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# HEADLINES TODAY



## Two Lashkar militants killed in Budgam gunfight

Operation was launched yesterday in district but militants gave slip; were traced today;: DGP Dilbagh

HT News Desk

Budgam, Jan 17 Two local militants affiliated with Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) were killed in a brief encounter with security forces in near Court Complex in central Kashmir's Budgam district, officials said here on Tuesday. Talking to reporters on the side-lines of a function in Srinagar, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh said that the operation was launched yesterday in Budgam, but after firefight for some time,



the militants gave slip and however, were traced again today. "During a naka, the militants were traced and were asked to stop for checking,

but they jumped from the vehicle and fired upon the forces and tried to escape the spot," he said and added that the fire was retaliated and the duo belonging to LeT and hailing from Pulwama district were killed during the encounter. "Both the militants were moving towards Srinagar district and the reasons behind will be known after the investigation. They left from their old hideout and were in search of the new hideout," he said, as per the news agency—

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## All Security Measures in place for Rahul Gandhi led 'Bharat Jodo' yatra, Smooth Conduct of Republic day Celebrations

No Threat inputs to the Yatra so far : DGP Dilbag Singh

HT News Desk

Srinagar, Jan 17: Jammu and Kashmir police chief, Dilbag Singh on Tuesday said that there are no threat inputs to the upcoming Bharat Jodo Yatra and that all security measures have been taken to facilitate it when it reaches the UT.

"I chaired a security review and BJS was also discussed. There is no threat to the Yatra. All security measures will be taken to facilitate it at district and range level," DGP told reporters in Srinagar on the side-lines of a function as per news agency—

Replying to a query, the DGP said police have got some vital clues with regard to the Rajouri attacks and that the success will be achieved soon. The DGP said that police have got some vital clues during the investigation. "The area is close to the forest and after frequent militant



sightings, four-five unsuccessful operations have been launched. As far as investigation is concerned, we have got some solid clues and the arrests will be made soon. I hope that the success will be achieved soon," he said. DGP also said that "the main character behind terrorism in J&K and other parts of the country from

across the border is being exposed at international level. The measures are being taken to tighten up the process against the involved people and notify them as terrorists. The profile of these persons is also being sent to the different organizations working against the terrorism." Meanwhile, DGP chaired a high level security review meeting in Srinagar in which senior officers of Kashmir Zone participated. A police spokesman said that the meeting reviewed the crime and security scenario of the Valley. He said that arrangements for the upcoming Republic Day were also discussed. Addressing the officers, the DGP said that action against the terror ecosystem must be carried. Meanwhile, DGP chaired a high level security review meeting in Srinagar in which senior officers of Kashmir

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## Lt Governor hands over appointment letter to martyr civilian Puran Krishan Bhat's wife



HT News Network

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today handed over appointment letter to Smt. Sweety Bhat, wife of martyr Sh Puran Krishan Bhat, who was killed by

terrorists in Shopian. "We stand with the family of late Puran Krishan Ji and committed for their well-being in the future," observed the Lt Governor. The family members of Sh Puran Krishan Bhat were also present at the Raj Bha-

## Moderate to strong Western Disturbances to affect J&K between Jan 22 and 24: MeT

Dy Dir says light to moderate snowfall is expected during this period in plains

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 17: The weatherman on Tuesday said that fresh Western Disturbance is going to hit Jammu and Kashmir from January 22 onwards during which the weather will remain erratic. Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), deputy director Meteorological Department Mukhtar Ahmad said fresh Western Disturbance is going to hit the region from January 22 to 24.

He said from January 18 there will be back feeble Western Disturbances till 22 and between 22 and 24 January it is expected that moderate to strong WDs will hit Jammu and Kashmir.

"During this period there will be chances of light to moderate snowfall in plains and moderate to heavy snowfall in upper reached in the Kashmir Valley. We are expecting a good system during this period," he said.

He also said people should avoid venturing out



in slopes and avalanche prone areas during this period. "During this period there will be chances of light to moderate snowfall in plains and moderate to heavy snowfall in upper reached in the Kashmir Valley. We are expecting a good system during this period," he said.

## To take over administrative control of shrines, Jamia Masjids, Waqf constitutes district level committees

'Prepare list, submit report within 21 days'

HT News Network

Srinagar, Jan 17: In a bid to take over administrative control of all the notified shrines and Masjids, the Jammu and Kashmir Waqf Board on Tuesday constituted district level committees asking them to prepare a list of all shrines, Jamia Masjids, Khankahs and associated properties which are Waqf notified properties in the respective district.

An order issued by Executive Magistrate Tehsildar (J&K Waqf Board), Ishtiyaq Mohi-uddin, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), reads that the J&K Waqf Board has a



large number of Notified Waqf properties that have not been administratively controlled till date, and were being managed privately by local committees. "However, in view of receipt of large number of complaints / representations by the Hon'ble Chairperson, J&K Waq Board, from general public

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## Major controversy over participation of Lal Singh in Bharat Jodo Yatra

Congress leader resigns, says former minister defended rapists of young Kathua girl, divided J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK | (KNO)

Jammu, Jan 17: A major controversy has erupted over the participation of former minister Lal Singh in Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra with a lawyer, who was at the forefront of a campaign to seek justice for eight-year-old Kathua child who was gang-raped and murdered in 2018, resigning from the Congress on Tuesday over allowing Singh to participate in the Yatra, which will enter Jammu & Kashmir this week.

In a series of tweets, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Advocate Deepika Pushkar Nath announced her resignation from the party, saying Lal Singh defended the rapists of the girl and divided the entire Jammu & Kashmir to protect the rapists.

"In view of Ch.Lal Singh's proposal of joining @bharatjodo & @INCJammu-Kashmir allowing the same, I am left with no other option but to resign from @INCIndia .Lal Singh was responsible in sabotaging the Kathua rape case in 2018 by brazenly defending rapists," Deepika tweeted.

Deepika, who was also spokesperson of J&K unit of Congress, said Lal Singh divided the entire region of Jammu



& Kashmir to protect the rapists and Bharat Jodo Yatra is ideologically opposite to actions of the former minister.

"Lal Singh divided the entire region of Jammu & Kashmir to protect the rapists and @bharatjodo is ideologically opposite. On ideological grounds, I cannot share the party platform with such a person," she said.

Lal Singh along with Chandra Prakash Ganga were forced to resign from Mehbooba Mufti-led council of ministers on April 13, 2018 over their participation in a rally in support of Kathua rapists.

After his ouster from the cabinet, Singh had led a massive campaign to seek CBI probe in Kathua rape and murder case, saying this was a

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## Kashmir's last generation of chain-stitch artisans sees no future for the craft

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 17 Traditional chain-stitch craft is witnessing slow death with craft restricted to old generation of artisans.

Mohammad Irfan Wani, a chain stitch artist from Malchemar Aali Kadal told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), that his family has been associated with 'Jalakdozi' craft for the last 200 years. But he is worried the craft which his forefathers introduced in his family will have no takers now.

"I will be the last person in my family to be associated with the art as none is ready to learn. Also, there is a low demand for chain stitch items. An artisan earns a mere Rs 100-150 per day and they can't sustain their families," he said.

He blamed the government for its



failure in reviving the art. "Our items are reaching every country and demand can increase too. But middlemen are looting both artists and customers and despite repeated requests to the government, no step has been taken to stop this practice," he said. Gulzar Ahmad (61), another artist from Aali Kadal in Srinagar complained that there is little demand for the chain stitch products.

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## Screening could prevent sudden cardiac death in young people: DAK

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 17 (UND) In the wake of spate of sudden cardiac deaths in Kashmir valley, Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Tuesday called for screening of young people for



conditions that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest or death.

"Screening could prevent sudden cardiac death in young people," said DAK President Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"Several of the diseases that cause sudden death in young people can be detected by cardiac screening and treated before they turn into a tragedy," he said.

Since the inception of winter with freezing temperatures, Kashmir valley this year witnessed an increase in cardiac arrests

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### Digital J&K

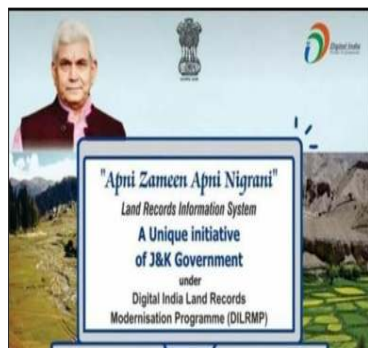
## Aapki Zameen, Aapki Nigrani portal revolutionizing revenue system across J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 17: The J&K people are appreciating Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani move of the administration as a citizen friendly measure bringing in transparency and accountability in the land record system.

Keeping pace with the innovation, Jammu and Kashmir government under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha launched a historic initiative of extending hassle free online access to Land Records to people which revolutionized the revenue world of the UT.

E-governance, having immense importance in today's world, raises the transparency, accountability, efficiency and inclusiveness in the



governing process in terms of reliable access to all information by the citizens.

Land Records Information System under the tag "Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani" allows public users to

search and view copies of scanned revenue data online on CIS Portal <http://landrecords.jk.gov.in/> and reduces interference of revenue officials in land dealings and give people right to access their land records at a click of a button, thereby reducing manipulation and improving the efficiency of Revenue offices substantially.

Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani is a sequel to the national programme of Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) envisaging enhanced services to the common people in land matters. DILRMP was formally launched in the UT in April 2016 for improving online accessibility to Land Records System bringing an

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## SED directs to implement SHRESHTA scheme from 2023-24

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Srinagar, Jan 17: The School Education Department has ordered to implement Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) to provide seats for the meritorious Schedule Caste (SC) boys and girls in the best private residential schools. Authorities have said that the students would be selected for admission in Class 9 and Class 11 under the scheme for academic year 2023-24. This was revealed by the Divisional Coordinator of Directorate of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) in a communiqué to

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## DC Srinagar chairs meeting of District Task Force on Measles-Rubella (MR) Elimination

Over 95% target population covered under immunization

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR JANUARY 17:- A meeting of District Task Force (DTF) on Measles & Rubella Elimination was today held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of DC Office Complex, in order to further pace up the progress towards Measles-Rubella Elimination in the District. During the meeting, a threadbare deliberations were held with regard to implementation of a road map formulated by the Government for Measles, Rubella Elimination from the Country by 2023. An



Action Plan for achieving strategic objectives for Measles & Rubella Elimination also came under discussion.

On the occasion, the DC urged upon the senior Health functionaries of the District to take all possible measures with focused attention in unison with ICDS and Education Departments to identify the dropout cases in District besides immunization process for Measles, Rubella Elimination in the District. The DC further stressed on better management of Universal Immunization programme and Surveillance activities to achieve the target in

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## 34th Road Safety Week celebrations culminate with Valedictory function at Budgam

BUDGAM, JANUARY 17: A week-long programme on Road Safety ended with a valedictory function held at Sheikh Ul Alam Hall, Budgam. Students from different schools of the district besides Presidents along with drivers from 21 registered sumo stands, PUC Operators participated in the event. A thematic play by Raahi Films was also played whereby an attempt to spread awareness about following road safety rules was made. Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Dr. Nasir Ahmad highlighted the importance of road safety measures and requested masses to always abide by the basic traffic rules. He called for spreading mass awareness about the safety rules and taking corrective measures to make the roads safe

for commuters. Dr. Nasir also stressed on the concerned officers to take all required measures to decongest the roads to ensure smooth flow of traffic. Earlier, Sheikh Manzoor Ahmad, Assistant Regional Transport (ARTO) Budgam briefed the audience about the merits of following road safety measures. He also informed the hall about activities conducted on the subject matter during preceding week and reiterated that such programmes shall continue throughout the year, so that the ultimate goal of reducing road traffic fatalities and injuries is reduced in the district. Later, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, Dr. Nasir felicitated various persons for their adorable contribution to Road safety week.

## Republic Day arrangements finalized at Kupwara

KUPWARA, JANUARY 17: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat today chaired a meeting of all concerned officers, here to finalize the arrangements for smooth and hassle free celebration of Republic Day 2023. The ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan; ADC Handwara, Nazir Ahmad Mir; ASP Kupwara, SDM Lolab, CEO, CMO, CAO, DIO, AD Planning, District and Sectoral Officers were present on the occasion, besides senior officers of BSF, CRPF and Police. The meeting held a threadbare discussion and the officers gave details of their preparations with regard to smooth celebration of the National Event. The meeting was informed that the function will start with Shahnai Vadan at 8:00 AM, while the National Flag will be hoisted at 9:55 AM. The meeting was further informed that the main function of the Republic Day will be held at District Police Lines (DPL) Kupwara, where National Flag will be hoisted and the VIP will

take salute on the March Past comprising the contingents of

the event. It was given out in the meet-

aid and doctors available at the venue. EO MC Kupwara was



JKP, JKAP, CRPF, IRP, BSF, FPP, Home Guard, NCC cadets and school children. The ADC asked all officers to work with coordination and ensure proper arrangements on ground for smooth conduct of

ing that uninterrupted power and water supply shall be kept available at the venue for which concerned officers were given directions on the spot. Likewise, CMO was directed to keep Ambulance with first

aid and doctors available at the venue. EO MC Kupwara was asked to maintain proper sanitation and cleanliness at the event. Information Department was asked to ensure proper coverage of the event besides, installation of Public Address System. Police department was

asked to keep alternate PAS system/DG System available at the venue. Other arrangements were also reviewed which include refreshment for cultural programmes, reception of chief guest, transport, fire and emergency services, cultural programmes, deployment of magistrates, distribution of invitation cards, selection of officers/officials for recognition of their extra ordinary services, barricading and other arrangements. The ADC asked concerned officers to ensure proper exhibition of schemes through Tableau to showcase developmental activities of these respective departments and government schemes. He said all efforts shall be made to make the National Function more attractive and informative. He directed the concerned officers for maintaining proper protocol in seating arrangement. The ADC also asked Officers to ensure their presence including staff in the Republic Day functions and ensure flag hoisting in their respective offices.

## Patient in high risk evacuated from Machil

KUPWARA, JANUARY 17: With the timely intervention of District Administration Kupwara on war foot basis, one more life has been saved from the tough situation in snow bound Machil area today. The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara with the active support of Army arranged a chopper service for evacuating a high risk patient namely Zareena from Thali Dudi in Machil area of Kupwara district. The Department of Health & FW in its release have expressed gratitude and thanked District Administration Kupwara in general and DC Kupwara Dr Daifode Sagar Dattatray in particular for arranging a Chopper service to evacuate the high risk patient from snow bound area.

The release further reads that during past 72 hours two patients got saved due to the in time intervention of young & dynamic Deputy Commissioner Dr Sagar, who is committed to quality patient care in this far flung & border District.

The people of the district, especially living in far-flung area have hailed the efforts of Deputy Commissioner for his dedication and commitment for such exemplary human services.

## Chairman DDC Budgam holds Public Darbaar at SK Pora

BUDGAM, JANUARY 17: The Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan today held a public darbaar at Block S K Pora of the district.

On the occasion, a detailed review of the functioning of various departments was also taken to take stock of the progress of various works being undertaken under PRI, BDC and DDC grants.

Block Development Officer SK Pora gave a detailed presentation about the status of various works particularly SBM—Gramin, construction of Compost Pits and Amrit Sarvorar.

Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Budgam apprised the public about the ongoing JJM schemes in the block.

Chairman DDC impressed upon all the officials to work in close coordination to achieve the required targets. He further added that all officials should improve their performances and ensure viable implementation of all schemes on the ground.

Senior officers of the various departments, PRI members and local senior citizens were also present on the occasion.

## AKAM: Capacity Building Program under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan held at Anantnag

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 17: As part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM), a capacity building program under Nasha Mukht Abhiyan was today organized by the District Administration Anantnag in collaboration with Department of Health and Department of Education at HSS Vessu, 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 were apprised of the various institutional mechanisms in place for helping such students.

The event was part of 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.

## Mock Drill/ Fire Safety audit conducted at District Hospital Kulgam

KULGAM, JANUARY 17: District Hospital Administration, Kulgam in coordination with Department of Fire and Emergency Services Kulgam today conducted Fire Safety audit and Mock drill at District Hospital, here. During the exercise, participants from para-medical, nursing and technical staff of different sections of the Hospital were sensitized about the Fire Hazard & precautionary measures to be adopted for safety during any fire incidents. A live demonstration about handling and operating of Fire extinguishers and mock drill demonstrating various safety measures one can adopt in case of fire incident and natural disasters was also conducted.

Later, an elaborated session on First aid was also held besides evacuation/mock drills, search and rescue exercises were carried out. The authorities and experts also carried out a Fire audit of the Hospital. A live demonstration about handling and operating of Fire extinguishers and mock drill demonstrating various safety measures one can adopt in case of fire incident and natural disasters was also conducted.

Later, an elaborated session on First aid was also held besides evacuation/mock drills, search and rescue exercises were carried out.

## Dy. Mayor SMC & Corporator takes review of ongoing works at Khanyar

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 17: The Dy. Mayor Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Parvaiz Ahmad Qadri along with Corporator, Zubair Fayaz Dar Ward No.45 (Doulatabad) today took an on spot review of ongoing works in Khanyar area. During the visit to Badu Bagh, Abi Nowpora and other areas of Khanyar, the Dy. Mayor along with the team took an on spot review of all developmental works and other civic services being provided by SMC in respective jurisdictions.

The locals and representatives of these areas thanked the Deputy Mayor for his visit and apprised him of various developmental requirements in the said areas.

They demanded construction/repairing of Lane at Badu Bagh, reconstruction/repairing of damaged link road at Badu Bagh, replacement of damaged wooden poles at Badu Bagh, laying of new tap water pipe line at various places of Electoral Ward No.45 Doulatabad, raising of manholes at Badu Bagh, up-gradation of link road at Abi Nowpora and construction/up-gradation of lanes and by-lanes of Electoral Ward No.45 Doulatabad.

The Dy. Mayor issued on the spot directions to the concerned officers to take appropriate necessary action with respect to the issues raised by the representatives and directed for the redressal of grievances faced by the residents of Badu Bagh



and Abi Nowpora Khanyar.

The representatives of the Badu Bagh and Abi Nowpora Khanyar Srinagar assured full cooperation with the SMC Officers/Officials.

The Dy. Mayor was accompanied by various senior officials of SMC including Assistant Executive Engineer (S&D 1st UEED), Assistant Executive Engineer (PHE), Assistant Executive Engineer (RRWD Nowpora), Assistant Executive Engineer (City Roads), SMC and other officers/officials of corporation. They demanded construction/repairing of Lane at Badu Bagh, reconstruction/repairing of damaged link road at Badu Bagh, replacement of damaged wooden poles at Badu Bagh, laying of new tap water pipe line at various places of Electoral Ward No.45 Doulatabad, raising of manholes at Badu Bagh, up-gradation of link road.

## All Public services shifted to online mode at Kulgam

Shift to e-Services is revolutionary; ensuring prompt & robust public services delivery: DC Kulgam

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KULGAM, JANUARY 17: With an ultimate aim and objective to ensure prompt and robust public services delivery, the District Administration Kulgam has shifted all its public delivery services to online mode, majority of which are RAS integrated.

