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Elaborate security arrangements in place for Bharat Jodo Yatra in J&K: LG Manoj Sinha

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Says posts for promotions of non-gazetted employees referred to PSC
State land to be retrieved from big sharks who misused power, poor, common man need not to afraid

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Srinagar, Jan 20: Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha Friday said that all the security arrangements are in place for the Bharat Jodo Yatra and the administration will facilitate it smoothly. He reiterated that those who misused powers to grab state land will face action and that the poor and common masses need not be afraid of the ongoing drive.



Accommodations for Migrant Kashmiri Pandits working under Prime Minister's Reconstruction
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PM distributes 71,000 appointment letters under Rozgar Mela via video conferencing: Interacts with new appointees

HT NEWS NETWORK | KNS

New Delhi, January 20: The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi distributed about 71,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits in Government departments and organisations via video conferencing today. The Rozgar Mela is a step towards the fulfilment of the commitment of the Prime Minister to accord the highest priority to employment generation.



Prime Minister. She thanked the Prime Minister for the quick completion of the formalities of the appointment and the opportunity to serve. The Prime Minister also asked about her continuing studies. She explained her association with the iGOT module and elaborated upon the benefit of the module. Shri Modi also inquired about the promotion of digital transactions in her job. The Prime Minister expressed his happiness about the girls taking new strides in every field.

Mr Faisal Shaukat Shah from Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir who got appointed as a Junior Assistant in NIT, Srinagar interacted with the Prime Minister and informed that he is the first member of the family who landed a government job. The Prime Minister asked him about the impact of his appointment on his peers. Faisal informed the Prime Minister that his friends are feeling inspired to join a government job. He also conveyed the benefits of iGOT Module. The Prime Minister said that he is confident that thorough youth like Faisal Jammu and Kashmir will reach new heights. He also asked the young appointee to keep on learning. Ms Valnei Chong from Manipur got her appointment letter as a Nursing Officer at AIIMS.

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Encroachments on State land

Supreme Court refuses to stay circular directing authorities in J&K to remove encroachments

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 20: The Supreme Court of India on Friday refused to stay a circular issued by Jammu & Kashmir government directing deputy commissioners to remove encroachments on State land including Roshni land and Kachharie land by January 31.



them orally not to demolish any houses. But we will not grant a general stay. Others should not get benefit," the bench CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

J&K parts receive fresh snowfall, MeT predicts more snow till Jan 25

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 19: The parts of Kashmir Valley including Srinagar received light snowfall in the intervening night of Wednesday-Thursday while the weatherman here has predicted cloudy weather conditions till January 22 and light to moderate snowfall across the Valley from January 23. People in Srinagar and elsewhere woke to a thin layer of snow this morning. The officials in the Meteorological department told the news agency—said that the weather conditions would remain generally cloudy with chances of light to moderate snow or rains in plains of Jammu over scattered to fairly wide-



spread places till January 22nd. The officials further informed that with CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

Fresh Snowfall Delayed Flight Operations At Srinagar Airport, Shuts National Highway

Srinagar, Jan 20: The Srinagar international Airport Authority of Friday informed that several flights of all airlines have been delayed in the early morning following continuous low visibility and inclement weather conditions. A Meteorological official said that widespread light to moderate rain and snow is likely to occur in J&K during the next 24 hours in J&K. An official told the Kashmir News Service (KNS), that the air traffic to and from Kashmir was affected early morning due to the bad weather in the wake of snowfall in Kashmir and low visibility in the valley. He however said that flight operations were resumed after the visibility improved, they said.

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J&K has no dearth of talent; all our youth need is proper platforms, equal opportunities;: Altaf Bukhari

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar January 20 Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari on Friday congratulated the J&K students for qualifying Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) exams. Pertinently, Public Service Commission has declared the final result of the Combined Competitive Examination for the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) declaring 187 candidates as successful in the final test.



nal test of JKAS 2021, as many as 187 candidates have been shortlisted for the medical exam. I extend my warmest congratulations to all of these young and bright students and wish them all the best in their future endeavors. I also want to congratulate Mega Gupta from Jammu who grabbed the first

rank and topped the results." He also extended his greetings to the parents of the three siblings, including two sisters, from the Kahra Bhaleesa area of the Doda region for cracking the JKAS exam. He said, "I have been informed that many successful candidates belong to the far-flung areas and from humble backgrounds. This is a glaring example of the fact that there is no dearth of talent in Jammu and Kashmir. Our youth only need proper platforms, equal opportunities, and a peaceful environment to express their aptitude."

