency—that they had taken her to MCCH Anantnag as she was scheduled to get operated today.

Two J&K girls secure top 2 positions in National Kala Utsav competition

Srinagar, Jan 09 Two girls from Jammu & Kashmir have bagged the top two positions in the National Level Kala Utsav 2022-23 competition organized by the National Council of Education, Research and Training (NCERT) which was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from January 3 to 5, 2023. The Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India to promote arts in the field of education.

Ganderbal driver dies in Budgam road accident

Ganderbal, Jan 09: A resident of Guzhama village of Ganderbal died in a road accident in Budgam district on Monday morning. An official told the news that a vehicle skidded off the road in Baji Pathri area of Charar-i-Sharief. He said the driver identified as Khurshid Ahmad Mir (32) of Guzhama died in the accident. The official said police have taken cognisance of this incident—(KNO)

Three drug peddlers held in Anantnag, Awantipora: Police

Srinagar, Jan 09: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday claimed to have arrested three drug peddlers in Anantnag and Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession. "A Police party of Police Station Anantnag at a check-point established near Alnoor Masjid KP Road Anantnag arrested two persons who were roaming in a suspicious condition. During checking, officers were able to recover about 6.5 grams of Opium (Afeem), 170 grams of Charas and 11 bottles of Codeine Phosphate (Omerex) from their possession," a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news

Smart city projects in Jammu, Srinagar poised for big leap: LG Manoj Sinha

Lays foundation stone for upgradation of Transport Nagar Jammu

HT News Network

Jammu, Jan 09: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Monday laid the foundation stone for the upgradation of Transport Nagar in Jammu. The Lt Governor said the ambitious project will enable hassle-free trade movements and give a renewed boost to the economic and commercial activities in the region. Once completed, the upgradation project involving road, drainage network and street lighting will reinstate the glory of Transport Nagar as a business hub. It will also provide convenience to the common citizens and the businessmen coming from outside of the Union Territory, he added. The Lt Governor reiterated the



government's commitment to build Green, Resilient & Inclusive cities. Continuous efforts are being made to transform urban areas into accelerators of economic growth, improve quality of life and overall prosperity for people, he noted. Centers of commercial activities are the biggest strength of

our socio-economic system and their development is directly linked to prosperity of common man & efficiency of Government machinery. Our focus is on translating the sustainable city's roadmap into the roadmap for development of UT, observed the Lt Governor. The Lt Governor also highlighted the significant role of the people in realizing the vision of developing vibrant & sustainable cities. Citizen participation is essential in making cities more attractive, promoting investment, mitigating the effects of climate change and generating revenue for local services, he said. Cities are not just geographical spaces but also centers of

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LG to take salute at main Republic Day function in Jammu

Bhatnagar in Srinagar; DDC chairpersons at district headquarters

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 09: Jammu & Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha will preside and take salute on the main Republic Day function at Jammu on January 26. In a communique, a copy of which is in possession of news agency—the General Administration Department has conveyed to the divisional commissioners of both Kashmir and Jammu divisions that Lieutenant Governor shall preside over the function and take salute on the main Republic Day function at the M.A. Stadium, Jammu. As per the programme, LG's advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar will take salute at main function in summer capital Srinagar. The GAD communique states that chairpersons of district development coun-



cils will preside over the functions and take salute at respective district headquarters. The letter further states that block development council chairpersons and presidents of municipal council and committees shall preside over the function(s) and take salute at respective block headquarters and municipal headquarters.

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Famous Kashmiri writer, poet, Professor Rehman Rahi dies at 97

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

Srinagar, Jan 09: Famous Kashmiri writer and the poet, Professor Rehman Rahi, died at the age of 97 on Monday in Srinagar. As per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Nimaz-e-Jinazah of the deceased was held near the shrine Khwaja Habibullah Nowshehri (RA), in which people from different sections of society, especially the literary circles took part. Professor Rahi was the first Kashmiri writer awarded by Janapith Award, India's highest literary award for his poetic collection.



He was a poet, translator and critic. Prof Rahi was awarded the Indian Sahitya Akademi Award in 1961 for his poetry collection Nawroz-i-Saba, the

Padma Shri in 2000, and India's highest literary award, the Jnanpith Award (for the year 2004) in 2007. Prof Rahi was the first Kashmiri writer to be awarded the Janpith, the India's highest literary award for his poetic collection Siyah Rood Jaeren Manz (In Black Drizzle). He was honored with Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2000 by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. Prof Rahi began his career as a clerk in the Public Works Department of the Government for few months in 1948 and was associated with the Progressive Writers' Association.

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India signs agreement with Saudi on Haj 2023; 1,75,000 pilgrims to perform pilgrimage this year

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 09: In a significant development, the Government of India (GoI) today signed a bilateral agreement with the Saudi Arabia kingdom for Haj 2023 after which it was announced that this year, over 1,75,000 Indian pilgrims will perform the annual journey of Hajj. "Yes, the GoI signed a bilateral agreement with the Saudi Arabia kingdom for Haj 2023. This year, 1,75,025 pilgrims from India will perform Haj," said Member of the Haj



Committee of India (HCoI), Er Aijaz Husain, reported GNS. He said that this will be for the first time that close to two lakh pilgrims from India will perform the sacred journey of Haj 2023. Er Aijaz also informed that Haj 2023 forms will be available very soon. The HCoI has held a series of meetings

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In six years, SKIMS registers 27,727 cancer patients

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Srinagar, Jan 09: In six years, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura have registered over 27,000 patients ailing with cancer disease. Besides, the institute has witnessed 1833 deaths due to different types of cancer. During this period, the institute has also issued 64,504 Out Patient Department (OPD) cards issued by the department of Nephrology. The official figures of SKIMS accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) reveals that from October-2016 to October-2022, the institute has registered 27,727. The Public Information

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DC Srinagar reviews progress of works taken up under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)

Asks Departments to prepare Action Plan for NCAP phase-II to improve Air Quality Index

HT News Network

SRINAGAR JANUARY 09: To review the possible present status and progress achieved with regard to implementation of Rs 5.0 crore City Action Plan (Part Ist) taken under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to improve Air Quality Index in District, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also the Chairman of District Implementation Committee here on Monday at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex. Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Athar Amir Khan was also present on the occasion. At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review of Rs 5 Crore Action Plan (Part Ist) being implemented under NCAP for execution of various interventions including procurement of 4 Road sweeping or Vacuum Cleaning machines for regular cleaning of City roads, Procurement of 3 Jetting Machines for water spraying of City roads, and Installation of 9 Fountains at major intersections/circles



Installation of Air Quality Monitoring System in the City to ensure strict implementation of mitigation measures for Prevention, Control and Abatement of Air Pollution and to improve the Air Quality in the non-attainment City of Srinagar District. The DC also reviewed process of uploading details on PRANA (Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities), a portal launched for monitoring of implementation of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to support tracking of physical as well as financial status of City Air Action Plan implementation and

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Decorate all offices, public places on the eve of Republic Day: CS to Administration

Ensure presence of all the invitees and celebrations in each panchayat

HT News Network

JAMMU, JANUARY 9: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today urged the Police and Civil administration to make proper arrangements for the festive celebration of the 74th Republic Day to be celebrated this January in the whole of J&K. Dr Mehta made these remarks while chairing a meeting to review the Republic Day arrangements.



The Chief Secretary impressed upon the Division-

al and District Administration to lit up in decorative colours all the government offices and buildings on the eve. He enjoined upon them to facilitate participation of public in the celebrations at each place. He also told them to hold cultural events at Block and Panchayat level for the recreation of people there. The Chief Secretary directed for making special efforts to make each

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KU Professor withdraws claim over seniority to 'settle row'

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

Srinagar, Jan 09: With the academicians at the Kashmir University (KU) unhappy with the interim arrangement made for the Vice Chancellor "from outside the system", a

senior professor of the University



on Monday withdrew his claim for seniority "to settle the fiasco of

a seniority tussle." He, however, blamed the University administration for "projecting and propagating" the seniority dispute. According to a letter accessed by the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Prof Khurshid Andrabi, who has been a former VC of the University of Kashmir, has written to the Vice Chancellor regarding withdrawal of his earlier claim of seniority. "In the larger interest of the University, in particular the teaching fraternity, I herewith withdraw

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Progressing JK-Dekhoapnadesh

TTVP to be Game changer for rural economy

Prog. to transform 75 villages known for historical, picturesque beauty, cultural significance

Empowerment of youth, women major aim of programme

HT News Network

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 09: The Tourist Tribal village programme (TTVP) initiated by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is turning out to be the Game changer for the rural as well as tribal areas both economically as well as socially. J&K Tourist Village Network under Mission Youth initiative is aimed at transforming 75 villages of the UT known for historical, picturesque beauty



and cultural significance into tourist villages. The youth-led sustainable tourism initiative will strengthen rural economy and community entrepreneurship, empowering youth and women by providing direct and indirect employment. Jammu and Kashmir Government is adopting best practices

recognizing the uniqueness of each village and showcasing the landscapes, indigenous knowledge systems, cultural diversity and heritage, local values and traditions, besides encouraging film shooting and offering financial incentives as well as ensuring a digital platform to all these villages under Tribal Tourism initiative. A sleepy Sangerwani village in Pulwama presented a festive look as first batch of tourists arrived in the village to witness the beauty of countryside which was recently declared as Tourist Tribal Village by J&K Government. The most enthusiastic on the

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J&K parts set to receive another wet spell as fresh WD to affect UT from Jan 11, MeT

HT NEWS NETWORK / KNO

Srinagar, Jan 09: The parts of Jammu & Kashmir are all set to receive another wet spell from January 11 as a fresh Western Disturbance (WD) would likely affect the Union Territory and adjacent areas from Wednesday afternoon. Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT), Mukhtar Ahmad said that a fresh active WD would likely affect J&K and adjoining areas from 11th January afternoon. He said that under the influence of WD, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/snow (Rain in plains & light snow over higher reaches of Jammu division) most likely at most places of J&K. As per the forecast, he said that the moderate snowfall intensity will be over higher reaches (isolated heavy over higher reaches of Kashmir especially Keran, Machil, Gurez, Tulail, Sonamarg, Gulmarg, Pahlgam, higher reaches of Budgam, Higher reaches of Shopian and Kulgam) with main activity during late 11th night to 12th late night and gradual decrease thereafter.

War against drug menace: 1685 drug peddlers arrested, 1021 NDPS cases registered in 2022, say Police '138 drug peddlers detained under PIT NDPS Act'

Srinagar, Jan 09 (KNO): Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday claimed to have registered 1021 NDPS cases in Kashmir and arrested 1685 drug peddlers including 138 notorious drug peddlers, who have been detained under PIT NDPS Act during the previous year 2022.

Besides, a huge quantity of different types of contraband and psychotropic substances were recovered, a police spokesman said in a statement issued to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

"Besides during the previous year, mass campaigns including 1098 'Thana Divas' meetings, 1206 Police Community Partnership Group meetings, Police Public Meetings, Counselling at Drug De-addiction Centers, engagement of youth in sports activities through Civic Action Programmes (CAP) were held by police

across the districts of Kashmir valley to eradicate the drug menace and to create awareness among the general public and to seek their cooperation," police said.

"Furthermore, police busted many narco-terror modules in which 35 accused persons were arrested during the year 21-22 and apart from huge contraband banned substances, cash, arms & ammunition and other incriminating materials were recovered," police said.

Acting tough against the drug menace, police said that 1685 persons were arrested in 1021 NDPS related cases and out of them, 138 notorious drug peddlers were booked under PIT NDPS Act.