This paradigm shift or transition from offline to online mode has been made due to stringent efforts of District Administration. Especially noteworthy has been the digitization of Land Records.

Kulgam has achieved the feat of hosting all public services online in a record time, well before the January 26 deadline, informed the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

He further stated that in view of universal use of internet facilities and widening of the CSC network in the district, the complete shift towards e-Services is inevitable and the administration has been effective in providing these services

online well before the Government's deadline.

By this noteworthy transition, services are being provided to all at the click of a button with the quality check and feedback system of RAS and is a great feat in ensuring citizen centric public administration, he added.

All beneficiary, employment oriented and departments of Industries, Employment, Revenue, Agriculture and allied, Health, H&UDD, Education, Tourism, Social Welfare, R&B, KVIB, Skill Development, FCS&CA, Transport, Jal Shakti, Cooperative, Mining and others have been effectively taken onboard RAS.

Services ranging from Applying for Ration Card, mutations, Fard, land demarcations, accessing land records to taking benefits of employment generation schemes, or venturing into entrepreneurship or getting into mining, all is available online now, said DC while adding that all people need to be sensitised about the same. He said that all heads of de-



partments have been asked to intensify massive awareness camps in remote areas of the district on the availability of these online services.

So far, it was intimated that the district has received a good response of services being accessed through online mode for various certificates, documents and services. In the Revenue department alone, over 90000 people have applied for various revenue services, out of which,

about 88000 people have been provided services within time limits of Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA) in the ongoing year. Rest is under process.

This online shift of services has paved the way for transparent, accountable and accessible Government to citizen transactions, where people need not to visit offices physically anymore, and has been cost effective for the people. The online mode of devices

has also ensured time-bound issuance of certificates, documents, and other services to the applicants/people and has infused a new vibrancy in the administrative system, added Dr Bilal. He also said that out of 320 services, 189 are RAS integrated.

With regard to Digitization of land records, DC said that Kulgam has completed Digitization of land records and people are proactively accessing and availing services through 'Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani' portal.

People are already getting various revenue certificates including income, domicile, category certificates, land change use and other revenue related services.

Rehbar-e-Kulgam portal which is a novel initiative of the District Administration Kulgam has been a significant motivation for the youth of the district to explore various employment generation schemes. It has created opportunities for young people to explore their diverse passions and interests.

## Road Safety Week, ADDC Ganderbal inaugurates free Eye Screening camp for Drivers

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 17: on the conclusion day of National Road Safety Week, the Assistant Regional Transport Office (ARTO), Ganderbal in collaboration with CMO Office today organized a daylong free eye screening cum medical camp for drivers at Bus Stand near SSP Office. The camp was inaugurated by the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Ganderbal, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani along with Chief Medical Officer, Dr Afroza Shah, ARTO, Wajahat Qayoom and EO Municipal Council Ganderbal, Naveed Aijaz.

During the camp, hundreds of drivers were screened for eyesight check-up and other health screening by concerned doctors. Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC said that lakhs of people die annually in our country due to road accidents and many more are permanently disabled. He said that the aim of observing National Road Safety Week is to generate awareness among the commuters about road safety measures to bring down fa-



talities and Road Traffic Injuries saying that everyone should respect each other while driving and take proper care of their and others safety. He advised participants to incorporate good driving practices for driving Commercial vehicles and to ensure proper maintenance of commercial vehicles regularly. On the occasion, ARTO apprised the drivers about the traffic norms and urged them to strictly follow the traffic rules to control the road mishaps and save human lives.

## Road Safety Week: Artists perform Cultural programme on Road Safety

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 17: A series of activities to raise awareness among the masses with respect to road safety marked the culmination of National Road Safety Week-2023 themed 'Swachha Pakhwada' at Anantnag. On this occasion, Motor Vehicle Department Anantnag organised Valedictory function at Govt Degree College for Women Anantnag, here during which Theatre, Skit and Ladishah was performed by Tulkul Media Art with the theme 'Safe Driving'.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Anantnag, Bashir Ah Wani presided over the function. Speaking at the event, the ADDC presented his views regarding safety measures to be taken while driving before the audience which included the staff of MVD, students, transporters and representatives of all the Pollution Checking Centres and Automobile Dealers of the

district. Earlier, Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Anantnag, Dr Mohammad Zubair Lattoo briefed the chief guest about week-long activities conducted across the district through a powerpoint presentation. He stressed on the continuation of awareness campaigns at different levels to educate masses regarding observance of traffic rules and regulations while plying vehicles.

DySP Traffic Anantnag, Dr Idrees presented a vote of thanks to the participants. At the end awards (mementos/certificates) were distributed by the dignitaries among the participants who played an active role in successful conduct of the 34th National Road Safety Week, 2023. The programme was attended by CMO, DMO, Principal GDC Women, DEPO besides students, traffic union representatives, Drivers, media fraternity etc.

# DC visits Indian Army's Administered Chinar 9 Jawan Club Baramulla

## Admin prioritizing Skill Devt for enhancing employability of Youth: Dr Sehrish

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 17: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Revenue Peerzada Mumtaz Ahmad today paid visit to vocational training centre, Chinar 9 Jawan Club Baramulla which is administered by the Indian Army. The visit was aimed to take stock of several necessities and facilities available in the club. It is worth mentioning here that Chinar 9 Jawan Club Baramulla is a vocational training centre established under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) wherein several skill development courses like Hospitality, Retail, Fashion Designing, Music, Art, Computers etc are being imparted to the youth.

On the occasion, the DC interacted with the trainees and enquired about different facilities and amenities that are provided to them. During the interaction, the trainees shared their on ground exposure with which they are being acquainted. Meanwhile, the instructors of the vocational club apprised the DC about different programmes and courses currently being imparted to the enthusiastic aspirants of the district. After taking a thorough inspection, the DC complimented the young aspirants who are currently enrolled in the club and said that upscaling skill development among our youth have been one of the top most priority of the present dispensation.



She said that several initiatives are being taken by the district administration which aims to provide a conducive and suitable environment for the young entrepreneurs so that they can become job providers rather than job seekers. Urging the youth to come forward

and avail benefits from such centres, Dr Sehrish added that skill development courses in the contemporary circumstances is the viable option to enhance employability in the current job market. She said that several initiatives are being taken by the district administration which aims to provide a conducive and suitable environment for the young entrepreneurs so that they can become job providers rather than job seekers. Urging the youth to come forward and avail benefits from such centres, Dr Sehrish added that skill development courses in the contemporary circumstances is the viable option to enhance employability in the current job market.

### ADDC Bandipora chairs DLTC meeting

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 17: On the directions Deputy Commissioner Bandipora (chairman DLTC) Dr. Owais Ahmed, the Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Bandipora, Ali Afsar Khan on Tuesday chaired a meeting of District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) at mini Secretariat, here. The meeting was held to finalize the Scale of Finance for the year 2023-24 for Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Floriculture, Fisheries, Animal and Sheep Husbandry. During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held on various aspects to determine and fix the Scale of Finance for providing short term loans to the farmers to strengthen the backbone of the economy. On the occasion, the ADCDC sought detailed feedback from the officers regarding the costs involved in different inputs of crops. He directed officers to ensure maximum coverage of beneficiaries under Government Schemes. Chief Manager C&APD Zahoor Ahmad Andrabi, Lead District Manager Bandipora, representatives of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, NABARD, District Coordinator SBI, Manager PNB, Manager Grameen Bank, coordinator KVK Bandipora and other concerned attended the meeting.

### ADC Anantnag chairs FRA meeting



ANANTNAG, JANUARY 17: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anantnag, Gulzar Ahmad today chaired a meeting for discussing cases related to Forest Rights Act 2006.

A total of 83 cases were deliberated upon during the meeting. After thorough deliberations, 70 cases were cleared while 13 were referred back to the Sub-Divisional Committees.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC said that the act has proved instrumental in granting individual and community rights to genuine beneficiaries who rely on forests for their livelihood. The meeting was attended by SDMs, ACD, officials from the Forest Department among others.

### J&K Forest Department organises Vocational Training Course at Manigam Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 17: A three days vocational training course on "Wilderness First Aid & Leave No Trace" under Green India Mission- Enhancement of livelihood concluded today at Police Training School Manigam, here.

The course was conducted by J&K Forest Department in consultation with HANIFL centre, Woodstock School Mussoorie, Dehradun and in collaboration with J&K Mountaineering and Adventure Club and Police Training School Manigam.

Around 25 Beneficiaries, identified from villages of Sonamarg, Gagangeer, Kullam Ganderbal, who act as local eco-guides on the different Forest Treks of the district are part of the training course. The certificate is of International recognition and shall provide opportunities to enhanced livelihood to the beneficiaries. Also, once trained, the beneficiaries may also be helpful to the administration during relief and rescue operations in the event of Natural disasters like flood, landslides, Forest Fires etc.

Earlier, the training course was virtually inaugurated by Conservator of Forests Srinagar Circle, Zubair Ahmed Shah, who in his inaugural address dwelt upon the Green India Mission of the Government and its underlying objective of enhancing livelihood opportunities of the forest communities viz viz Forest Protection.

He also spoke on the role of forests in eco-tourism and how such trained eco-guides can boost sustainable tourism in the valley. He also laid emphasis on the need of wilderness First Aid in Forest management.

The concluding session was presided over by Mehmood Ahmad Shah, Director Handicrafts Kashmir and mentor of J&K Mountaineering and Adventure Club who distributed the Certificates among the trainees.

DFO Sindh, DYSP Adm Police Training school, RO Sindh, RO Control Room, Director HANIFL Centre along with his instructor, Inspector and Officers of Sindh Forest Division and Police Training School were part of the occasion.