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Amid wet weather SDMA issues avalanche warning in J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 20 (UNI) The State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMA) on Friday has issued an avalanche warning for the people living 2500 meters above sea level in ten districts of Jammu and Kashmir. In a statement, the SDMA said an avalanche with Medium danger level is likely to occur above 2500 meters over Doda, Kishtwar, Poonch, and Rambam districts of Jammu division in the next 24 hours. Low danger Level avalanche is likely to occur above 2500 meters over north Kashmir district of Bandipora, Baramulla while areas falling in Central Kashmir district of Ganderbal and frontier Kashmir district of Kupwara above 2000 meters and in south Kashmir districts of Anantnag and Kulgam in next 24 hours, the statement said. It has also issued

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Waqt Board orders valuation of commercial properties across J&K

HT NEWS NETWORK | (UNI)

Srinagar, Jan 20 Jammu and Kashmir Waqt Board here has launched a comprehensive exercise for valuation of its hundreds of commercial properties across the Union Territory. "Continuing with its reformative agenda initiated under the leadership of Chairperson, Dr Dara-khshan Andrabi, J&K Waqt Board has started an exhaustive Valuation exercise of its hundreds of commercial assets spread across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir," a statement issued in this regard to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said. Interestingly, despite being the sec-



ond largest asset-rich organisation in the UT after the Govt itself, no significant efforts have been made till date for assessment of Commercial Properties by the previous authorities at the helm of affairs in Waqt over the last several decades, revealed the sources in Waqt, it said. In an order issued by CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

Govt Sets up UT level 5-Member Committee for G20 Summit

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, 20 Jan : Government on Friday ordered constitution of Union territory Level Health Committee for ensuring medical care arrangements and advance operationalization of medical services for various G20 events "to be held" across Jammu and Kashmir.

According to a government order, issued here, the 5-member committee Headed by

Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Home Department, will comprise



of Administrative Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Administrative Secretary, General Administration Department, Representatives of G20 Working Groups (if any) and Additional Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department (Convener). The terms of reference of the UT level G20

Health Committees among others is to work with relevant stakeholders to oversee and ensure suitable adoption and adaptation of SOPs for medical care arrangements for India's forthcoming G20 Presidency; Inspection and need assessment of all medical care arrangements at identified international and domestic airports, G20 meeting venues, hotels, excursion sites etc. as part of planned official itinerary; formation of dedicated Medical Task Force at UT and District(s) level, with identified Nodal Medical Officer(s) for provision of medical services at the various host city venues; Identification and earmarking of hospital(s) with requisite specialties and services (including blood bank services) at the host city and reserving of hospital beds at these facilities for the duration of G20 event in the city. The order further reads that besides, the committee has been tasked with

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G20 SUMMIT 2023

JK School Education Deptt orders to disseminate write-ups on 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' among students

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 20: As the India is hosting G20 Summit in 2023, the Jammu and Kashmir School Education Department has ordered to disseminate two write-ups on a theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which the Ministry of Education has prepared for classes VI to VII and IX to XII respectively. The news agency—has

leant that the Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said this in a circular to Chief Education Officers, Principal District Institute of Education and Trainings (DIETs), Hols and Zonal Education Officers (ZEOs). DSEK said, "Our theme is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or One Earth One Family One Future. It is a matter of pride for India to host the largest

delegation ever of G20, hosting over 200 meetings across more than 50 cities on various relevant themes cutting across several Ministries and Departments of the government." It also said that the presidency offers India an institutional Platform to shape and strengthen global architecture and governance on a CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

JKPSC Declares Final Results of Combined Competitive Examination

187 candidates qualify Examination

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 20: The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) Friday announced the results of Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination 2021 for medical examination. As per the news agency—Kashmir News Observer JKPSC has, "At least 187 candidates by order of their aggregate merit in the written examination as well as interview have qualified for Medical Examination." "The qualified candidates are directed to report to the respective Medical Boards constituted or to be constituted in GMC Jammu and Srinagar for conduct of their Medical Examination as per proforma, in accordance with rules." JKPSC said. It said, "Out of 648 candidates shortlisted for inter interviews, the result of 643 candidates, who appeared in the interview of Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Examination 2021 at Jammu have been notified."

The candidates recommended for medical examination will have to pay a fee, as prescribed, CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

Intisaam Bukhari from Remote Village Pahlipora Uri Qualifies JKAS. Credits his brother and role model SSP Mubashir Bukhari for his success.



HT News Service

January 20 : A 27 year old boy from remote village of Uri in Baramulla district Syed Intisaam Bukhari CONTINUED ON PAGE 07



In rarest of the rare case Two Sisters, their Brother from Doda Qualify for JKAS

Doda, Jan 20: In a first - three from a single family-two sisters and their brother have qualified the Mains exam of Jammu Kashmir Administrative Service.