Pertinently, while giving top priority to the investigation of NDPS cases, out of 1021 registered cases, 917 cases were speedily challaned before different courts of law against the

involved accused during the previous year, police said.

During the previous year, police said contraband and psychotropic substances seized include about 212 Kgs Charas, 56 Kgs Heroine, 13 Kgs Brown Sugar, 1127 Kgs Bhang, 4355 Kgs Poppy Straw, 1567 Kgs Fukki, 03 Kgs Ganja, 10979 Intoxin Syrup & 135052 capsules/tablets in 1021 NDPS cases.

Contraband and psychotropic substances have been seized in 167 cases stands destroyed after fulfilling the due process of law. The destroyed substances include 219 Kgs Poppy Straw, 97 Kgs Charas/charas powder, 4508 syrup bottles, 194 Kgs Bhang, 461 Kgs Fukki etc, police said.

Moreover, during different drives against drug menace, illegally cultivated poppy and bhung spread on about 1020 Kanals of land was also de-

stroyed by police across the Kashmir Valley, police said.

Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar has assured that in the current year the 'war against drug menace' shall continue with more vigour and strict action against the persons involved in drug menace shall be taken on all fronts by police.

He, however, requested the community members to be part of the campaign by coming forward with any information regarding drug peddling in their neighbourhood. "Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace & to secure the future of our youth," police said—(KNO)

Army trains members of VDGs in hilly Doda

Jammu, Jan 9 (UNI) Indian Army on Monday conducted an awareness camp for members of Village Defence Groups (VDG) in alignment with 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas at Bhagwah in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. As per defence spokesman, the Village Defence Guards were constituted in 1995 in 10 districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Indian Army organised



a self defence and situational camp in which a total of 60 members of VDG participated. They were briefed about

the prevalent situation with respect to the modus operandi of anti-national elements in order to execute swift and effective

response, tactics being employed by anti-national elements and how important their role is to ensure sustained peace and prosperity in the region.

The camp was appreciated by all the members of VDG and they shared their valuable views on maintaining peace in the region.

Such noble initiatives of the Indian Army will go a long way in empowering the Awaam.

Pulwama man bags Gold, Bronze in second Curling National championship in Gulmarg

Srinagar, Jan 09 (KNO): A government employee from Awantipora district has bagged gold and bronze in Senior Mixed Double and Mixed Team Championship in second National Curling Championship held at Ice-Skating Rink in Gulmarg. Showkat Rasool of Bhat Mohalla Larkipora in Awantipora who is currently working in J&K Board of Technical Education wants to represent India in the Winter Olympic Games and World Championships.

Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), he said that he was happy to win a gold medal and Bronze saying he started playing the game when he was in class 7.

Bhat said that it was a great experience

to learn from international coaches such as PN Raju and Kisan and will work hard to perform well in upcoming Khelo India winter games.

"My federation Head is supporting Mohd Arshad sir and Secretary General Mohd Danish always supported me and recommended the International Training Camp to be held in April 2023 at Sweden. I am very happy to win this medal and am trying to work hard and further excel and perform well at the mega stages," he added.

On being asked about sports infrastructure in J&K, he said, "J&K is the only UT in India having Highest altitude Natural Ice-Skating Rink infrastructure and Curling Federa-

tion of India CEO Mr Mohd Arshad has kept enough International Level Equipment required for the Game at Gulmarg for whole Country.

CEO Mohd Arshad already purchased two more sets from Canada for the Khelo India Winter Games.

He said that there is a need to get involved in sports especially in Curling and in order to teach the youth of J&K and involve unemployed educated youth to be self-employed by planning to open Curling School at Gulmarg.

"Our youth are very talented and there is a need to provide them with a platform and support them so that they won't face any problem in reaching to mega stages," he added—(KNO)

Textiles Shop (Magray Textiles) gutted in fire at Tilgam Kreeri Goods Worth lakhs of Rupees refused to ashes

Aashiq Hussain

Kreeri, 09 Jan -Textiles Shop Gutted in Tilgam Kreeri and property worth lakhs of rupees got reduced to ashes as fire broke out from Textiles shop at Tilgam Kreeri on Monday evening. Witnesses said that around 9.30 pm massive fire broke out from the shop of Gh Mohd Magray S/O Gh Hassan Magray of Tilgam Kreeri which engulfed entire shop in jiffy goods worth lakhs of rupees were reduced

to ashes despite immediate fire fighting opera-



tion by locals who were later joined by fire servicemen and Police team

of Police station kreeri headed by Mir Sajad

flames and put fire under control to spread in the locality, owner of the Shop Requesting to administration for Financial Assistance. Meanwhile Localkhalipora Panchayat Committee demanded Fire station for Tilgam Textiles Shop Gutted in Tilgam Kreeri and property worth lakhs of rupees got reduced to ashes as fire broke out from Textiles shop at Tilgam Kreeri on Monday evening. Witnesses said that around 9.30 pm.

However, timely action of fire tenders, locals managed to douse the

Poem Pheran



RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR

The special winter attire of vallieties, Worn by Youth, children and elders, To beat the freezing chill of chillia-kalan.

Kangri wrapped under it infuses new life, To our chilly and icy-cold trembling bodies.

Amid frozen waters and icy-winds, This special cloak is the lone gadget, Used to win war against the cold.

Prior to the onset of winter in Kashmir, It is in high demand wherever you go.

Tailors earn manifolds during the season, Making Pherans for every household, Of varied designs and embroidery.

Ladies, both married and bachelor's, The ones specially stitched and designed, Of wool, velvet and tweed prefer these robes.

For a would-be bride, dozens, Embroidered and exceptionally designed, Are readied prior to her arrival at new home.

Though it is endemic to entire vale, Certain areas are exceptionally hotspots.

The inventor deserves kudos and applause, For such unique and adorable gift, To which our cultural ethos are attached.

RAYEES AHMAD KUMAR
Writer is a columnist and hails from Qazigund Kashmir.

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Remote village in Anantnag's Dooru gets electricity for the first time

Locals hail the move, expect road and piped water now

Anantnag, Jan 09 (KNO): A remote village Tethan in Anantnag's Dooru received electricity for the first time.

The forested area with about 200-250 units has got electricity under the Centrally sponsored PM development Package Scheme, an official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

Locals said that they would light candles and other traditional lighting systems.

Aslam Khan, a local, said that with electricity, their children would be

able to study till late evening.

"Now we will be able to charge our phones and talk to out relatives, friends etc," said another local Mohammad Jabbar.

He said that they would go to Dooru which is very far from the area with no road connectivity to charge their phones. Locals thanked the administration for the move with the residents happy. Now, they

They requested the administration to look into other issues including road connectivity and water

supply as well.

An official of the department said that it was very difficult to take a transformer, poles and other things as the area has no road connectivity.

He said that work on the project started last year and was completed this year.

A 63 KVA transformer, 38 High Tension and 57 LT poles have been installed in the area so as to provide electricity to around 50 households, he said—(KNO)

Commuters decry minimal public transport in Srinagar during evening hours

'Transport authorities unmoved over inconvenience faced by elderly, women, students'

Srinagar, Jan 09 (KNO): Frustrated over the lack of public transport during evening hours in Srinagar, commuters in Srinagar have expressed displeasure, accusing the concerned authorities of being 'Non Serious' about making the transport facilities available for the masses. A group of commuters from Srinagar told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that they are facing transport issues during evening hours while reaching their destinations, stating that they have to wait for hours to catch the bus. "Commuting during evening hours is not easy especially in winter as there is very less availability

of public transport. Women, elderly people face huge inconvenience and by chance, if any bus comes they have to jump over to catch a space in the bus", said a group of commuters.

Notably, on any given day, many commuters can be seen waiting for passenger buses near Kashmir Hatt, LalChowk, JehangirChowk, Sanat Nagar, Rambagh, Jawahar Nagar, Abdullah Bridge, Soura, Sonwar, Batwara and Dalgate, Gogjibagh, Bemina, and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Accusing the Transport authorities of being 'non-serious' towards the minimal public transport avail-

ability during evening hours, a group of students said that on their return from tuition classes, they seek lift from private vehicles or board Sumo vehicles which charge them extra bucks.

"Everyone does not own private or have personal transport, while my cousin and I have to go for coaching in Rajbagh we have to use public transport and coming back to my home is never easy as we often board auto rickshaw as buses don't come for hours or are overcrowded", said Saika, a NEET student.

Meanwhile, repeated attempts to reach out to concerned officials by KNO didn't fructify—(KNO)

Alok Kumar inaugurates first National Conclave on NEP at Jammu

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: Principal Secretary, Education, Alok Kumar today inaugurated the first National Conclave on National Education Policy (NEP) at Convention center here.

The two day event is being organized by Department of School Education in collaboration with Agro Industries Vikas Chamber.

Addressing the inaugural session of the conclave, Alok Kumar highlighted about the broad contours of the NEP and spoke in length about the implementation, impact and aims of the policy. He added that NEP aims to increase the focus on strengthening teacher training, reforming the existing exam system, early childhood care and restruc-



turing the regulatory framework of education.

The Principal Secretary underlined that NEP-2020 is focusing mainly on skill-based courses and the present administration has initiated several reforms to start skill based education courses from high school level. He called upon the management of colleges and higher education institutions to hold reg-

ular interactions with the students for feedback on quality of education provided to them.

Prof. Rejesh of MIT, USA, in his address said that Entrepreneurship has to become the 'core of education. He also shared his experiences of working in Education sector covering multiple countries' to understand process of making students entrepreneurs. He added that NEP has opened a sky for innovation and creativity for every Educationists and its time to explore the opportunity to its fullest.

Retired DGP and founder of super 30, Abhyanand , while speaking on the occasion, shared his valuable experiences in exploring the new meanings of education.

Ganderbal athletes shine in National Sqay Martial Arts Championship

Ganderbal, Jan 09: The government's efforts to encourage youth to take part in sports activities have been yielding positive results as 13 players from this central Kashmir's Ganderbal district have brought home laurels by winning the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the National Sqay Martial Arts Championship. The contingent from Ganderbal comprising thirteen players bagged 7 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. The 23rd National Sqay Martial Arts Championship was held in Jammu and witnessed the participation of 1,250 athletes from 22 states and 108 players from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The participants from Ganderbal expressed gratitude to the government for providing them

with a platform to demonstrate their abilities. They, however, urged for better infrastructure such as indoor sports stadiums to be constructed in the district. Nazia Khan, a Sqay competitor, while talking to the new agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that she was very much thankful to her family, friends, and Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal Shyambir for their "unflinching" support. "This was the second time that I participated in a national-level tournament. I am overjoyed to have earned a Silver medal. Despite numerous difficulties, I was able to persist and achieve this accomplishment thanks to the motivation and direction of the people around me," she said. Nazia, however, pointed out a dearth

of proper facilities and equipment that the athletes in the district face. "Ganderbal has young and gifted athletes but we lack suitable training kits or a place to practice. Our trainers are operating with limited resources," she said. The athlete has urged the UT administration to keep supporting the exceptionally talented young sports persons in the district by providing them with more "advantageous stages and openings". "Our trainers are devoted and accomplished, and with the applicable assets, we could accomplish far superior results," she said. Sqay coach Saleem Pathan said it was a matter of pride for him that all the contestants from the Ganderbal district who participated in this tournament won medals—(KNO)

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DDC Pulwama chairs DLRC meeting Stresses for Self-reliant & Sustainable Agriculture, Horticulture sectors

PULWAMA, JANUARY 09: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary today convened a District Level Review Committee (DLRC) meeting, here.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on CD ratios of the banks, identification of beneficiaries, flow of credit, assistance under Government sponsored schemes, performance of banks under District Credit Plan (DCP), achievements made under the above said Quarter, monitoring initiatives and Credit Plus activities.