### Republic Day-2023 arrangements reviewed at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 17: The Additional Deputy Commissioner

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(ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj-ud-din Shah today convened a meeting of all core committees constituted to overlook the arrangement for the celebration of Republic Day 2023 in the district.

The meeting held threadbare discussions on various arrangements to be put in place at the venue for the main function, including preparation and consolidation of the venue ground, podium, march

ing, parking, electricity, refreshment, medicare, deployment of fire tenders, media management and sanitation measures. During the meeting, the ADC enquired about the arrangement being made and all committees briefed him regarding the status of arrangements pertaining to them.

Highlighting the importance of the auspicious day, ADC emphasized that being a national event, Re-

public day function should be celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm and as such all the necessary arrangements must be put in place to make the occasion a success and urged all the core committees that the arrangements shall be made in proper and efficient manner.

The meeting was attended by CPO, Irfan Ahmad Giri, DTO, Executive Engineers of R&B and PDD besides other district and sectoral officers. The meeting held threadbare discussions on various arrangements to be put in place at the venue for the main function, including preparation and consolidation of the venue ground, podium, march past and cultural programs, security, seating, transportation, barricading, parking, electricity, refreshment, medicare, deployment of fire tenders, media management and sanitation measures.

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### Road Safety Week celebration concludes with impressive function at Shopian

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 17: Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Shopian today organized a valedictory function of Road Safety Week at Meeting Hall of Mini-Secretariat, here.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya was the chief guest at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC said that the need of the hour is to educate the people about the importance of following the traffic rules for the safety of all road users.

He said that good driving behaviours and removing infrastructural gaps is essential for ensuring safe travels.

The DC urged partnership between transporters, traffic management authorities and the general public for better traffic management. He also laid stress on adherence to the golden rules of driving.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer (ARTO) Shopian, Muazzam Ali enumerated causes of road accidents, adding that 1.55 lac people die due to road accidents throughout the country



which is about 426 deaths daily.

In J&K on an average 3 deaths occur per day, stated ARTO, primarily because of over-speeding, negligent driving and lack of proper road infrastructure.

On the concluding day of Road Safety Week, MVD in collaboration with the Health department also organised free medical/eye Check up of drivers.

Later, in presence of Deputy Commissioner, mementos, cash prizes and commendation cer-

tificates were distributed among winners/ participants, who excelled in different activities organized during the Road Safety Week.

For the painting competition, Rabia Muzafar, Firdous-un-Nabi and Anees-Ul Islam were awarded first, second and third prizes respectively.

Among others, Joint Director Planning Khurshid Ahmed Khatana, district officers, students of various schools and drivers were present.

### NRLM Anantnag organized Bankers workshop at Dooru

ANANTNAG, JANUARY 17: The National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) Block Dooru (UMEED) today organized a Bankers Workshop in collaboration with Lead District Manager J&K Bank at Dooru Block, here.

The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the bankers and the community for proper implementation of the programme and offer an opportunity for direct interaction between bankers and SHG members. On the occasion, Block Programme Manager NRLM presented an overview of activities, approach and achievements of UMEED, particularly in the area of financial inclusion.

During the workshop the participants were informed about different schemes and loans being provided by banks. The officers in the camp

also stressed on financial awareness and basic banking facilities for the educated unemployed youth of the district.

DPM FI, Sakib Shafi, District Mission Management Unit NRLM Anantnag, BPM Dooru, Lead Bank Manager (incharge) Lead bank officials, concerned Branch Managers from J&K Bank and SHG members were also present in the workshop. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize the bankers and the community for proper implementation of the programme and offer an opportunity for direct interaction between bankers and SHG members.

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### Div. Training program on 'Promotion of Vegetables & Exotic vegetables' held at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 17: Owing to special agro-climatic conditions (Himalayan conditions) of the region there is vast potential for the promotion of exotic as well as traditional vegetable sector and under holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors a special focus has been shifted towards this field.

These views were expressed by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal while delivering a special lecture on 'Promotion of Vegetable/ Exotic Vegetables under Open and Hi-tech protected cultivation' in a divisional level training programme held at Lalmandi, Srinagar.

The Director Agriculture said that the vegetable sector has huge scope in the Valley and could generate a large number of employment opportunities. He said that under



the holistic document a special programme has been designed for this purpose so that maximum opportunities under this sector could be explored.

Iqbal asked the officers of different allied departments to work in close coordination so that the desired results could be achieved under all the projects of the Holistic

Document.

Director Agriculture said that with the introduction of more exotic vegetables to our main vegetable menu we are actually endeavouring to boost the agri-economy of the region. 'We can grow almost all the vegetables grown in Europe and UK and earn good prices for our produce at national and international level', he further added.

The training programme was attended by Joint Director (Ext.) Mohammad Syed Peer, Joint Director (Inputs) Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Joint Director (Mushroom and Apiculture) Tabassum Naz and other officers of Agriculture and allied departments. The training programme was attended by Joint Director (Ext.) Mohammad Syed Peer, Joint Director (Inputs) Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Joint Director.

# Lumberdars/Chowkidar conference held at Town Hall Kupwara

## DC Kupwara asks for identifying drug victims for their rehabilitation

KUPWARA, JANUARY 17: District Administration Kupwara today organized a conference of all Lumberdars and Chowkidars regarding their sensitization towards Drug De-addiction efforts.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray was chief guest on the occasion. ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; CEO Kupwara, Tehsildars and other officers were present during the conference. Addressing the conference, the Deputy Commissioner said that strict measures have been put in place by the District Administration in curbing the drug menace. Giving details, he said 300 arrests and 30 PSAs have been made, besides, 50 kg of different narcotic substances have been seized recently

in the district. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Chowkidars and Lumberdars to extend their support to the District Administration in identifying the drug abuse victims for their proper counselling and rehabilitation. The Deputy Commissioner shared his Helpline Number 9484009093 with the Lumberdars/Chowkidars for reporting the drug victims for their proper rehabilitation. He asked them to take it as a moral duty by supporting drug victims in coming out from the menace so that they can live a normal life.

ADC Kupwara also spoke and emphasized the role of the Lumberdars/Chowkidars in identifying the drug victims in their villages.

CEO Kupwara and various other speakers threw light on the ill



effects of drugs on the youth and society and highlighted the need for eradication of the menace. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Chowkidars and Lumberdars to extend their support to the District Administration in identifying the drug abuse victims for their proper counselling and rehabilitation.

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# HEADLINES TODAY

## HT EDITORIAL

### Cardiac Health Issues Amid Intense Cold...

Heart Attacks/Strokes on Abrupt rise.

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

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

### HARDEST THINGS



Er Aijaz Ahmad

You will see yourself from the eyes of several different people before you learn to believe what you see through your own.

You will make mistakes and regret them before you persuade yourself to learn from them.

You will wake up with reasons to hate yourself before you fall asleep convinced that you have only ever been worthy of love.

You will loose yourself in darkness before you become the light you need.

You will pray to heal before you realise that you have been the healer all along.

You will look for love every where before you find it right within you.

You will watch pain Break you before you let it empower you.

You will loose a hundred wars before you realise that you are invincible .

It is in the hardest of ways that life will teach you the simplest of lessons.

You will find yourself alone when you are in the Uncomfortable zone .

You will separate your life , when you see there is not good friend circle around you.

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# India is well poised to emerge as a leader in dairy



Purshottam Rupala

The country celebrated National Milk Day on the 26th of November. The occasion is momentous because for one it will mark the 101st birth anniversary of late Dr. Verghese Kurien, the man who is credited for ushering in India's 'White Revolution'.

In many ways, the growth and advancements in India's dairy sector have been symbolic of the trajectory of the country's influence and impact on the global map. Under Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, the country's milk production has gone up by more than 44% and in the year 2020-2021, we produced 210 MT of milk, that constitutes 23% of the world's milk. India's per capita milk availability stood at 427 gram per day in 2020-21 as against the world average of 394 grams per day during the same period.

The dairy sector in India has been largely organised under the cooperative structure and the cooperatives have played a pivotal role in increasing the negotiating power of dairy farmers and help set the price of Milk Procurement and Milk Sale in their area of operations. Unlike the scenario for crops like rice and wheat, the Government does not dictate prices of dairy products and is not involved in milk procurement. This has fostered the autonomy of Dairy Cooperatives and encouraged them to be market oriented. In fact, some of the leading dairy cooperatives in the country have managed to surpass private companies in both performance and profits. India's largest dairy company Amul is an excellent testament to the power and success of the Cooperative model within the country.

Now as we recover from the aftermath of the pandemic, it would be worthwhile to highlight the role played by the Government and the dairy cooperatives to support dairy farmers during the lockdown period and beyond. Milk procurement by the dairy cooperatives continued



to rise throughout the pandemic as it accepted the diverted additional milk of the farmers which was otherwise sold to private and unorganised players. Milk procurement by the dairy cooperatives registered an increase of 7.9 per cent during 2020-21. To extend support, the Government of India launched "Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans" component under the existing central sector scheme - "Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organisations engaged in dairy activities (SDCFPO)" scheme. Such measures helped our dairy industry remain resilient in the past two years.