It was given out that under Agriculture, Education and Housing sectors, banks have disbursed an amount of Rs 836.69 crore, 3.38 crores and 27 crores respectively. Whereas in Medium Small and Micro Enterprises, 184 crores were disbursed against the annual target of 239 crores. An amount of 417 crores

of loan has been sanctioned to weaker sections.

Regarding the Year-wise achievements of targets under priority & non-priority sectors, an amount of 1477 crores have been disbursed by Q2 (FY 2022-23). The DDC impressed upon the bankers to put in added efforts to increase the CD ratio by focusing on potential areas and stressed on better coordination between banks and government departments for bringing improvement in CD ratio.

He directed for ensuring balanced lending in all key sectors to promote equitable growth and also emphasized upon the heads of the financial institutions to spread awareness with regard to the welfare schemes sponsored by them among masses so that people can avail benefit for their socio-economic development.

The DDC hailed the role of agriculture and horticulture sectors in creating self-reliant and



sustainable employment in the district. He emphasized on the priority sector lending with special focus on education, women development and agriculture allied sectors. He directed concerned officials to organise the financial literacy camps in every block of the district and stressed

upon the bankers and concerned officers to adopt a public friendly approach and work in coordination so that good results are achieved at the grass roots level. On the occasion, DDC released a book "Potential Linked Credit Plan 2023-24" by NABARD. Officers of NABARD informed

that PLP projection for the year 2023-24 is assessed at 241096.76 lakh. Sector wise coverage of credit potential is 158188.76 lakh for Total Agriculture (Farm credit, Agriculture infrastructure and Ancillary activities), 65625.00 lakh for MSME including medium enterprises, 1500.00 lakh for Export Credit, 3382.50 lakh for Education, 7938.00 lakh for Housing, 3375.00 lakh for Social Infrastructure and 1087.50 lakh for Renewable Energy.

The DDC praised the credit planning exercise of NABARD for preparing Potential Linked Credit Plans (PLPs) for the District. The meeting was attended by ADDC Pulwama, Dr Sheikh Abdul Aziz; GM DIC, ACR Pulwama, CPO Pulwama, Lead District Manager, Cluster Head JK Bank, NABARD, representatives of various banks, District Coordinators, other Heads of various Government Departments and sponsoring agencies.

DC Kulgam reviews implementation of COTPA-2003 in district

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, JANUARY 09: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today chaired a meeting of District Level Coordination Committee for National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) and reviewed measures for implementation of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) -2003 in the district.

Addressing the meeting, the DC directed the concerned officers to ensure strict implementation of the provisions of COTPA-2003 across the district. Besides, he stressed to organize awareness programmes in schools and colleges.

The DC directed the officers to intensify the drive for imposition of fine on the offenders in and around the hospitals, educational institutions, Government offices, public transport adding that this shall give a strong message to the offenders to refrain from such activity.

During the meeting, Nodal Officer for enforce-



ment of the COTPA in the district was directed to ensure imposition of challans on the offenders who smoke in public places.

He was also directed to submit a monthly report regarding the number of challans made, fine recovered and other controlling measures.

To ensure tobacco free schools, college principals, Chief Education Officer & Zonal Education Officers were directed to ensure that no sale of tobacco products/cigarettes is made within 100 yards of college and school premises in the district.

Earlier, Dr. Mir Mushtaq

State Nodal Officer tobacco control program at Directorate Health services Kashmir gave a detailed presentation about COTPA-2003 and overview of National Tobacco Control programme.

The meeting was attended by Additional District Development Commissioner Showkat Ahmad Rather; Additional Deputy Commissioner Viqar Ahmed Giri; SDM Bashir Ul Hassan; DSWO, Principals of GDCs, CMO BMOs, besides officials from State Tobacco Control Cell DCHSK and other concerned attended the meeting.

J&K Bank commissions new branch at Khimber

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 09: Extending banking services to nearest possible destinations for the people, J&K Bank threw open a new branch today at Khimber - a village in the outskirts of Srinagar.

The Bank's Zonal Head Srinagar Shabir Ahmad inaugurated the branch in presence of Cluster Head Riyaz Ahmad Wani amid a gathering of valuable customers, residents and other bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head reiterated the Bank's commitment towards the economic development of people living across its operational geographies. He said, "We have commissioned this branch for the economic well-being of the people of Khimber and its adjacent areas.

Equipped with state-of-the-art banking facilities, I am sure that the branch will pro-actively work for the financial well-being of valuable customers while educating the people in general about



Bank's range of products, services tailored to meet their requirements."

He also urged the staff posted at Khimber to provide best customer services and make people of the catchment area aware about various employment generation programs of the Government along with social security schemes designed for lower income groups.

With the commissioning of Khimber branch, the Bank's branch network in Srinagar has reached 98 while as the total number of Bank branches is 985 now. Speaking on the occasion, Zonal Head

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SVEEP camp held at Zainapora, Chitragam

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 09: On the directions of District Panchayat Election Officer, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, awareness camps were held by a team of officials of District Election Office Shopian at Block headquarter Zainapora and Chitragam to create more momentum and enhance the pace of enrollment in the ongoing Panchayat Electoral roll revision.

The camps were attended by locals and the officials of rural development departments at both the places.

On the occasion, a detailed description of the different prescribed forms 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D was also shared with the audience through demonstrations. Forms were also circulated among the participants.

During the camps, the problems faced by the

PEBOs were attended to and redressed on the spot. The assembly BLOs and PEBOs were directed to work in close coordination and follow the timeline of the revision in letter and spirit.

A short training session regarding the digitalization was also held with the IT persons of the block office dealing with the process.

The team headed by Deputy District Election Officer, Jahanger Ahmad covered all the blocks so far during which thousands of people were educated about the process of registrations, timelines and its importance.

The District has so far recorded around 13000 new additions and it is expected that 15000 to 17000 more may be added by 18 January, which is the last date for filing claims and objections.

DDC Kupwara reviews power scenario of Kupwara district

Directs to ensure uninterrupted power supply as per curtailment schedule

KUPWARA, JANUARY 09: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today convened a meeting of all concerned officers to review the power scenario of Kupwara district.

On the occasion, the DDC stressed upon the officers to ensure close coordination among themselves for better results on ground.

The DDC directed them to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the consumers as per the curtailment schedule so that the people do not face any inconvenience. He also directed them to ensure completion of all ongoing augmentation works



within the stipulated timeframe so that more improvement is seen in the ground.

Meanwhile, it was informed in the meeting that the district has a total of 87800 registered consumers with 90.15 MW load and the current available power supply in the district is 120 MW. Besides, it was informed

that the peak requirement in the district goes beyond the available power supply which is being followed by a curtailment schedule. Accordingly, 16 hour power supply is being given to the consumers in metered areas and 12 hour supply is provided to non-metered areas of the district.

Reviewing various developments in the power sector during the current financial year, the DDC was informed that the Arampora Grid Station was augmented from 90 MVA to 120 MVA in October 2022. Besides, Augmentation of Grid Station Vilgam from 50 MVA to 100 MVA shall be completed by next month. He was also informed that the metering of households is in progress in the areas where meters are not installed and the task is being carried out in a phased manner.

Regarding power theft, the DDC was informed that inspection teams are continuously working to curb the power theft in Divisions and Sub divisions.

During the visit, the DDC inaugurated and started 2 feeders in Hyhama Receiving Station each for Manigah and Shartpora-Sohipora areas. DDC Member Hyhama, Haji Sonaulah Khan, DDC Member Drugmulla, Amina Majed, SE PDD, Muntaz Ahmad, XEN PDD, Shamim Ahmad, besides, PDD officials, PRIs and people were present at the occasion.

On the occasion, it was informed that the starting of these two feeders will improve the overall power scenario of Hyhama which will provide a major relief to the people of the area.

Meanwhile, the people expressed their gratitude towards the District Development Commissioner and PDD for resolving their long pending demand. Earlier, the DDC visited Grid Station Vilgam and enquired about the power supply schedule in the area.

The DDC also inspected Primary Health Centre Vilgam where he checked the attendance of medical and hospital staff and interacted with the patients and doctors. He also inspected Tehsil Office and BDO Office Vilgam.

During his visit, the DDC met various public delegations and heard their day to day developmental issues and various issues were resolved on the spot. During his visit, the DDC met various public delegations and heard their day to day developmental issues and various issues were resolved on the spot.

AKAM: Capacity Building programme under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan begins at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 09: A capacity building program organised by the District Administration Anantnag in collaboration with Department of Health and Department of Education kickstarted today at HSS Achabal, here.

During the event, the master trainer from the health department informed the attendees about the classical symptoms to identify students under stress and vulnerable to being pulled towards substance abuse. They were trained on how to counsel students and their parents and the various institutional mechanisms in place for helping such students.

The event was the first in a series of such capacity building programs being organized to train the staff from the Education department for counselling and sensitizing students against the menace of drug abuse.

DHEW-Mission Shakti Budgam conducts Awareness programme at Gopalpora Chadoora

BUDGAM, JANUARY 09: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Mission Shakti Budgam today raised awareness on different schemes like Pension schemes, Scholarship schemes, Prosthetic Aids, SMAS etc. among public and PRI representatives at Gopalpora, Chadoora.

It also highlighted the working and functioning of the District Social Welfare department at district level. The team threw light on Women empowerment schemes available at District level such as DHEW, OSC, WHL 181, Shelter Home, Marriage Assistance Scheme, Ladli Beti, PMMVY, Employment generation schemes such as Tajeswani, Mumkin, PMEGP, etc. DHEW team provided awareness regarding updated Schemes, criteria and documentation.

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

The team also raised awareness on Drug Addiction, Ill effects, treatment under the banner 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan'.

The programme was attended by local women, sarpanchs, panchs, children and the team Special Cell for Women and One Stop Centre Budgam.

Admission Open for 6th class at JNV Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 09: The Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Budgam, appealed to the students and the parents whose wards are desirous to seek admission for 6th class to apply online.

The Principal in his message said that the forms are available online and those willing can seek admission after clearance of the entrance test.

Admission is open for all those school going children of Budgam district whose date of birth is in-between 01-05-2011 to 30-04-2013.

The students who are studying in class V in the academic session 2022-23 and completing the session from Government recognized school in the District Budgam.

The students can submit their online forms up to 31st of January 2023 on the website www.navodaya.gov.in besides, the students keen to take Admission in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Budgam can also get forms from the said School or by contacting Phone Number: 9419977483.

DDC Kupwara inaugurates Manigah, Shartpora-Sohipora feeders in RS Hyhama

KUPWARA, JANUARY 9: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray today had a detailed tour of different areas of Kupwara district to take stock of the developmental issues of the people.

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Budgam Administration bids warm farewell to outgoing SSP Budgam, Tahir Saleem Welcomes Al Tahir Gilani on assuming charge as new SSP Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 09: The District Administration Budgam today organized a Farewell cum Welcome function for the outgoing SSP Budgam Tahir Saleem on his transfer and SSP Al Tahir Gilani for assuming the charge as new SSP Budgam at Conference Hall, here.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner Budgam S F Hamid appreciated outgoing SSP for his cooperation and coordination in maintaining a peaceful law and order situation during his tenure.

The DC praised him for his excellent work in Nasha mukt, crime tackling, covid management and other areas. He said that outgoing SSP led his police team with clarity of heart and shall be remembered for his humbleness, humility and public friendly approach in the district.

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hoped that best support and cooperation shall continue under his abled guidance so that both civil and police administration continue to work in coordinated manner in the district.

ADDC, ADC among other officers extended their best wishes to both New and outgoing SSPs for their new assignments.

Speaking on the occasion, SSP Al Tahir Gilani assured full support to the administration and said he will try his best to deliver up to the expectations of the general public.

Outgoing SSP Budgam addressed the gathering, thanked the DC Budgam and all senior officers for their support and appreciation. He commended their combined efforts for keeping things calm in the district and encouraged that trend to continue in future also.

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EDITORIAL

'BOUIN'; The Heritage tree of Kashmir at the Verge of Extinction.

The growing concern world over about the environment protection and saving mother earth from further degradation gaining momentum day in and day out. However in our part of the world different parameters are being adopted. Majority of the water bodies across rural as well as urban Kashmir have dried up. Great saint of Kashmir Nund RESHI (RA) had predicted and given lessons on environment long back when he said..

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'BOUIN', the tree which was historically introduced to Kashmir by the Islamic missionaries, which later became an identity of Kashmir has turned out to be the victim to unplanned and so called developmental activities. With every passing year 'BOUINS'. The Chinar trees, are becoming a rare sight. Thanks to the unplanned construction activities and absence of any future planning to save this heritage tree. Gracing the paths and gardens of exotic Kashmir, over the years the Chinar is now at the verge of depletion because of human apathy and the administrations indifference.

As spring dawns into Kashmir and plantation season begins. Administration will soon be seen holding ceremonial plantation drives across Kashmir. However these Chinars, once abundant, are increasingly becoming a rare sight. Gods of nature have always taken mercy on Kashmir. If there is a heat wave there is rain immediately after. If there is drought there has been snow too, but despite this mercy Kashmir continues to suffer. That is because the cruel human hands continue to destroy what nature has given in abundance. Cruelty with nature and human interference galore is eating up the vitals of the paradise. Take for example the environment; immense damage is done to it undermining the nature's benevolence. The natural environment is getting decayed due to rapacious interference by human beings. All its facets like rivers, jungles, pastures, gardens are on the verge of destruction. Nothing has been spared, not even its unique feature, the majestic Chinar tree. Due to the apathy of administration and lack of self-discipline of the people, this 'king of trees' is under the axe of smugglers and their mentors among the officialdom. Visit any corner of the valley, including the protected Naseem Bagh on the shores of Dal Lake, one gets the impression that the gracious chinar tree, which has added to the picturesque beauty of Kashmir for centuries is close to extinction. Every year, the number of Chinars is decreasing. The Chinar trees, which flourished everywhere in the valley, is increasingly becoming a rare sight even though there is a lot of clamour about the rule of law, economic prosperity and environmental awareness. The chinar was considered to be a wealth, because it contributed not only to the beauty of Kashmir but also to its resources. Chinar wood is as good for furniture, as for making 'papier mache' items like wall hangings. It has also been one of the main sources of firewood for the rural lot whose firepots (Kangris) are filled by charcoal of red chinar leaves in winter. Gone are the days when one would come across gigantic chinar trees. These have been and are still being cut down ruthlessly. Revenue, forest or police agencies either do nothing or connive actively. The laws are flouted. It is unfortunate that there is no government agency, which would use government land, parks or gardens or even highways for the conservation of this majestic tree. Both the administration as well as citizens seem to be totally apathetic to this great loss. People shun its growth to save land. It is also normally planted in kitchen gardens for ornamental purposes. Chinar leaves engraved on Kashmiri traditional pots like 'Samavar' (tea pot) etc and other decorative items are used to adorn drawing rooms. The chinar tree is grown in Greece, Macedonia, Armenia and Northern Persia, besides Kashmir and western Himalayan region. Chinar or oriental tree (botanical name - Platanus orientalis) popularly known as 'bouin' in Kashmir is a large, graceful deciduous tree, which is closely associated with the culture and folklore of Kashmir. It is considered to be the manifestation of nature's bounty that the valley is blessed with. There are frequent references to the grandeur of chinar in Kashmiri literature. The famous mystic poetess Lal Ded, also known as Lal Ishwari (1320-1390 AD) made the reference to this tree in an epigram containing: "Virtuous and loving wife to the cool and refreshing shade of bouin (chinar) on a hot summer day." In the Akbarnama written by Abul Fazzal, it is mentioned, "The emperor took 34 persons inside the hollow trunk of an aged chinar tree." Similarly, emperor Jahangir, in his memoirs has made mention of a huge plain tree, in the hollow of which he and his seven companions could be comfortably accommodated. These and other references were used as a source to try and establish the date when the Chinar was introduced in Kashmir.

G20 India: Taking Financial Inclusion to the last of the last mile



By V. Anantha Nageswaran and Chanchal C. Sarkar

Financial Inclusion has long been recognised as a key enabler of economic growth and development. It plays a significant role in reducing poverty and empowering and connecting people within the ambit of a productive economy. Financial inclusion thus was rightly identified as an enabler for seven of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals.

In late 2010 against the backdrop of the global financial crisis, the G20 Leaders recognised financial inclusion as one of the main pillars of the global development agenda. They endorsed a Financial Inclusion Action Plan (FIAP) and established the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) to implement it in G20 countries and beyond. GPFI thus works for those even beyond G20 countries.

Since then, much work for advancing financial inclusion has been steered by the GPFI. It has produced many useful policy documents and implemented them, including G20 High-Level Principles for Digital Financial Inclusion, reduced the cost of remittances and increased access to and usage of sustainable formal financial services, thereby expanding opportunities for underserved and excluded households and enterprises.

Technological innovations and the adoption of digital innovation in finance through smartphones, Fintechs, and high-speed internet have been major cat-

alysts in nearly doubling account ownership to 71 per cent in developing countries over the past decade (<https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/globalindex>). This shift has been captured by the G20 as

id demonstration of our country's efforts to advance financial inclusion. The Stack brings together various stakeholders of the digital financial ecosystem, such as policymakers, regulators, the private sec-

monthly UPI payment volumes of over Rs 12 lakh crore (<https://www.npci.org.in/what-we-do/upi/product-statistics>); and banking over 470 million beneficiaries under the Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and Mobile (JAM) trinity, of which 55% are women and 67% live in rural or semi-urban areas (<https://pmjdy.gov.in/account>). With merely seven years to attain our Sustainable Development Goals, this pace, volume and quality of financial services are needed to usher in digital financial inclusion as a worldwide revolution.

As Kolkata gets ready to host the First GPFI Meeting under G20 India Presidency, one of the key issues would be to address the challenges of financial inclusion by leveraging technology to achieve the threefold objectives of access, usage and quality of financial services, transform people's lives, and enhance productivity in the economy.

The meeting will be accompanied by a dedicated initiative for building financial literacy and awareness among school children. The event is also looking forward to a showcase of various digital innovations in finance by the Public Sector Banks and Undertakings that have contributed to India's outstanding success in reaching the last mile. Prominent speakers worldwide will also share valuable insights on how countries can leverage their technological capabilities to advance financial inclusion and productivity gains.

The first GPFI working group meeting in Kolkata is likely to initiate a long and prosperous journey of India's approach to advancing digital financial inclusion globally.

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well. Digital Financial Inclusion and not just financial inclusion has been a major focus area for the past few years.

The G20 reports and policy guides usher non-member countries to leverage technology, innovation, and digitalisation to further financial inclusion. However, despite the many advances made, what is keeping the world from unlocking the full potential of digital technologies for financial inclusion? What makes India a global bright spot in accelerating financial inclusion?

With about 31 per cent of the world's population, largely women, poor and less educated adults, still being excluded from the formal financial system, the time is ripe for rethinking the digital financial ecosystem and exploring ways to bring in the new wave of revolution for digital financial inclusion.

The India Stack is perhaps the most viv-

tor, and users and converges components such as identity, payment systems, databases, open networks, and open interfaces (APIs) into a unified platform to complement one another. Such an ecosystem approach has leapfrogged developmental trajectory as it fosters an environment for regulators to regulate and the private sector to innovate whilst striking a balance between the two. The India Stack, despite its nomenclature, is not limited to India alone and thus can help and facilitate others; its vision and ambitions go far beyond our national boundaries. The foundational template of the Stack can be applied in other country settings—whether developed or emerging—to fit their unique requirements (<https://indiastack.org/index.html>).

Owing to this unique template, within the last decade, India has achieved 1.3 billion Aadhaar enrolments, overseeing

Adolescent Depression

lem lies in this very careful watch. Sometimes parents are too alert or most of the time they don't have time to watch their children carefully. Both the conditions are

the parents. This distraction can include increased disruptive behavior, self-inflicted isolation and even verbal threats of suicide.

Majority of such cases of adolescent depression are mild and can be treated with several psychotherapy sessions of intense listening, advice and encouragements. These disorders should be searched for and treated if present. For acute cases, medication may be necessary, otherwise without pharmaceutical treatment, depressive conditions may escalate and be fatal.

Until recently, adolescent depression has been generally ignored by the family, teacher and physicians, but now everyone is becoming conscious of this disease. The most important factor in the treatment of depression is family and then school as the peer competition and peer complex are also paramount in this age of competition.

Although most teenagers can successfully and strongly come out winners and climb the mountain of their emotional and psychological obstacles but still there are some who are unable to do so. They are to be cared in a special way.

Adolescent depression can be removed successfully with the help of love and care given by family and teachers or another caring adult. It is not a problem, which cannot be solved but it is a problem, which if not taken care of in the beginning, can be dangerous and fatal and then there will be no remedy on this earth to cure it, or compensate it.

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Depression is a disease that affects the human psyche, in such a way that the afflicted tend to act and react abnormally towards others% and themselves. It is no surprise that this depression sometimes becomes the cause of teenage suicide, and this adolescent suicide is now responsible for more deaths in youths aged 15 to 19 than cancer. Despite these suicide rates and increasing cases of depression in adolescents, it is greatly under diagnosed and leads to serious difficulties. One of these serious difficulties is mal adjustment. This very mal adjustment in school, work place and personal life may often continue to adulthood. Many times, children and adolescents, according to expert opinion, are often unable to express their feelings. This is a reason that this disease remains undetected. According to experts, challenge does not lie in treating the patient, it lies in detecting the disease.

For this, it is needed that the parents, teachers or anyone who interacts with the adolescents should be very careful and alert. If it is so, there is no reason why this disease can not be correctly diagnosed. But the prob-



not suitable for the welfare of the adolescent. The causes of this disease are many. Sometimes parents are struggling with their marital problems and trying to solve them or one of the parents may have some alcohol problem. Unemployment, inflation and thus poverty are also relative factors. When an adolescent finds no support from his/her family with or without valid reason, his psyche is troubled. To engage their attention or to express himself or herself, he or she may try to distract

Tips for Preventing Cold Weather Acne



Shahnaz Husain

Nothing much blooms in winter, but acne may be an exception.

Acne is a chronic skin condition that can remain troublesome all year around. However, the problem could aggravate considerably, especially during the winter season.

Winter, a season known for its low humidity levels makes, the most superficial layer of our skin (epidermis) go dry which leads to acne breakouts.

Winter tends to be the driest time of the year, are accompanied by dry skin that eventually increases sebum production, a type of oily and waxy substance that the small glands of the skin secrete. Sebum helps keep your skin properly moist and supple, but too much can make the cells stick to each other. This can lead to clogged pores and acne breakouts.

Luckily, winter acne is both treatable and preventable.