To leverage the growing potential of technology, a digital platform called e-Gopala was launched to enhance ease and efficiency in the management of livestock. This digital platform can be used for obtaining Pashu Aadhaar, Pashu Poshan, Ethno-veterinary Medicines (EVM), Animal Breeding related services and information. Additionally, the E-Gopala App also provides a platform for buying and selling of dairy animals, bovine semen, embryo etc. To supplement the exercise, a helpline for dairy farmers called Pashu Mitra has been established by the National Dairy Development Board, that will enable farmers to directly have their queries on animal health and nutrition answered by experts. Given that Indian milk production

is expected to reach 270 MMT by 2025, corporations will need to invest in processing facilities, and this provides an investment potential of USD 10 Billion within the dairy sector. There is a chilling infrastructure deficit of roughly 120-130 MMT in dairy sector, which translates into an investment potential of approximately USD 2.6 billion, with a 17-20% expected return on investment over the next 9-12 years. Another impetus for enhancing investments in dairy has to do with our growing footprint in the exports market. For instance, India's cheese exports under the HS Code 0406 have grown at a rate of 16% CAGR during the period 2015-2020. The major export destinations were UAE, Bhutan, and the United States of America. Presently, there are more than 75 milk deficient countries across the globe, with most of them scattered across Asia, Latin America, and Africa - this presents a ripe opportunity for India to make inroads into newer markets. To this end, recent initiatives like the National Digital Livestock Mission will go a long way towards enhancing traceability standards and will enable Indian companies to meet the quality standards set by importing nations.

To boost investments in the dairy sector, DAHD has set up the Dairy Investment Accelerator under which entities like Gates Foundation and

Invest India will collaborate to provide pro bono services that will include issue resolution, investment facilitation, assistance with export strategy, market research, location assessment, etc. More importantly, dairying has provided a reliable source of income to traditional farmers when crops have failed. The current Government's efforts have been concentrated on transforming the dairy industry from an unorganized to an organized sector, with the end goal of increasing farmers income, and generation of employment across the value chain. The slew of recent schemes like the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund, Rastriya Gokul Mission, Animal Husbandry Grand Start-up Challenge, and the extension of Kisan Credit Card facilities to livestock farmers, will usher in better standards and innovations within our dairy sector. Thus, on the 101st birth anniversary of Dr Kurien, we are confident that India is well poised to emerge as a leading exporter of dairy products in times to come.

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## 2022: A year of Academic Excellence



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The year 2022 remained educationally best for Jammu and Kashmir. Schools were opened physically in the month of March after a gap of two and half years post covid pandemic restrictions. As per official record 2022 saw full 220 academic days which was a good sign for the schools and it was a record number of working days in the last ten years. This year has been named as year of Academic Excellence by the education department of Jammu and Kashmir in order to fulfill all those gaps which were created during last two and half years.

The purpose behind this concept was that students will be provided opportunities to show their performance in every field of education. To make 2022 year educationally excellent in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the department of education took various initiatives. The first step taken by the department was to fulfill the learning gaps created during last two and half years due closure of schools because of COVID 19.

For fulfilling the learning gaps of students especially for primary and middle classes several steps were taken. Teachers took classes before and after school timing to fulfill the learning gaps. November 2022 was declared to fulfill the learning gaps of students by the DSEK as the syllabus was completed by the teachers. In some schools teachers were taking classes during lunch time for compensating the loss.

This helped students a lot to get their learning gaps fulfilled. The students too showed their interest during this process as they knew that their education was badly affected during last two and half years. The attendance remained up to the mark during the year 2022 as

The students took active participation in these co curricular activities as these activities could not be held for last two and half years. Co curricular activities also play an important role in the social, physical, moral, and mental development of the students.

suffered during pandemic must get compensated by this year and thank to Almighty Allah the teachers were able to fulfill the wishes of officers of the department.

It is due to hardwork and dedication of teachers that the year of 2022 remained educationally a buzz and



the students were fed up due to continuous closure of schools for two and half years.

The students remained enthusiastic during 2022 year. Parents also cooperated with the school administration to get the learning gaps of their wards fulfilled. Besides fulfilling the learning gaps of students 2022 saw a number of co curricular activities in the schools. These activities were held at school level, Zonal level, district level divisional level and UT level. These activities are necessary in order to channelize the hidden talent of the students.

The officers of the education department from ZEO to Principal Secretary remained on toes to provide best kind of support to educational institutions of the UT so that lost suffered during the closure of schools is compensated. The officers closely were monitoring the educational institutions during the year. The ex Principal Secretary School Education department Mr B.K Singh, the Present Principal Secretary School Education department Mr Alok Kumar and DSEK Tasduq Hussain and all other district and Zonal level officers were keen that the loss

the dream of the department of Year of Academic Excellence got fulfilled. Hope that the 2023 will be more excellent in the field of education and the gaps that could not be fulfilled in 2022 may get fulfilled in 2023. Congratulations to all the stakeholders of the department.

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## SEC extends period of filling of claims, objections for updation of Panchayat Electoral Roll by two days

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: The State Election Commission (SEC) has extended the period of filling of claims and objections for Addition/Deletion/Correction/Transposition by two days upto 20th January, 2023. The extension in the dates from January 18th to January 20th has been done to facilitate all the eligible persons for getting themselves registered as voters in the Panchayat Electoral Roll. It is pertinent to mention that a comprehensive revision of Panchayat Electoral Roll with 01.01.2023, as qualifying date has been taken up in all Panchayat Halqas of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. Further, the Commission has informed that the dates regarding final disposal of claims which is January 30, 2023 and the final publication of Electoral Roll which is February 10, 2023 shall remain unchanged.

## Arrangements for R-day celebrations finalised in Reasi

REASI, JANUARY 17: To finalize the arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day-2023, a meeting of Officers was held at mini-secretariat here under the chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Reasi, Babila Rakwal. During the meeting, the DC reviewed arrangements to be made by different departments including security, seating, car parking, transportation, illumination of buildings, refreshments, road clearance etc. The DC Reasi exhorted all the departments to put in place elaborate arrangements for smooth conduct of the National event. It was finalized that the main function will be held at Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium, where the National Flag will be unfurled by the chief guest followed by the parade comprising contingents of JKP, CRPF, NCC and colleges/school children. The celebrations of the national day event will start with the playing of 'Sneha Vadan' at Zorawar Singh Sports Stadium by District Information Centre Reasi. A detailed discussion was also held on seating arrangements, barricading, security, traffic regulation, drinking water and power supply, sanitation, first-aid, PAS, fire-tenders, among others. The DC directed the concerned Executive Engineers to ensure adequate arrangements of barricading, seating and drinking water supply besides uninterrupted power supply on the day of function. ADDC, ADC, CPO, ACR, ACD, CEO and other concerned officers attend the meeting.

## MSME DFO Jammu organizes webinar on ZED sustainable scheme

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: MSME DFO J&K Ministry of MSME Government of India, Jammu today organised one day webinar on MSME ZED Sustainable Scheme. The objective of the Webinar was to enhance the competitiveness and quality of MSME sector in the global market. The webinar was inaugurated by G. Velladurai, Joint Director MSME-DFO Jammu and attended by about 52 unit holders. In his inaugural address, he informed the participants about the importance of ZED in context of Jammu & Kashmir & appealed all the MSME participants to make use of the programme for getting required information on ZED & implement ZED in their units for producing products with Zero defect & Zero effect on environment. Guest faculty Sonal Saggi, ZED consultant New Delhi, discussed ZED sustainable scheme through a power point presentation. The webinar was beneficial for the existing unit holders, who were explained by the Guest Faculty about Zero effect Zero defect (ZED) and its utility in production of different products, and also in service sector. Earlier, the Welcome Address was presented by Vinu Jee Koul, Programme coordinator MSME DFO Jammu. Vote of thanks was presented by Rajesh Kumar, Asstt Director MSME DFO Jammu.

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Sh. Rahul Pandey today inaugurated a 3-day Multimedia Exhibition on "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes organized by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Field Office Kathua. The Multimedia Media Exhibition at Govt Degree College (Boys) Kathua is part of various outreach activities being organised by CBC in UTs of J&K and Ladakh. The exhibition showcases the freedom struggle of India through a series of photo exhibitions as well as audio-visual media. Apart from this, special section in the exhibition has been dedicated to G20 Summit India. Separate corner for Azadi Quest - recently lunched online educational video game - and Sawaraj, a 75 episode mega serial of Doordarshan portraying stories of unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle is also part of the exhibition display. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Kathua appreciated the efforts of CBC Kathua in organising the multimedia exhibition and urged people to visit dedicated corners for "Azadi Quest" and Swaraj and download the video game for an insight into the freedom struggle of India. Regarding the G20 Summit India, he highlighted various aspects of infrastructure as an asset class, promoting quality infrastructure investment and

# DC Kathua inaugurates CBC's 3-day Multimedia Exhibition

## Aware youth is a must for a stronger nation: DC



identifying innovative instruments for mobilizing financial resources for infrastructure investment. Additional Director General CBC Sh. Rajinder Choudhary visited the exhibition venue and took stock of arrangements. He praised the efforts of CBC Kathua for making the arrangement. Joint Director CBC Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas gave a detailed overview of the functioning, structure and working of CBC in the twin UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He

also briefed the audiences about various outreach activities that will be organised during the event. Sh. Abbas said that these programmes are being organised so that people get benefits of various public welfare schemes of the government. Experts and representatives of KVIB Kathua, employment department, higher education department and health department delivered detailed lectures on the various centrally sponsored schemes being implemented by their respective departments. Schemes like National So-

cial Assistance programme, Pradhanmantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana were specially focussed upon.

The departmental artists from CBC J&K presented some colourful theme based dance items. On the occasion, an open quiz was also organised which witnessed huge participation of youth. The programme culminated with prize distribution and light refreshment. In his address, Deputy Commissioner Kathua appreciated the efforts of CBC Kathua in organising the multimedia exhibition and urged people to visit dedicated corners for "Azadi Quest" and Swaraj and download the video game for an insight into the freedom struggle of India. Regarding the G20 Summit India, he highlighted various aspects of infrastructure as an asset class, promoting quality infrastructure investment and identifying innovative instruments for mobilizing financial resources for infrastructure investment. Additional Director General CBC Sh. Rajinder Choudhary visited the exhibition venue and took stock of arrangements. He praised the efforts of CBC Kathua for making the arrangement. Joint Director CBC Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Ghulam Abbas gave a detailed overview of the functioning, structure and working of CBC in the twin UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. He also briefed the audiences about various outreach activities that will be organised during the event.