Where clogged pores and acne are concerned, prevention is better than cure. Cleansing is very important to prevent clogged pores, especially since oily skins attract more impurities. The pores have to be free of hardened oil. Use a cleanser, which is specially formulated for normal to oily skins. A cleansing lotion or face wash may be used. For oily skin problems, like spots, pimples and acne use a medicated soap or cleanser, which helps to remove impurities without dis-

turbing the acid-alkaline balance.

An astringent lotion is also an integral part of cleansing of oily skin, as it not only reduces oiliness, but also shrinks the pores. After washing the face, wipe it with an astringent lotion, using cotton wool. If it is too harsh, mix the as-

texture. You can make a scrub at home by mixing oats with rose water and applying it on the face. Rub gently with circular movements and wash off with water. This not only helps to prevent blackheads, but also to close the pores gradually. However, do not use scrubs

Or, apply aloe vera gel. It moisturises the skin without making it oily. It also makes the skin soft and smooth. One must keep in mind to pick a moisturizer that suits their skin type.

A Vitamin C serum would help an oily skin and prevent clogged pores. Vitamin C is rich in antioxidants, keeping the skin healthy, while serums are light and normally water-based and are thus ideal for oily skin. Orange peels are a rich source of Vitamin C. In fact, the peels are said to contain more Vitamin C than the fruit itself. Dried and powdered orange peels can be used in scrubs and masks, to absorb oil and tighten the pores. Grind fresh orange peels into a paste. Add oats and rose water and apply the pack on the face to benefit minimize pores and even blemishes.

Diet is important. If the system is congested, it reflects on the skin. Keep the system cleansed by including fresh fruits, raw salads, sprouts, whole grains and yogurt in your daily diet. Drink 6 to 8 glasses of water daily. Add the juice of a lemon to a glass of tepid water and have it first thing in the morning.

There are various benefits offered by flaxseed oil. Apart from health benefits, flaxseed oil can do wonders for the skin. It has abilities to hydrate the skin and enhance the texture of the skin by making it smooth and decreasing the dryness and irritation of the skin.

Exercising pumps more oxygen in the body that eventually helps in keeping the skin healthy and glowing. Moreover, it will also help in keeping you warm and active.

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trient lotion with rose water in equal quantities and use it. Or, use a rose-based skin tonic. For oily skins, rose water can be mixed with cucumber juice in equal quantities also helps to cleanse and close the pores.

Exfoliation is an important aspect in the cleansing of oily skins to cleanse the pores. This involves the use of scrubs, which should be rubbed gently on the skin and washed off with water. They help to remove dead skin cells, refining the pores and keeping them free of hardened oil. They also improve the skin

on pimples and acne. Also, avoid using soap and water several times a day.

You can also mix oats with egg white and apply on the areas with open pores twice a week. Wash it off when it is dry. This would work like a scrub and also tighten the pores. Dry and powdered orange and lemon peels can also be added to facial scrubs and masks.

In winter, an oily skin may also need a moisturiser, since the cold weather tends to aggravate dryness. However, avoid applying heavy and oily creams. You can apply a light moisturising lo-

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KU holds condolence meet to mourn demise of Prof Rehman Rahi

Srinagar, Jan 9: The University of Kashmir on Monday condoled the demise of renowned Kashmiri poet and Jnanpith awardee, Prof Rehman Rahi, former Head of the varsity's Department of Kashmiri. In her condolence message, Vice-Chancellor Prof Nilofer Khan, who is out of station, conveyed her heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Prof Rahi on her behalf and on behalf of the entire teaching, non-teaching and student fraternity. Describing Prof Rahi as a prolific poet and writer, Prof Nilofer said the contributions of Prof Rahi to the promotion and development of Kashmiri language and literature will continue to serve as an inspiration for aspiring Kashmiri writers and students. She said the University stands in solidarity with

the bereaved family in this moment of grief. She said that Prof Rahi will be specially remembered in the scintillating words carved by him while writing the Kashmiri University Tarana 'Hee Mouj Kashee'ree (O Mother Kashmir). Officiating Vice-Chancellor Prof Nazir Ahmad later chaired a condolence meeting of Deans, HODs and Officers, where rich tributes were paid to Prof Rahi. Prof Nazir, while conveying his condolences to the bereaved family, said the best tribute to Prof Rahi will be to continue with his rich legacy of promoting Kashmiri language and literature through his writings that progressively inspired and influenced generations of people. Dean Academic Affairs Prof F A Masoodi, Dean Colleges Prof Manzoor Ahmad Khan, Dean Research Prof Irshad.

Dulloo assesses availability of petroleum derived spray oils in J&K

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to discuss the permission and availability of petroleum derived spray oils in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

Secretary in APD, Director Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Research Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology-Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Managing Director JKHPMC, Director Law Enforcement, representatives of concerned oil companies, and other concerned attended the meeting in person and through virtual mode.

While reviewing supply and availability of pesticides and insecticides for the upcoming season in the UT, the ACS asked all the stakeholders to follow

all the prescribed guidelines of Central Insecticide Act.

Reviewing registration of tree spray oil/ horticulture miner-

al oil or TSO/HMO companies with Central Insecticide Board

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supplying the pesticide or insecticide to J&K. He also in-

structed the Director Research SKUAST-Kashmir to issue notification with regard to the utility of TSO/HMO while taking up

random sampling of supplied insecticides and pesticides from the market to check their quality. He also asked the concerned to finalize the rate structure of CIB approved products with neighbouring States of India so that farmers of the UT are not overcharged while buying these petroleum derived spray oils.

The ACS also asked the representatives of various companies to register themselves with the CIB for the supply of their product in J&K and also directed the Director Law Enforcement for ensuring supply of only standard insecticides and pesticides in J&K.

Besides, the meeting also discussed the role of JKHPMC for importing standard TSO/HMO products in crisis situation, and submission of weekly report of supply/availability by the controller of insecticides.



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Illegal mining, offenders using techniques to flee from authorities



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Kulgam:08, January, Crane being used by DMO kulgam to carry a Bagouda Dumper to P/ S when the driver fled the spot using GPS lock system..... unflinching efforts in chilling cold by DMO kulgam and his team resulted in seizure of four vehicles.

When contacted on phone, Dr Khurshid said, "Though it usually seems easy to react to a situation like this but to carry out it on ground is rocken difficult when you have all the apprehension of collateral resentment, repercussions and above all threat of life but to keep your conscience satisfied you fight back and act as an armour for your team. During midst of the night while operating against illegal and unauthorised transportation of minerals, one Driver whose identity is not known yet tried to flee and was chased but taking advantage of darkness he succeeded in putting his Dumper locked via mobile GPS app. Later on when procedure of toe up with another vehicle was tried, the offender (Bagouda) who meanwhile had called some associates, threatened the driver supposed to toe up the locked dumper, of serious consequences. It took more than three hours in the chilling cold to contact/ manage a Crane which latter carried the locked dumper to police station Vanphou. The entire scene was absolutely dreadful but its accomplishment an achievement.

The entire scene was continuously been shared with worthy Deputy Commissioner kulgam Dr Bilal Mohidin Bhat (IAS) under whose directions the surveillance and monitoring of illegal and unauthorised mining has been geared up to bring more affective results. The results of the operation has a lesson for the violators who have consistently been advised to shun the illegal practices. Entire District applauded the brave action of the officer.

"All adorations to district administration kulgam including for the well needed moral support at such an intricate and complicated situation" added DMO kulgam.

Secretary JKAACL mourns demise of Prof. Rehman Rahi

Jammu, January, 09, 2023: Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Bharat Singh Manhas, has condoled the demise of Jnanpith awardee Kashmiri poet and academic, Prof. Rehman Rahi who passed away on Monday after brief illness. To mourn his demise a condolence meeting was also held at Srinagar based office of the J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, which was presided over by Academy's I/c, Kashmir Division.

Expressing deep sorrow over the demise of Prof. Rehman Rahi, the Secretary JKAACL conveyed his heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

Meet Youngest Tutor of Baramulla Dr Tanvir Sir (Zoology)

Aadil Abdullah

Dr Tanvir Ahmad Mir born and brought up at Managam Village of Wagoora tehsil. Dr Tanvir is one of the well known teacher of his area. Presently he is teaching one of the most reputed and coveted institute of India Akash Institute Rajbagh Tanvir is teaching with dedication, Passion and determination. He believes in smart work than hard work. Talking to few students whom Tanvir sir have taught they said "We are highly satisfied and admired with his innovative teaching skills" Tanvir received his early education at Hanfia Model School Kreeri and Govt Hr Sec. School Wagoora respectively. He has also qualified NEET Exam. He want to go to the distance and bring laurels to his whole area. He is Just 24 years old.

ADDC Ganderbal takes stock of Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2023

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 09: The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani today convened a meeting here to review the progress on Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls-2023 in the district.

During the meeting, brief discussion was held on additions and deletions made by the PEBOs concerned, awareness programs and SVEEP activities.

On the occasion, the ADDC asked the officers to educate the general public about the procedure for up-dation of Panchayat Draft Electoral Roll and urge youth who attained 18 year age on the qualifying date of 01.01.2023, to register themselves as voter in Electoral Roll.

While interacting with the officers, the ADDC exhorted them to expedite the pace of registration to achieve the target well in time.

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ferent awareness and informative activities like pledge-taking ceremonies, rallies, debates and announcements are being held at the local level across the district under SVEEP programme in which hundreds of locals, officials of RDD and PRIs participated.

Meanwhile, the meeting also discussed the progress of digitization of land records. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-Din Shah; SDM Kangan, Javid Ahmad Rather; ACR, ACD and other concerned. During the meeting, brief discus-

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Srinagar, Jan 09 (KNO): Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPC) Chief, Vikar Rasool Wani on Monday said that a ten-day yatra—Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY), will be a grand success event in the Union Territory as the massive arrangements have been made in this regard here while as all the like-minded parties and civil societies will be the part of it.

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"Bharat Jodo Yatra will have a great impact in J&K like other parts of the country as every sector here has been suffering badly while the unemployed youth are being pushed to the wall. We have like-minded parties with us, who are extending their support to the BJY, Civil Societies, and other parties are also welcomed, but those, who are A, B and C teams of the BJP will not be allowed to be part of the event," he added.

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ADC inspects Summary Revision Camps of Panchayat Electoral Rolls in Block Drabshalla

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 09: ERO Drabshalla/ACD Kishtwar, Atul Dutt Sharma today inspected Special camps on Revision of Panchayat Electoral Rolls here in BDO Office Drabshalla.

Summary Revision of Electoral Rolls are being organised in various Panchayats of District Kishtwar under the overall supervision of District Panchayat Election Officer (DPEO/ DC) Kishtwar Dr. Devansh Yadav.

During the inspection visit, the ERO Drabshalla educated the general public about the procedure for up-dation of Panchayat Draft Electoral Roll and urged youth who attained 18 year as on qualifying date 01.01.2023, to register themselves as voter in Electoral Roll.

Further he took stock of the addition and deletions made by the PEBO concerned. Meanwhile, the ACD also reviewed the implementation of NMMS under MGNREGA.

He directed the BDO Drabshalla to en-



sure implementation of NMMS App which permits real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi NREGA worksites along with geo-tagged photographs, which aims at bringing more transparency and ensuring proper monitoring of the schemes.

DCFCO Jammu suspends operation of 36 establishments for violation of norms

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: The Drug and Food Control Organisation conducted a massive drive across Jammu division to ensure the pharmaceutical preparations comprising of Habit Forming drugs are being stocked/sold in consonance to the prescriptions being raised for licit use only and records of such drugs are being maintained under rules besides to make sure that quality and genuine medicines are provided to the end users. The special drive was conducted under the direct supervision of Assistant Drugs Controllers and overall supervision of Deputy Drugs Controller, Jammu, Mohammad Iqbal Palla.