## 5-Day Community awareness campaign on Solid Waste Management begins in Palli

SAMBA, JANUARY 17: District Administration Samba, in collaboration with Save the Children NGO and Nokia Smartpur project today inaugurated a 5 day community based awareness campaign on Solid Waste Management here in Palli Panchayat, Bari Brahma.



Deputy Commissioner, Anuradha Gupta, after inaugurating the awareness campaign called upon local communities to participate enthusiastically in the awareness programme and contribute towards a sustainable and eco-friendly environment. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Samba mentioned that the Nokia Smartpur project holds importance as it was on the personal initiative of Lieutenant Governor, J&K, Manoj Sinha that the project was launched on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April 2022, the day on which Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited

the Panchayat. The DC emphasized that Palli Panchayat being a model panchayat is setting precedent of being zero littering and 100% solid waste management Panchayat of the district. She said each household should nurture a champion under Har Ghar Champion campaign and spread the message of disposing waste scientifically. She also exhorted young children present on the occasion to embark upon the journey of converting waste into monetary value through

Swachta Bank. A mobile vehicle was also launched in Palli Panchayat for door to door waste collection. The 05 Day awareness includes, training on Solid Liquid Waste Management, Participatory Training, Community Based Training on disposal of hazardous waste, concept of reduce, reuse and recycle, besides other host of activities. Save the children along with the officers also organised a rally to create awareness among locals.

## DC Rajouri Flags off Students' Rally to spread awareness about Road Safety

RAJOURI, JANUARY 17: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, on Tuesday flagged off a Students' Awareness Rally in Rajouri to create awareness about road safety and the importance of following road etiquette. The event was organized as part of the Road Safety Week-2023 celebrations.



The rally, with the participation from private and public schools, as well as from various colleges and intuitions from across the district, was flagged off from the New Bus stand Rajouri. The rally passed through various market places and residential areas of the city and culminated at PWD Dak Bungalow. The Deputy Commissioner expressed his pleasure over the enthusiasm of the students for the noble cause. He hoped that the demonstration by the students and their creative slogans would help spread the message and bring a positive change in

the behavior of the people on the roads. He urged everyone to be more aware and responsible while on the roads, so as to avoid accidents and save precious lives. He also mentioned various traffic rules and laws important for the safety of all. He appealed to the public to be responsible and thoughtful when driving, as it benefits everyone to be safe on the road. The rally was well received by the general public with many of them joining in and showing their support for the cause. The rally, with the participation from private and

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## Road Safety Week: Awareness Program, Free Medical & Eye Check up Camp held for drivers, conductors at Pul-Doda

DODA, JANUARY 17: A Road Safety Awareness Program & Free Medical & Eye Check up Camp for Drivers/conductors was organized by ARTO Doda in collaboration with Health Department on the concluding Day of Road Safety week 2023, here at Pul Doda. The Free Medical & Eye Check up Camp was inaugurated by Kuldeep Singh, ARTO. More than 100 commercial vehicle drivers and conductors were screened in the camp. Blood Pressure Checkup, Eye Sight tests etc were done by the expert medical Team comprising of Dr. Tariq Saleem, Dr. Nasir Masood, Dr. Barkatullah, Noor Mohd Pharmacist, Raju Kumar Ophthalmic Technician, Naveen Kumar RTS & Kozi Tabassum FMPHW. Road Safety Awareness/Counseling was also imparted to the participants by the MVD & Traffic Police. The program was also attended by Baljit Singh, DySP Traffic; Jasbir Singh MVI; Members of Minibus Association including Akhter Hussain, Chairman; Tahir Hussain Shah, President; Sarfaraz Malik, Cashier & Members of Taxi/Maxi Union Javed Naik president and Akhter Giri. The Program was conducted under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner.

## DLTFC Doda approves 13 self-employment cases under JKREGP

DODA, JANUARY 17: District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) today approved 13 self-employment cases under Jammu and Kashmir Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) at its meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan. The committee interacted with aspiring entrepreneurs and asked them about prospects, scope of the set-up proposed by each applicant and operation strategy of their ventures. The DC advised the beneficiary entrepreneurs to work hard, prove their potential and create avenues of employment for not only themselves but also for others. He stressed on providing adequate handholding to beneficiaries and the timely disbursement of the approved cases. The meeting was attended by Dy Director Employment, CPO, Lead Bank Manager, Superintendent ITI, Cluster Head J&K Bank Doda, District Coordinator KVIB, representatives from DIC and other departments. The DC advised the beneficiary entrepreneurs to work hard, prove their potential and create avenues of employment for not only themselves but also for others. He stressed on providing adequate handholding to beneficiaries and the timely disbursement of the approved cases. The meeting was attended by Dy Director Employment, CPO, Lead Bank Manager, Superintendent ITI, Cluster Head J&K Bank Doda, District Coordinator KVIB, representatives from DIC and other departments.

# Double-engine mechanism will lead to faster development in J&K: Slathia

RAMGARH JANUARY 17 - Pradesh BJP Vice President and former minister Mr Surjeet Singh Slathia today said that the double engine mechanism of governance will ensure faster and equitable development in Jammu and Kashmir, which has undergone a difficult phase over decades.



Addressing Prabharies of various wings of the party of Mandal Baba Sidh Gorla Swankha in the Ramgarh Assembly Constituency, as part of the Prawas Programme, Mr Slathia said the BJP is committed towards a prosperous and inclusive

Jammu and Kashmir with the people getting equal opportunities of progress and development, irrespective of regional or religious affiliations. "The people deserve a better and fair deal in opportunities without any discrimination or appeasement", he said, adding that every compatriot has to play their pivotal role in realising the PM's vision of Naya J&K, with avenues of progress to all, irrespective of religion or caste. He said this is possible with strong and stable governments at the Centre and in the Union Territory that can deliver on ground zero as per the

urges and aspirations of the citizenry. Mr Slathia said the continued support of the people to the BJP will help in expediting the development process and bringing about peace and harmony. While the developmental momentum is already in full gear, the Union Territory is all set to become an investment hub in the wake of path breaking initiatives of the Centre, which will eventually lead to growth and generation of jobs for educated unemployed, skilled and unskilled workforce. The sustained measures taken during the past four years.

## Arrangements for celebration of National Girl Child Day finalized in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 17: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal, today chaired a meeting to discuss and finalize the arrangements for National Girl Child Day in the district. Officers in attendance included ADC, Sachin Dev Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; and DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt.

The day, which will be celebrated on 24 January 2023, is intended to recognize the importance of adolescent girl children and to open opportunities for them to realize their power and potential. It also seeks to amplify and empower the voices of adolescent girls around the

world. Speaking in the meeting, the DDC reiterated the commitment of District Administration to take all possible steps to uplift girls and women in society and to protect their rights. He called for collaborative efforts to remove gender bias and to encourage girls at all levels to reach their full potential. The DDC also asked the concerned officers to make women aware of various legal and social sector initiatives, so they can take advantage of the same. He instructed them to celebrate the day with enthusiasm and to ensure that all necessary arrangements for the celebration are in place.

# State Handloom Expo 2023 hosted by Handicrafts & Handloom Directorate concludes at Jammu Haat

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: To provide a vibrant platform to the Weavers and cooperatives of Jammu Division to exhibit and sell their handmade products, the Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu, under the guidance of Prashant Goyal, Principal Secretary to the Government, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K, organised a 15 Day State Handloom Expo 2023 sponsored by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Valedictory function on the successful conclusion of the State Handloom Expo 2023 was held at Jammu Haat. Anoo Malhotra, Director General Industries & Commerce, Jammu was the chief guest at

the event. Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu; Atul Sharma Managing Director J&K Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation and Joint Director MSME; Tilak Raj, Joint Director Handicrafts, Jammu; Pardeep Singh, Joint Director Handloom, Jammu, Development Officers, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors and Deputy Registrar Induscos of the Directorate, were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vikas Gupta, Director Handicrafts & Handloom, Jammu apprised the guests about the functioning of the directorate. He affirmed the resolve of the directorate to work in the interests of the weaver community. He also apprised that the Department is making great efforts for the welfare of artisan and the weaver community. The department not only provides skill training to unemployed youth of the region in various crafts through its



training centres but also provides for handholding of these trained weavers and artisans by getting themselves registered with the department for availing various benefits being provided by the Government through different schemes. Be-

sides organizing District and State Handloom Expos, the directorate also provides artisans and weavers of Jammu division with the opportunity for participation in various UT/National and even international level exhibitions where they can display and sell their products. Anoo Malhotra appreciated the efforts made by the directorate in organizing the State Handloom Expo and providing a platform to the weaver community for selling their handmade products. She appealed to people to support the local weavers and artisans by purchasing local handmade products. More than 60 cooperatives/weavers from all over the UT participated in the said event and a sale of Rs. 1.25 Crore.

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## Road Safety Week MVD Kupwara organizes valedictory function at Town Hall Kupwara

KUPWARA, JANUARY 17: Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) Kupwara today organized an impressive function here at Town Hall Kupwara to mark the culmination of the ongoing Road Safety Week.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray was chief guest on the occasion. ADC Kupwara, Ghulam Nabi Bhat; ARTO Kupwara, Anees Ahmad, besides, Presidents of different Transport Associations, transporters and other concerned attended the function.

Addressing the function, the Deputy Commissioner congratulated the MVD Kupwara for successful conduct of the Road Safety Week. He said that Road Safety Week is celebrated every year with the objective to sensitize the stakeholders about the need to make the road safety measures as a habit. He said there has been a rampant campaign for ensuring road safety and appealed the stakeholders to drive responsibly on the road to ensure safety of themselves and others as well.