During the drive, operations of 36 Retail Sale Establishments were disallowed u/s 22 (d) of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 on spot which included 13 in Ramban, 10 in Poonch, 05 in Samba, 03 in Doda, 02 in Jammu and 01 each in Kathua, Rajouri and Kishtwar Districts for non maintenance of sales records as mandated under law and as per the public advisories issued from time to time.

During the drive, a wholesale pharma distributor namely M/s Fortune pharmaceuticals, Rajouri was found indulging in unethical trade practices, as the said firm was found involved in procuring habit forming consignments in a clandestine manner from the suppliers based outside U.T of J&K without maintaining the distribution records under the set guidelines and rules.

Taking immediate cognizance of the violations on his part, a strict action against the firm was initiated by cancelling his wholesale drug Licenses after following the due procedure and mandate of law, so that a clear and loud message is propagated amongst the stakeholders that the Department has adopted a Zero Tolerance Policy against such dealers who indulge in unethical activities.

Meanwhile, statutory Drug samples of more than hundred fast moving drug formulations of various categories were drawn from the market for determination of strength and purity to ensure and affirm that quality and genuine medicines are being made available to the end users.

The Stocks of Drugs worth Rs. 6300 that were declared to be Not of Standard Quality by Government Analyst have also been confiscated from the supply chain by the Regulatory Officers of the organisation under section 23 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

State Drug Controller, Lotika Khajuria has impressed upon the trade fraternity to install CCTV Cameras in their premises and switch over to computerized system of billing for maintaining of records in light of the guidelines issued in the meetings of NOCORD.

Ramban admin gears up to plug any misuse of courier services for procurement of narcotic drugs

RAMBAN, JANUARY 09: On the direction of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, the Drug Control Officer Ramban, Imtiyaz Ahmad today conducted a surprise inspection of various courier centers to check misuse of courier services for the sale of narcotics and psychotropic drugs in the district.

After inspecting the functioning of courier agencies, especially deliveries of drugs ordered from online sites by the people, the Drug Control Officer apprised the courier service providers about the abuse of their services by drug peddlers as it requires no verification and can easily be transported anywhere.

As per the Drug Control Officer, Courier Service Centers of the district were asked to give information on suspicious medicinal parcels to check drug trafficking to avoid the use of courier services for selling psychotropic drugs.

The companies have been asked to monitor addresses which receive parcels. The courier service centers were asked to remain alert to check drug trafficking.

In order to keep strict vigil on the consignments containing medicines procured through online services and delivered through Courier center, the District Administration has taken this issue seriously and decided to check and inspect all the Courier Services Centers on regular basis to ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the consignments so as to avoid any kind of misuse of habit forming drugs, he added.

He asked the Courier agencies that it is their responsibility to contribute in eradication of drug addiction from society. So it is necessary that courier services operators should keep proper vigil on every consignment and parcel containing medicines or any parcel found suspicious, he added.

The drug control officer has directed all the courier service centers not to dispatch/deliver any consignment of medicine without informing the Drug Control Department, District Ramban on WhatsApp /e-mail numbers (9596231600 EMAIL ID: drugofficeramban@gmail.com which will be opened /checked and then allowed to dispatch/deliver to the concerned customer.

Rank Ceremony held at SDRF 2nd BN Jammu

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: A rank ceremony of SDRF personnel was today organised at SDRF 2nd Bn. Hqrs. Jammu. As many as 30 SDRF personnel consisting of Sub Inspectors, 10; ASI, 09; Head Constables, 08; and Selection grade constables=03 were pinned with next rank by the senior officers.

Speaking on this occasion, Randheer Singh, SSP I/C Commandant SDRF 2nd Bn Jammu congratulated all the promoted personnel and asked them to work with same zeal and zest in future also.

Among others, Aijaz Ali SP (S), Gurvinder Kour, Dy. SP, Ashok Kumar, Dy. SP, Arvinder Kotwal, Dy.SP, Anita Pawar, Dy.SP, Daljit Singh, Dy.SP, Mohinder Paul, Dy. SP were also present on the occasion.

DC Rajouri interacts with locals at Dhangri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 09: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today visited Dhangri and interacted with the public there.

During the visit, the public and their representatives highlighted a number of issues and demands of their areas and sought immediate redressal of the same.

The Deputy Commissioner gave a patient hearing to the issues and demands and assured them that their genuine concerns would be redressed in a time bound manner. He also said that the District Administration is committed to provide all the basic facilities to the general public at their doorsteps and best possible steps are being taken in this regard. Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohd Aslam, CO CRPF, DYSP JKP, Chanchal Dev and SHO Rajouri, Mohd Fared accompanied the DC during the visit. He also said that the District Administration is committed to provide all the basic facilities to the general public at their doorsteps and best possible steps are being taken in this regard. Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohd Aslam, CO CRPF, DYSP JKP, Chanchal Dev and SHO Rajouri, Mohd Fared accompanied the DC during the visit.

GeM onboarding Drive for ODOP organised by JKTPO at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 09: On the directions of Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Prashant Goyal, a special onboarding drive of one district one product (ODOP) of Ganderbal on Government e-Market place (GeM) was organised by Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) today for potential exporters, artisans, FPO's & traders of district Ganderbal at Mini Secretariat, Ganderbal in association with Invest India (ODOP team) and District Administration, Ganderbal.

The drive was aimed to onboard sellers, artisans, exporters and traders selling Willow Wicker product on Government e-Market place.

To take this initiative forward and provide forward market linkages, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce has taken a joint meeting of all States/UTs in which it was informed that "ODOP Products" are to be onboarded on GeM portal and "District Collectors" have been designated as OEMs to facilitate the GeM portal onboarding drive at district level. Artisans/ Farmers/ FPOs/ Artisan Organizations/ SHGS/ Small entrepreneurs of "ODOP Products" can get onboarded on GeM portal without any fees and GST.

Willow Wicker, the ODOP of district Ganderbal under District as Export Hub Scheme/ODOP initiative. The willow wicker products have an attractive face



value and intricate designs which make them a hit not only in the local markets but are also exported to different parts of the country and abroad. Onboarding on GeM will open Government market for sellers of ODOP products.

Pertinently, GeM, launched by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is the national public procurement portal for an online, end-to-end marketplace for open, efficient and transparent procurement of goods and services by central and state government organisations. GeM has been set up as the National procurement portal to pro-

vide an end-to-end online marketplace for Central and state governments.

The drive was attended by unit Holders, artisans, FPO's, traders & exporters of Willow Wicker from district Ganderbal and also by officers of Handicrafts and Handloom Deptt. All the participants who attended the drive were onboarded on GeM platform.

The drive included a detailed sessions by the experts on benefits of selling products on Government e-Marketplace. Onboarding on GeM will provide sellers direct access to all Government departments and will increase overall exports

of their product. The sellers on the GeM portal can be proprietor artisans, exporters firms, FPO, Cooperatives & startups. They can easily list their goods on the portal for procurement by government organizations and participate in government bids and auctions. The GeM portal thus facilitates transparency in the government public procurement process.

During this drive 20 artisans/entrepreneurs were onboarded on GeM free of cost

Among those who onboarded onspot were Dar Willow works, Real Kashmir Baskets Madina Basket stores, National Willow Works and Budshah Willow works etc. Experts from Invest India & JKTPO also had a one-to-one awareness session with the participants who were on-boarded on this platform.

JKTPO in recent past has been actively promoting the e-commerce/export awareness in Jammu & Kashmir by organising different workshops at district levels. Like this session for onboarding on GeM. JKTPO also organised awareness drives and onboarding drives for onboarding on ONDC platform.

This onboarding drive is in line of the planned events to be held across UT for the onboarding of ODOP products on GeM platform towards ODOP initiative.

A similar onboarding drive will also be held in other districts of Jammu and Kashmir region in coming days.

DC Rajouri reviews functioning of Social Welfare, ICDS Departments

RAJOURI, JANUARY 09: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today took a comprehensive review of the working of ICDS and Social Welfare Department, here in a meeting of the concerned officers.

The meeting was attended by the PO ICDS, Shoket Mehmood Malik; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt and Child Development Project Officers.

During the meeting, the DC took a detailed review of Aadhar Seeding of 0-6 age group, introduction of ECE in Anganwadi Centres, Anaemia Mukht Bharat, PM-MVY, geo-tagging of anganwadi centres, pension schemes, scholarship schemes etc. While taking stock of the progress under PMMVY, it was informed that against the target of enrollment of 3272 beneficiaries, 2709 beneficiaries have been enrolled under the scheme.

Regarding the introduction of "Nanhe Kadam" ECE curriculum, the meeting was apprised that the same has been fully introduced in all Anganwadi Centres.

While taking note of the measures being taken to eradicate anaemia in the district, he asked the concerned officers to make dedicated efforts to make Rajouri an anaemia free district.



Taking stock of the progress under registration of the ICDS beneficiaries between 0-6 years under Adhar, the DC stressed on meeting the target at the earliest. While taking note of the progress achieved under pension schemes, it was informed that 28000 beneficiaries have got themselves registered under the new pension guidelines. The meeting was further informed that 8700 Unique Disability IDs have been generated in the district so far. The DC also reviewed the progress under the developmental works being carried out under PMAGY and SCA to SCSP. He asked the concerned officers to ensure that the works being carried out under these schemes are completed at the earliest so that necessary benefits are provided to the targeted population.

DC Jammu reviews implementation of self employment schemes

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa today chaired a meeting to review the implementation of self employment schemes by different departments, here in the DC Office complex.

CPO, Joginder Katoch, besides Officers of concerned departments including Project Manager, DIC Jammu, DD Employment, Chief Agriculture Officer, Jammu, Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu, Chief AHO/SHO Jammu, along with senior officers KVIB, Handloom, KVIC, NRLM etc attended the meeting.

At the outset, the DC took detailed review of physical progress made with respect to self-employment generation in the district by Employment, Horticulture, Agriculture, Fisheries, Floriculture, Handicraft, Handloom, DUDA, NRLM, SC/OBC Dev Board and Banks.

The officers briefed the DC about the status of coverage of beneficiaries under the self employment schemes of their respective departments.

It was informed in the meeting that a total of 5049 cases have been sponsored out of which 3445 have been sanctioned and 2598 cases have been disbursed so far.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized upon the officers to put in extra efforts to



reach out to the unemployed youth and motivate them to avail the benefits of self employment schemes launched for JKUT.

She exhorted the officers of stakeholder departments to lay focus on enhancing skills of the job seekers in line with the person-job fit model so that maximum youth could get employed as per their skill sets.

She also asked the concerned to encourage the youth to avail self-employment schemes to lead a dignified life.

The Deputy Commissioner also stressed upon officers of line departments to work in close coordination to achieve desired results.

DC discusses modalities for establishment of District Drug De-Addiction Centre in Ramban

RAMBAN, JANUARY 09: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today convened a meeting of District "Nasha Mukht J&K", Committee, and District Management Team, DDRC to discuss modalities for the establishment of the District Drug De-Addiction Centre in Ramban besides assessing the progress of DDRC in District Ramban. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal Sharma, CMO, Kamal Zadoo, CEO, Devanand, Dy.SP, Waqar Bhat, MS, DH Ramban, Dr Mehboob Khan, DSWO, Rahul Gupta, CDPO, Ravinder Kour, Principles of GDC



Banihal and Ukhral besides other concerned attended the meeting. After a threadbare discussion, it was decided to establish a Drug De-Addiction Centre, at the proposed accommodation in the Dalwas area of Medical Block, Batote. The Drug De-Addiction Centre will be established and mobilized by the stakeholder departments in

Education and Communication (IEC) activities are being carried out at the Block level to promote Nasha Mukht J&K Abhiyan in letter and spirit. He further informed that the Health Department, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department, has mobilized the drug addicts for registration in the District Drug De-addiction Centre. Earlier, the DSWO informed the meeting about the guidelines issued by the Government regarding the establishment of a Drug De-addiction Centre in the district to provide treatment and counseling to the drug addicts.

DC Kishtwar hands over authority letters of Rs 32.049Lakh to NoKs of 2 accident victims of Rattle HEP

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 09: Next of Kins (NoKs) of two accident victims out of total three victims who lost their lives during an accident at the work site of Rattle Hydroelectric power project, Drabshala few months ago were today provided authority letters worth Rs 3204900 by Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav, here.

The accident Compensation was provided under the Employees Compensation Act 1923.

Assistant Labour Commissioner (ALC) Kishtwar Amit Kumar was also present on the occasion.

It is pertinent to mention that the company has deposited the amount in all



the three cases.

The NoKs of the third case (Claimant) were not present today due to some reason for which the DC directed the ALC to ensure the compensation is handed over to NoKs of third accident victims soon in accordance with the rules.

Samba admin gears up for National Road Safety week, Swachhta Pakhwara starting from Jan 11

DC reviews Preparation Plan for twin campaigns

SAMBA, JANUARY 09: Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta today chaired a meeting of the District Road Safety Committee and discussed various aspects of road safety with concerned stakeholders.

The meeting held threadbare discussion on various aspects of road safety, including Road Accident Victim fund, nomination of Good Samaritan, organizing road safety week 2023, operationalization of E-rickshaw, status of black spots, traffic decongestion plan, integrated Road accident database besides other minor issues.

The Deputy Commissioner passed strict instructions to ensure minimum delay time in disbursement of financial assistance under Road accident Victim fund and directed officers to resolve pendency through inter departmental coordination. The DC directed Committee members to provide training to youths, Apda Mitra, Red Cross, NSS volunteers and other social organizations under Road Safety week to strengthen First Response mechanism and medical assistance in the event of accidents.

She also directed Revenue and Municipal authorities to identify suitable parking slots within the market areas for streamlining the traffic and avoiding traffic jams.

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and finalized. During the meeting, Sanjeev Kapoor NIC presented detailed information on Integrated Road Accident Database Portal, giving out progress and status of uploaded data.

Among others Sub Divisional Magistrate Vijaypur and Ghagwal, Dy. SP Traffic, ARTO, CMO, Executive Engineer PWD, representative from National Highway, among others attended the meeting. She also directed Revenue and Municipal authorities to identify suitable parking slots within the market areas for streamlining the traffic and avoiding traffic jams.

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agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO). They have been identified as Muneeb Nazir Hakeem son of Nazir Ahmed Hakeem resident of DC Colony Mominabad and Amir Suhail Ganie son of Saidullah Ganie resident of Peth Dialgam Anantnag. Both the accused persons have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody, police said. Similarly in Awantipora, a Police party of Police Station Pampore at a checkpoint established at Noorani Colony-old NHW Link Road near BSNL Exchange arrested a drug peddler identified as Bilal Ahmad Khan @Pasha son of Ab Khalique Khan resident of Douninad A/P Frestabal. During checking, 2.6 kgs of Grinded Cannabis was recovered from his possession, police said. Accordingly, police said that cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

LG

economic activities and cultural prosperity. The city provides opportunities to the citizens and fulfills the aspirations of its residents, observed the Lt Governor.

“Smart city projects in Jammu and Srinagar are poised for a big leap. Effective planning, efficient management of resources, fine balance between heritage, ecology and pace of development and public participation will lead towards equitable and sustainable development”, the Lt Governor said.

Under the guidance of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, cleanliness drive has become a people’s movement & its socio-cultural impact on the ground is heartening, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor appealed to the people of J&K to join the efforts to beautify their cities and also take advantage of facilities extended by the Municipal Corporations.

We all must put united and collective efforts to make Jammu a truly smart City and also transform Jammu into the cleanest city, he added.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the reforms introduced for the holistic development of J&K and the revolutionary steps taken to transform the Agriculture sector and business activities.

“The era of discrimination between the regions has gone. We believe in equitable development and equal opportunity for all”, said the Lt Governor.

It is our resolve to make J&K corruption-free. The Public Services Guarantee Act will be implemented in letter and spirit for ensuring public services to citizens, he added.

Rajinder Sharma, Mayor, JMC, speaking on the occasion congratulated the business enterprises and other stakeholders on upgradation work of Transport Nagar.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary spoke on transforming Jammu City into one of the best cities of the country in terms of sanitation, amenities, and tourism development. Many new projects will be completed soon, he added.

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary to the Government, Housing & Urban Development Department shared the details of various projects designated for the development of Transport Nagar.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu & Additional CEO- Jammu Metropolitan Region Development Authority (JMRDA); Baldev Singh Billawaria, Deputy Mayor, JMC; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner JMC; Pankaj Magotra, VC, JDA; ULB members; officers of UT administration and JMRDA; representatives of business community & transport associations and prominent citizens were present on the occasion—(KNO)

BHATNAGAR

“In case block headquarters and municipal headquarters are the same, two separate functions shall be organized,” the letter states.

The government has said that the sub-divisional magistrate/tehsildar/senior-most civil officer will take the salute at the respective sub-division/tehsil in case BDC chairperson/president council/committee is not available—(KNO)

DC SRINAGAR

disseminate information on air quality management efforts under NCAP to public.

On the occasion, the DC was apprised that an expenditure of Rs 3.20 crore have been so far spent under Rs 5.0 crore City Action Plan(Part Ist) on procurement of 3 water spraying Jetting Machines and 4 Road sweeping/Vacuum Cleaning machines under NCAP. In addition, authorization for procuring additional 10 Road Sweeping machines and 10 water sprinkle machines from Solid Waste component under Swachh Bharat programme has also been granted.

Further, the DC was informed that construction of Fountains under NCAP at 9 important locations particularly at heavy traffic volume intersections of the District is being carried out and work on 6 Fountains under programme at Batamalo, Bemina, Sonwar, SMHS Hospital, Hazratbal, Soura are nearing completion.

While reviewing the progress of uploading on PRANA(Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities), DC was apprised that Srinagar District has seen significant improvement in Air Quality Index and has seen decrease in Index value(mass of pollutant particles) from 122 micrograms per cubic meter of air to 100 micrograms per cubic meter of air thereby improving Air Quality index.

The DC was also informed that over 3.50 lakh plant saplings were also planted under Trees Outside Forests (TOF) programme in various parts of the District during year 2021-22 to increase the green cover in City that also will prove pivotal in attaining better Air Quality Index in years ahead.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized on proactive actions and proper coordination among the line Departments in better implementation of the City Action Plan under NCAP. He also stressed the Officers to ensure all hotspots related to air pollution are covered so that necessary measures are incorporated in the City Action Plan.

Earlier, in the meeting, the DC was given a detailed overview regarding the present quality and particulate matter present in air and impact of interventions on air quality, besides implementation of a Micro Action Plan for maintaining air quality within acceptable limits. The meeting was among others attended by the SP Traffic, Chief Planning Officer, DFO Urban, Chief Sanitation Officer, DFO City Forests, District Floriculture Officer, District Officer Pollution Control Board, ARTO, besides Officers of SMC, SDA, Regional Transport Office, Urban Forestry and HOD Environmental Science Department Kashmir University.

RAHMAN RAHI

of which he became the General Secretary. He also edited a few issues of Kwang Posh, the literary journal of the Progressive Writer’s Association. He was later a sub-editor in the Urdu daily Khidmat. He did an M.A. in Persian (1952) and in English (1962)

from Jammu and Kashmir University where he taught Persian. He was on the editorial board of the Urdu daily Aajkal in Delhi from 1953 to 1955. He was also associated with the Cultural wing of communist Party of Kashmir during his student days. As a translator he did an excellent translation of Baba Farid’s Sufi poetry to Kashmiri from Original Punjabi. Camus and Sartre are some visible effects on his poems while Dina nath Naadim’s influence on his poetry is also visible especially in earlier works—(KNO)

HAJJ

to ensure that Haj pilgrims get better facilities compared to previous journeys this year and more embankments are set up. The HCoI has stated that this year, Haj will be smoother for pilgrims than previous years. Er Aijaz said that this year, HCoI has taken steps to plug all the loopholes and ensure that all pilgrims from India perform Haj in much smoother way than earlier. He said that women pilgrims can also perform Haj without mehram, this year. He said that every pilgrim will get the due share of Zam Zam water without any hassle. Er Aijaz said that online Haj forms will be available very soon and the list of pilgrims selected will be made available within the shortest possible time. He said that pilgrims will get enough time to pack things and also at the respective Haj houses, they will be facilitated in a friendly manner. Schedule for Haj training for pilgrims will be made available in advance. Er Aijaz said that mode of payment for the pilgrims will also be made available and every pilgrim will get prior information about making payments. He said HCoI has been working hard to ensure Haj is made cheaper this year.

SKIMS

Officer (PIO) SKIMS in a reply to Right to Information (RTI) said, “Total number of OPD cards issued under the Nephrology Department from October-2016 to October-2022 are 64504 and cancer patients registered are 27727.”

“From October-2016 to October-2022, a total number of 17,579 deaths have been registered,” PIO said.

It also said that under medical Oncology, radiotherapy, Clinical Hematology and Surgical Oncology during these six years are 1833 while under the Nephrology department at least 1145 deaths were recorded.

The PIO also said that 1745 accidental deaths were also recorded by the institute during this period.

About the total number of patients admitted and treated in State Cancer Institute since its establishment from December-05-2020 to October-2022 includes, the officer said that at least 2473 patients were admitted and treated while 659 deaths were also recorded.

On asking about the proposal submitted to the government for a separate kidney hospital, the PIO said, “Any kind of proposal for a separate kidney hospital will be dealt with by the administration.”—(KNO)

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village and town clean for the national day. He asked them to ensure smooth electric and water supply on the occasion. He made out that every school of the UT should carryout its own event. He directed each HoD and District Officer to conduct events at their offices too.

Dr Mehta further maintained that the awards conferred on such national days should be exclusively made on evaluating the performance of the individual. He asked for felicitation of all the public or social figures that have made remarkable contributions for making the lives of people better.

He stated that the themes like Amrit Kaal, Viksit J&K, Nasha Mukh Bharat, Bhay Mukh, Bhraashatkar Mukh Bharat, Swachh Bharat, Digital J&K, Women Empowerment, SHGs are few of the themes that may be highlighted during the celebrations. He told them to conjure similar other themes where J&K has made an outstanding contribution.

The Chief Secretary noted that J&K has made preeminent contributions in provisioning different public services like Land Passbooks, Amrit Sarovars, digitisation of services, e-office, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, PMEGP, DGGI, Departmental Deliverables, Aspirational Panchayats, Sports etc. He declared that these should be publicized for the awareness of masses.

During the meeting the Chief Secretary also took stock of the readiness of all the concerned regarding the holding of this national day with fervour and enthusiasm. He asked all to prepare well in advance for the celebrations and wished them all best for the successful culmination of 74th National Republic Day.

KU

my claim as the senior-most professor, in favour of Prof Ghulam Mohiuddin Dar,” the letter signed by Prof Andrabi reads.

“My decision to withdraw is purely intended to settle the fiasco of a seniority tussle, projected and propagated by the university administration,” the letter further reads.