ARTO Kupwara said that



the Road Safety Week was celebrated from 11th to 17th January in the district adding that various activities were carried out by the MVD Kupwara during the week which include organizing of mass awareness camps, Eye checkup and blood donation camps. He appealed the participants especially transporters to avoid overspeeding, wrong overtaking, mobile phone using and excessive load carrying for their own safety and others.

Other speakers also spoke and highlighted the importance of celebrating Road Safety Week.

On the occasion, certificates of appreciation were distributed among the persons for their best performance during the Road Safety Week.

## JKAACL pays homage to Prof. Rehman Rahi

Bereaved by the loss, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), under the guidance of Sh. Bharat Singh (JKAS), Secretary (JKAACL), has paid rich tributes to the renowned writer/poet critic Jnanpith Awardee Professor Rehman Rahi at the Conference room of Tagore Hall in Srinagar. The event was presided over by Prof. Bashir Bashir, a noted writer of the region; G. R. Sufi, Former Chief information commissioner, as the Chief Guest Professor Farooq Fayaz, former Director, UGC Academic Staff College, University of Kashmir; as Guest of Honour of the occasion. Dr. Farooq Anwaar Mirza, Incharge Divisional Office Kashmir (DOK) of JKAACL was also present as host.

At the outset of the event, Dr. Farooq Anwar Mirza, Incharge officer DOK (JKAACL), presented a warm welcome to the noble gathering.

After the welcome address, the present speakers ardently highlighted



the invaluable contributions of Professor Rehman Rahi to the audience. Mohd Amin Bhat, President Adbi Markaz Kamraz; Prof Shafi Simble; Gulshan Badrani; Dr Hasrat Hussain; Prof Majrooh Rashid; Inayat Gul; Mohi ud Din Reshi; Shakeel Ur Rehman; Imdad Saqi, Waheed Jeelani and Inayat Gul were among the key speakers who valued the contribution.

The event witnessed the presence of Dildar Ashraf Shah, Dr Syed Iftikhar, Dr Abid Ahamd, Dr Shabnam Rafiq, Salim Salik, Tariq Shaira, Maqbool Sajid and Jameel Ansari Towards the culmination, Jawaid Iqbal Khan, Editor Kashmiri (JKAACL), addressed the congregational Fateh Khawani of Professor Rehman Rahi, and expressed a sincere vote of

thanks to the audience; while addressing the audience, he announced that JKAACL, shall soon publish special issue of Sheeraza Kashmiri on Professor Rehman Rahi. He also said that JKAACL is deeply saddened by the loss of prof. Rahi. Dr Gulzar Ahmad RATHER, Assistant Editor Kashmiri (JKAACL), conducted the proceedings of the event

## GDC&H, Srinagar gets recognition of MDS Degrees against increased intake capacity from MoH&FW, GoI New Delhi

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 17: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW), Government of India (GoI), New Delhi has conveyed the approval of Central Government to the recommendations of Dental Council of India (DCI) for recognition of the MDS degrees in Govt. Dental College & Hospital Shireen Bagh, Srinagar to be awarded by University of Kashmir. As per an official communiqué, the MDS degrees in Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Shireen Bagh shall be awarded against the increased intake capacity from 2 to 3 in 06 specialties of (1) Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics; (2) Periodontology; (3) Prosthodontics and Crown & Bridge; (4) Oral Medicine and Radiology; (5) Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and (6) Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz Farooq, Principal/Dean, Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar has expressed happiness on the said development and said that it will help in giving an opportunity to a lot of meritorious and

deserving BDS candidates of J&K and other parts of Country to pursue their post graduation course in dentistry in Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar and will also help in improving the academics and patient health care in the institution. Prof. (Dr.) Riyaz has thanked all the faculty members and staff members of the institution who have worked very hard for the last so many years to achieve the said recognition.

Prof. (Dr.) Shabir Ahmad Shah, Medical Superintendent, Govt. Dental College & Hospital, Srinagar has also expressed happiness on the said news and has also conveyed his gratitude to all the concerned especially to the Principal/Dean of the institution whose guidance, hard work and personal reputation and high regards among the dental professionals across the country, has ultimately helped the institution in achieving the said remarkable milestone.

## Dr Samoon lays foundation stone of workshop block at ITI Zainakote

KATHUA, JANUARY 16: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of Revenue officers to discuss revenue matters here in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex. At the outset, the DC took detailed review of the anti-encroachment drives being carried out by the district administration. He laid emphasis on strict execution of the eviction plan and furnishing of the report regarding removal of encroachments on a daily basis for apprising the higher authorities about the progress. While reviewing the status of SWAMITVA scheme, the DC exhorted upon the revenue

officials to speed up the mapping process of the revenue villages besides expediting the digitization process of revenue records within the set timelines. Taking serious view of the delay in disposing of cases under PSGA, the DC called for taking stringent action against the defaulting officers besides ensuring speedy disposal of applications under PSGA thereby improving the public service delivery by making the system efficient and effective. Regarding the Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RCCMS), the DC stressed upon revenue officers.

## Dr Hina Bhat visits Bandipora, participates in awareness programme at Aragam



BANDIPORA, JANUARY 17: Vice Chairperson (VC), J&K Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Dr Hina Shafi Bhat, today visited district Bandipora and participated in an awareness programme at Aragam Bandipora. The awareness programme was attended by ADC Bandipora and other concerned officers from district administration and KVIB besides PRIs and general public.

The VC also visited Noor centre and interacted with the trainees there. She appreciated the trainers for their hard work besides lauding the trainees as well for making traditional garments like lachka and shawls having cultural and traditional importance. She lauded the efforts of shahida khanam, the owner of Noor Centre in reviving the culture. Dr. Hina said LG administration has launched numerous schemes for welfare and development of youth of the UT. She said 37% shares of loans taken from KVIB are being availed by girls for business and other purposes and 1126 units has already been established under KVIB generating employment for 8750 persons in current FY in Bandipora district.

## Dogri film Mouj Masti's audio songs, trailer and poster released

Jammu, January 17, 2023: Dogri Film 'Mouj Masti' team released the audio songs, trailer and poster of their much-awaited film at a function here today.

The function which was held at Press Club of Jammu saw a galaxy of TV and film fraternity of Jammu during the official release of the audio songs, trailer and poster of the much-awaited Dogri film Mouj Masti where Padamshree Balwant Thakur was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion Balwant Thakur appreciated the efforts of the producers and the director for promoting Dogri through films and TV and said that Jammu has the abundance of talent which is now coming to the forefront to preserve the rich cultural heritage and language through the medium of films. Advising the local film fraternity to create a viable and strong film industry Balwant Thakur said that artists and technicians must join hands to create a strong film movement with local content as the core so that Jammu earns a name in the film making sector like that of Punjabi Film Industry. Mouj Masti, the film in Dogri language produced by Mohd. Aslam Mir, Vinod Jaral, Rakesh Chalotra and directed by Heera Mani Singh deals with the rising drug abuse in the society that has been wreaking havoc among the



younger generations thereby destroying families, relationships and social fabric of the society. The film is a take on the current scenario in the state of J&K where drugs have made deep inroads into the society with numerous youths finding themselves caught in the cobweb of drugs and their families bearing the brunt partly for ignoring the early sings and partly due to ignorance besides the role of the law enforcement agencies and how the entire web silently engulfs the families and the future of the children in our society. The film which has been shot entirely in Jammu and its surroundings is a full entertainer with local cast tries to create awareness about the menace of drugs in the society where people hardly talk about it in public but in reality, is witnessing an alarming rise destroying the youth

of the society like a silent killer on the prowl. Mouj Masti also ensures that the film does not become a heavy dose of negativity by sprinkling it with logical comedy thus making it a complete entertainer through relevant comic scenes, songs and dance sequences. The film has a pure professional touch and competes with regular feature films in terms of making, dialogues, lyrics and songs that have been entirely done in Jammu itself by local technicians, lyricists, musicians with local cast and directed by highly acclaimed Heera Mani Singh who is synonymous in J&K with the best talent in the field. The film has two songs written by Shivani Tak while the music has been composed by Surinder Manhas and choreographed by Akash Dogra. The cast includes Parvej Mir, Rakesh Chalotra, Davinder.

## 2.5 lakh farmers to be trained in agri-skills: Atal Dulloo

29 skill training programmes identified, calendar to be released by March



JAMMU, JANUARY 17: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, chaired a meeting to review Skill Development in Agriculture and its allied sectors here today at Civil Secretariat. The meeting discussed the recommendations of the Dr Mangla Rai Apex Committee Report, which aims to provide skill improvement and entrepreneurship-related training to 2.5 lakh farmers engaged in agriculture and allied sectors in J&K. The trainings aim at increasing their income and overall economy of Jammu & Kashmir. During

the meeting, a presentation on the Holistic Agriculture Development Programme was given, which outlined the proposed courses for farmers. A total of 29 skill training programs were proposed, including 21 in Agriculture and Horticulture, 3 in Agricultural Engineering, 4 in Forestry, 3 in Sericulture, 6 in Veterinary & Animal Sciences, 2 in Fisheries and 1 in Rural Business Management. It was highlighted that there is a need for skilling and upskilling in the following emerging agriculture sectors: Farm Mechanization and Micro Irrigation, Protected culti-

vation such as Hydroponics, Greenhouse, Milk and Meat processing, Digital Agriculture, Weather forecasting, Agriculture warehousing and cold chain logistics, Alternate energy such as SOLAR and BIO-MASS, and Commodity supply chain management. These sectors are seen as key areas for growth and development in the agriculture industry and training in these areas will help farmers and professionals stay current and competitive in the market. Atal Dulloo stated that the main focus of the administration is to increase seed production.