The letter has been written at a time when the University is being looked after by Vice Chancellor of SKUAST K, Prof. Nazir Ahmad, for routine matters of the office of Vice Chancellor till January 22, 2023. The VC of the University Dr. Neelefer Khan is on leave for a personal visit to Australia.

Prior to Prof Nazir Ahmad, the University would be looked after by Prof Shakeel Ahmad Romshoo, VC of Islamic University, during any leave period of Kashmir University VC. The arrangement was made by the Office of LG (since LG is the Chancellor of the University) following an alleged dispute over seniority amongst professors of the University.Prof. Mohiuddin Sangmi of the Department of Commerce had contested the senior-most status of Prof. Khushid Andrabi of the Department of Biotechnology.The University last year constitute a committee to determine the seniority of professors. Sources said the recommendations of the Committee were sent for approval to the Chancellor’s Office, where the file is still pending for the final decision.Academicians at KU have expressed their disapproval of having the University governed by someone from “outside the university system”.

WOMENS

occasion were the youth who say that it will uplift them socially and economically. Emphasizing on harnessing the potential of the younger population and making them self-reliant, government is committed to provide maximum and equal opportunities to youth from different backgrounds and enabling their involvement in policies that affect them. This scheme can simultaneously address the challenge of global warming and unemployment besides Youth can be brand ambassador for green tourism making the development more sustainable while bringing prosperity to the community.Administration is working tirelessly for the holistic development of tribal communities, promoting entrepreneurship amongst tribal youth and women, transforming tribal schools, village development, tourism and implementing Van Dhan for their empowerment.

EPFO Jammu holds Monthly Outreach Programme – “Nidhi Apke Nikat”, “Pension Adalat” on Jan 10, 2023 from 10.30 AM onwards

JAMMU, JANUARY 09: The Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office - Jammu is organising outreach programmes “Nidhi Apke Nikat” and “Pension Adalat” on 10th January, 2023 here in its Regional Office, Railway Road from 10:30 AM onwards. The EPFO Jammu has invited the stakeholders to attend the programme for quick disposal of their grievances and/or to register any problems faced by them related to EPFO.

Rizwan Uddin, Regional P F Commissioner-I will personally hear the grievances/issues of all stakeholders. Nidhi Apke Nikat is a public outreach programme that endeavours to address the problems/grievance of all stakeholders i.e., employees and employers by bringing them on a common platform and to increase awareness and sensitize them about the new initiatives undertaken in their interest by the organisation (EPFO). Pension Adalat provides a platform to existing and prospective pensioners for closer interaction with EPFO officers for understanding the provisions of EPS 1995 and getting resolution of their pension related grievances such as non-receipt of pension, Digital life certificates etc.

Unscheduled power cuts continue to haunt Srinagar locals

Srinagar, Jan 9, KNT: This winter Srinagar areas have been witnessing the worst power crisis. Unscheduled power cuts have become a source of nuisance for the people.

The crisis will likely deepen once there will be snowfall. Locals from both old city and uptown areas face a lot of inconvenience due to power cuts.

Aijaz Ahmed, a local from the Mehjoor Nagar area of uptown Srinagar told news agency Kashmir News Trust that the power supply is snapped multiple times without any schedule. “We are virtually living in the Middle Ages. We hardly witness any power supply. One hour power supply on a continuous basis is really a miracle,” he added.

An elderly person Abdul Satar from old Srinagar city said that this winter power is in sleeping mode. “The area of Safakadal never gets uninterrupted power supply,” he said adding that the power cuts have made their life miserable.

The locals from Srinagar outskirts said that due to the unscheduled power cuts, they are unable to carry out their tasks as the electricity is snapped without any schedule.

Locals have castigated Power Development Department for the blame game. “The Department is parroting the word ‘power theft’ without supplying any power. Even those areas where smart meters have been installed and people paying hefty bills without using heating appliances don’t get uninterrupted power supply,” said a local Nazir Ahmed from Ikhray Pora Srinagar. “We hope the authorities will look into the issue and address it without any delay,” he said. [KNT]

Curtailed ration sparks protest in Srinagar

Srinagar, Jan 9, KNT: The curtailment of ration by the government sparked a protest in Kashmir capital Srinagar on Monday.

People hit to roads in Mehjoor Nagar area of uptown Srinagar and stopped traffic to give vent to their anger. Both men and women who were part of the protest expressed serious concern about stopping additional ration to the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

“When we have been already suffering immensely due to water and power shortage, inflation and unemployment, the government has now added more to our woes as only 4kg ration is available for a consumer at a ration depot,” a protester, Muhammad Ismail told the news agency Kashmir News Trust.

He said that the government has already stopped additional 35 kgs of rice and flour to the people.

Another protester Farooq Ahmed said that it is an anti-people decision and the government should take people on board before deciding about their fate.

“Neither there is kerosene, nor flour. There is no sugar and now the additional ration has been stopped. The current entitlement of ration quota is not sufficient for any family. Government can’t be so insensitive towards its own people,” he added. [KNT]

Piping ceremony held at DPL Ganderbal

January 09: Piping ceremony of recently promoted Sub-Inspectors was held during an impressive ceremonial function at DPL Ganderbal.SSP Ganderbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS accompanied by DySP DAR Ganderbal pinned rank to the newly promoted 12 Sub-Inspectors and 01 ASI of Executive wing of J&K Police at DPL Ganderbal.

SSP Ganderbal congratulated the newly promoted officers and advised them to continue doing work with more enthusiasm, zeal and zest and highest degree of dedication. He emphasized upon them that promotion is not only about upgrading the status but it also adds more responsibilities and challenges in the working team spirit in J&K Police. During the colourful ceremony, the newly promoted officers expressed their gratitude towards the police department for conferring their next rank. They also pledged to work with the same zeal and enthusiasm.

AJKPC Reiterates its demands for Policy Formulation for Temporary Guards, Gardeners

Jammu, 09/Jan/2023: All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference(AJKPC) headed by its president Anil Sharma today held a special meeting with the temporary Guards and Gardeners of Rural Development Department hailing from all the ten districts of Jammu division here at its headquarter in Jammu wherein over 100 of temporary Guards (Maali) and Gardeners (Chowkidars) remained present.While addressing the participants, AJKPC President extended his organization’s fullest support to these temporary appointed workers and vowed to stand with them in thick and thin.Sharma said it is unfortunate that the officers are sitting in their cozy chambers and these poor workers are compelled to suffer in chilling winters as well as in feverous summers. He reiterated the demand of the AJKPC for formulation of a policy for welfare and justice with these 1200 temporary Maali and Chowkidaar which includes long pending demand of conducting their Bio-metric attendance, release of their wages and recognizing them similar with the regular daily wagers of the J & K government. The AJKPC leader said apart from technical and legal issues there is also a human angle as a major chunk of these temporary workers are now over aged and are not eligible for any other job and they have families to feed thus it is imperative .

JKRETTF ZONE VILGAM organised a grand educational conference.

Farooq Shaheen



vilgam.As a good endeavour to inspire the teaching fraternity of zone Villagam and to strengthen the jkrettf zonal unit Villagam an educational conference under the title (Back to Zone) was organized at higher secondary School Villagam.The conference was presided over by Shiekh Parvaiz DP Kupwara and Mr ZD Baig Vice Chairman JKRETTTF was honoured as guest of honour. Besides the meeting was attended by a good number of Teachers of the Zone. The conference was organized by Zonal Unit JKRETTTF Villagam under the able leadership of their President Khan Reyaz.

Mughal Inaugurates Shopping Complex, Children And Open Gym Park, Lays Foundation Of Hotel At Bhadarwah

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Jan 9:Chairman Municipal Community Bhadarwah(MCB) Dr Shahid Ur Rehman Mughal in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner(ADC) Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary, Vice Chairman MCB Rishi Kotwal and Executive Officer(EO) MCB Yusuf Ul Umar inaugurated a Municipal Shopping Complex and Children and Open Gym Park here at New Bus stand today. He also laid a foundation stone of a Municipal Hotel going to be constructed near the new bus stand Bhadarwah.An official release in this regard disclosed that Children and Open Gym Park has been completed at a cost of Rs 13.5 lacs while an amount of Rs 5 crores is the outlay for the construction of an upcoming Municipal Hotel.Speaking on this occasion, Moghal stated that with14.7% of the total population in Bhadarwah living in urban areas, there is a need to create infrastructure which would satisfy the economic necessities and provide opportunities to all sections of the society in a sustainable manner.He further said that as a part of the Smart City plan, Municipal Committee Bhadarwah (MCB) has also constructed “Municipal Shopping Complex phase I” at a cost of rupees 130 lacs. “The Children and Open Gym Park would benefit the common public in different ways while acting as an attractive spot especially for children to provide space to play as well as for recreation and merriment as there is no such place anywhere for these children,” he asserted. “Municipal projects are essential for initiating and sustaining local economic development. By investing in projects that create jobs, fostering entrepreneurship and improving infrastructure, local body can help the masses to achieve its long-term prospects for future growth and giving a vent to unemployment to a considerable extent,” Moghal further added. Executive Officer MCB Yusuf Ul Umar said, “Not only do municipality projects spur investment back into the community, but they also ensure that public services are properly provided and maintained, so that citizens have access to quality of life enrichments like public conveyance, parks and business opportunities - providing every resident with an equal opportunity to thrive.”Officers from local administration, Counsellors of MCB Wards and prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

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Tata Motors commences deliveries of the Ace

Srinagar, Jan 9, KNT: Tata Motors, marked a significant leap forward in offering sustainable mobility solutions for intra-city cargo transport by commencing deliveries of the all-new Ace EV, India’s most advanced, zero-emission, four-wheel small commercial vehicle. The first fleet of the revolutionary Ace EV was delivered to leading e-commerce, FMCG and courier companies, and their logistics service providers: Amazon, Delhivery, DHL (Express & Supply Chain), FedEx, Flipkart, Johnson & Johnson Consumer Health, MoEving, Safexpress and Trent Limited. Flagger the first fleet of Ace EVs, Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, said, “The introduction of the Ace EVs on Indian roads marks a big step forward in the journey towards zero-emission cargo mobility. The holistic solution co-created with our partners effectively caters to a variety of intra-city distribution needs and delivers a superior value proposition to all stakeholders. We are grateful for the trust and support of our customers. Their encouraging response to Ace EV inspires us to accelerate our endeavour of sustainable mobility and support the nation’s net-zero aspirations.” The new Ace EV, unveiled in May 2022 and co-developed in rich collaboration with its users, has successfully completed stringent real-world market trials. Supported by a diligently curated ecosystem, the Ace EV comes with a holistic solution for hassle free e-cargo mobility and 5-year comprehensive maintenance package. Its robust performance with 100% uptime received an overwhelming response from customers. The Ace EV’s supporting ecosystem includes development and deployment of charging infrastructure, setting up of dedicated Electric Vehicle Support Centres for maximum fleet uptime, deployment of Tata Fleet Edge – the next-gen optimal fleet management solution, support of Tata UniEVerse, the proven enabling eco-system of relevant Tata Group companies, and partnerships with the country’s leading financiers for availing funding.

3 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized in Doda

DODA, JANUARY 09: A team of the Mining Department, under the supervision of District Mineral Officer, Sunil Manhas, with the cooperation of the Police Department, today seized 3 vehicles involved in illegal Mining activity in Sub-Division Gandoh.Acting tough against illegal mining in area on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, Vishesh Paul Mahajan, the team seized the vehicles in the Dudwar Nalla of the area.

The vehicles have been booked under the Mining Act. It was given out that the department shall intensify its checking and anybody found involved in illegal mining activities shall be dealt with as per the Law.