## Yasha Mudgal chairs 7th BoDs meeting of ACCB, BCCB

JAMMU, JANUARY 17: Commissioner Secretary Cooperative, Yasha Mudgal, today convened 7th Board of Directors (BoDs) meeting of Anantnag Central Cooperative Bank (ACCB) and Baramulla Central Cooperative Bank (BCCB) at civil secretariat here. The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag, Director Budget, Finance Department, Deputy Director, Horticulture Kashmir, representative of NABARD, Chartered Account Jammu Rupan Sobti and other concerned officials of the department while Kashmir based officers participated online. Managing Director of ACCB, BCCB

briefed the meeting about the overall performance including financial progress of banks till date. Threadbare discussion was held on issues related to banks for improvement of indices as per guidelines of RBI besides other points like human resources development, annual inspection of banks by NABARD, Core Banking Solution. The board noticed with satisfaction the significant rise in CRAR level and besides the recovery of Rs.7 crore with ACC Bank and 10 crore by the BCC Bank thereby bringing down the NPAs to 13% and 46% respectively. The board emphasized upon the officers to accomplish

the achievements against the set targets allocated to both banks under MAP approved by the government. Also, the board asked the CEO to take disciplinary action against the delinquent officers. Threadbare discussion was held on issues related to banks for improvement of indices as per guidelines of RBI besides other points like human resources development, annual inspection of banks by NABARD, Core Banking Solution. The board noticed with satisfaction the significant rise in CRAR level and besides the recovery of Rs.7 crore with ACC Bank and 10 crore by the BCC Bank thereby bringing down.

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S/O. Late Khazir Mohammad Malik  
R/o Both residents of Sangrama Tehsil Khoie Sopore  
District Baramulla  
(Caveators)  
Versus  
Public At Large

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

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# South Africa name new coaches for Test, limited overs teams

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa have named Rob Walter as their new head coach in limited overs cricket with Shukri Conrad to take over the Test team, officials confirmed on Monday.

Mark Boucher, who had been in charge across all formats, resigned following the recent Twenty20 World Cup in Australia to take up a role in the Indian Premier League with the Mumbai Indians.

Conrad, 55, a former first-class cricketer, has worked with many of South Africa's leading players as head coach of the South African Academy since 2014. He also coached the South African Under-19 team.

He has experience at senior domestic level with the Cape Cobras and Lions franchises and had a brief spell as head coach of the Uganda national team.

He takes over a Test side that has slumped to heavy defeats in recent away series against England and Australia — and which has a severely curtailed programme over the next four years.

The Proteas play a two-match series



against the West Indies in February and do not play another Test until India tour South Africa at the end of the year.

But CSA chief executive Pholetsi Moseki said the appointment of a specialist Test coach was an indication of the importance of Tests despite CSA having reduced the number of fixtures in order to accommodate a new T20 league.

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year's World Cup and to "do our utmost best" at the tournament in India.

Walter was the South African team's strength and conditioning coach between 2009 and 2013 before becoming head coach of Titans franchise.

He guided them to three titles in three seasons before moving to New Zealand in 2016, where he coached Otago and more recently Central Districts. But CSA chief executive Pholetsi Moseki said the appointment of a specialist Test coach was an indication of the importance of Tests despite CSA having reduced the number of fixtures in order to accommodate a new T20 league.

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## Grand Warrior's student won a silver medal in the 10th National Junior Pencak Silat Championship

Adil Khan

Srinagar 17 January The 10th Sub Junior and Junior (Boys and Girls) National Pencak Silat Championship 2022-2023 was held from January 13 to January 16 at the district sports complex, Shri Guru Govind Jii Stadium, Nanded Maharashtra, where Imdad Ali of the Grand Warriors Academy Srinagar took the silver medal.

Under the auspices of the Indian Pencak Silat Association, the Maharashtra Pencak Silat Association organised the championship. In his weight category, Imdad Ali finished second among competitors from 34 States and UTs.

Imdad Ali got selected for the 6th Federation cup which is going to be held in Goa from the 19th to the 21st of January. But unfortunately due to his health condition, he is coming back home.



The LP School's secretary, Rouf Ahmed, stated that this academy is making great efforts to assist the next generation of athletes.

This event had over 1200 players from various Indian states.

Coach Adil Hussain said, "I am extremely grateful to Centac Cement for sponsoring Imdad Ali for the National Championship."

## Wildcard Birrell creates history, downs seeded Kanepi

Melbourne, Jan 17 (UNI) Kimberly Birrell created history at Australian Open 2022, winning the first competitive match ever played at Kia Arena. And her return to that court this year, proved even sweeter.

The 24-year-old Aussie wildcard recorded a hard-fought 3-6 7-6(4) 6-1 victory against No.31 seed Kaia Kanepi in an opening-round singles showdown at Kia Arena today.

It is Birrell's first Grand Slam main-draw win in four years and her fourth career top-50 victory. Kanepi served for the match leading 6-3 5-4, but Birrell managed to fight her way back into the contest.

After securing a high-pressure second-set tiebreak, Birrell won 16 of the first 19 points in the deciding set to race to a 4-0 lead.

From there, the Gold Coast athlete closed out one of the biggest — and emotional — wins of her career after two hours and 32 minutes on court.

Birrell now faces Czech teen sensation Linda Fruhvirtova, who recorded a 6-0 6-4 win against Australia's Jaimee Fourlis today.

The 17-year-old Fruhvirtova is currently ranked No.82 and is the youngest player inside the world's top 100.

## Sachin sir also is my role model: Shafali Verma

Bengaluru, Jan 17 (UNI) Shafali Verma, captain of U19 Women's T20 World Cup team, spoke to Star Sports in an exclusive interaction on who her role models are, her thoughts on playing the inaugural U-19 World Cup and what the strengths of Team India are.

"I think nowadays, I like Livingstone's batting because he is hitting very well, and of course growing up, playing cricket, I used to watch Sachin Tendulkar sir. So of course, Sachin sir is also my role model and I love to see him, how he is playing the game and he's very calm. And I was also thinking of learning something like that from him," she said.

Shafali also gave her thoughts on her playing her first U-19 World Cup.

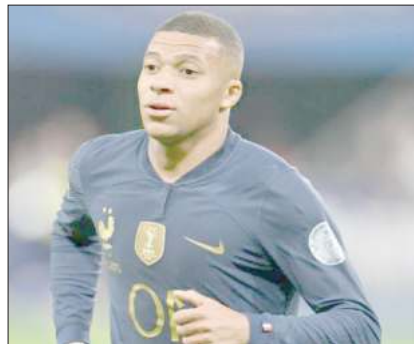
She said, "Of course it's very good, it's my first and last, because it's my last year of the U-19, but of course very exciting. We have a good team, we are really enjoying the girls and I hope we will play good cricket and of course we will be here for the world cup and we will try to achieve that." Shafali added that there is a difference in playing for the U19 and the open category and how important the U19 World Cup will be for growing and developing talented players.

## Mbappe back but PSG suffer another defeat

PARIS: Kylian Mbappe made his return from a post-World Cup holiday but Paris St Germain went down 1-0 away to Stade Rennais in Ligue 1 on Sunday, a result which leaves them just three points clear at the top of the table halfway through the season.

Rennes, who have won a club record ninth consecutive home game in the top flight, prevailed thanks to Hamari Traore's second-half goal as the visitors suffered their second loss in three league outings. PSG have 47 points from 19 games while second-placed RC Lens are on 44, with Olympique de Marseille third two points further adrift. Despite the win, Rennes slipped down to fifth on 37 points, behind Monaco on goal difference after the principality side destroyed AC Ajaccio 7-1 earlier on Sunday with a Wissam Ben Yedder hat-trick.

"I am disappointed with our performance because we conceded too many chances and created nothing," said PSG coach Christophe Galtier, who complained of a "total absence of a presence in the penalty



box" after opting to leave Mbappe on the bench at kick-off.

This was the first time that Mbappe, Lionel Messi and Neymar had appeared on the pitch together since PSG's superstar attacking trio returned from the World Cup.

Messi had been afforded an extended holiday after guiding Argentina to glory in Doha and scored on his return in a 2-0 win against Angers in midweek.

## Shreyas Iyer Ruled Out Of ODI Series Against New Zealand, Rajat Patidar Named Replacement

Shreyas Iyer was ruled out of the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand due to a back injury, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday. Iyer, who failed to convert several good starts in the recent past, will head to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) where he will undergo further assessment. The extent of the injury was not revealed by the BCCI and tests conducted by the NCA will reveal how long he will be out of action. Rajat Patidar was named his replacement for the series.

"Team India batter Shreyas Iyer has been ruled out of the upcoming 3-match ODI series against New Zealand due to a back

injury. He will be heading to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) for further assessment and management. The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Rajat Patidar as a replacement for Shreyas Iyer," BCCI said in the official release.

During the ODI series against Sri Lanka, Iyer scored 28, 28 and 38 in the three outings but failed to take his innings to the next level. On the other hand, Patidar has been quite impressive on the domestic circuit and the cricketer from Madhya Pradesh has been a part of the squad for the last few series.

India will play the first ODI against New Zealand in Hyderabad on 18th January 2023.



India's updated ODI squad against New Zealand: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Shubman Gill, Ishan Kishan (wk), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, KS Bharat (wk), Hardik Pandya (vice-captain), Rajat Patidar, Washington Sundar, Shabbaz Ahmed, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Umran Malik. Shreyas Iyer was ruled out of the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand due to a back injury, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday. Iyer, who failed to convert several good starts in the recent past, will head to the National Cricket Academy (NCA) where he will undergo further assessment.

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