Pertinently, Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission has released the JKPSC KAS Result or the JKPSC CCE Mains 2022 Result today.

Mains Result has been declared and out of the 3916 candidates, 648 candidates had been declared qualified for the interview and post the interview, the personality test of the candidates was conducted from

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BJY led by Rahul resumes from Kathua's Hatli Morh, no march on today J&K must be given statehood back: Jairam Ramesh

HT NEWS NETWORK

Jammu, Jan 20: Raking up a fresh debate over Article 370 and reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir State, the Congress party's chief spokesperson Jairam Ramesh on Friday said bill passed on August 5, 2019 (Jammu Kashmir Reorganization Bill 2019) in the Parliament was not followed in a democratic way and it was 'forcefully' imposed. Replying to a question during a presser in Jammu's Kathua, Ramesh, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), said: "Revocation of Article 370 was done in an unconstitutional and undemocratic way because they (BJP) have the majority in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha." Ramesh was speaking to media persons at a press conference at Chadwal village of Kathua district where Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra is staying for a night. The Congress leader said that there was no



discussion, no cross examination of the bill and it was forcefully passed, as ruling government misused its power of absolute majority. "Jammu and Kashmir was a full-fledged state, which was degraded to union territory, and Congress party is totally against this. We demanded resumption of democratic process

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## IIM Jammu's MDP on Effective Leadership for Branch Managers of J&K Bank Ltd ends on a grand note

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu, as part of its Executive Education and Consultancy offering, today successfully completed the five-day power-packed Management Development Programme (MDP) on Effective Leadership for the Branch Managers of J & K Bank Ltd. at its transit campus in Jammu and Srinagar Off-Campus.

The program was a five-day program from 16th to 20th Jan 2023. The program was carefully tailored to address the changing landscapes in the banking sector and to contribute to the skill development of J&K bank professionals. All the participants at Jammu visited the IIM Jammu state-of-the-art campus coming up at Jagti.

The valedictory session at Jammu Transit Campus was graced by Prof.

B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, Dr. Pankaj K. Agarwal, Chairperson, Executive Education & Consultancy (EE & C) joined by Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida and Dr. Mahima Raina, the program director of MDP. The valedictory session at Srinagar Off Campus was graced by Dr. Baljeet Singh and Dr. Gaana.J, the program director of MDP, and other faculty of IIM Jammu.

Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu interacted with all the participants and invited their feedback on the entire program from each participant. During his address, he quoted many real-life examples from his life and provided meaningful insights from his long journey as an academician. He also gave an overview of Anandam-The Centre of Happiness at IIM Jammu contributing.

# Agri Deptt Kashmir sends consignment of Kashmir Vegetables to UAE

### Sending Vegetables to UAE opens global window to Kashmir specific agri produce: Director Agri.

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 20: Pursuing the vision of introducing/ promoting Kashmir based vegetables, spices and other agricultural commodities on global platform and increasing the participation of farmers, agripreneurs of Kashmir in the global agriculture trade, the Department of Agriculture Kashmir in collaboration with an international marketing group (Lulu) has sent this year's first consignment of Kashmir specific vegetables (Radish, Turnip, Carrot) to UAE. It is worth mentioning here that last year a number of vegetable consignments were sent to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and other Gulf markets. Today's vegetable consignment of Dal area of Srinagar was procured by FAIR exports pvt ltd. from an FPO namely



Dal Lake Stem producer company ltd. The consignments was flagged off by Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal. Speaking on the occasion, Director Agriculture said that the department is working on a long term ambitious plan to strengthen the export

promotion policy of UT of J&K. He said that department is endeavoring to get more and more famers, agripreneurs attracted towards the international trade of Kashmir specific agriculture produce with the aim to fetch high returns for their produce. Director Agriculture

said that under the holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors, the proper marketing of Kashmir specific vegetables, spices and other agriculture produce at international level is one of the top priorities and different strategies have been devised in this direc-

tion by the department. Pertinently the entire operation of grading, packing, labeling of the vegetable consignment was conducted under the strict supervision of Director Agriculture Kashmir and all the set global standards for the international trade of vegetables and other agricultural commodities were upheld while sending the vegetable consignment to UAE. Sending vegetables, agriculture produce to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and other gulf markets has opened a global window for Kashmir specific agri-produce, Director Agriculture said. Chief Agriculture officer Srinagar Mohammad Younis Chowdhury and various officers of the department were present on the occasion.

## AHD Bandipora organises KCC/ Awareness Camp at Nadihal

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) Bandipora in collaboration with Lead Bank Bandipora today organised awareness cum KCC Camp under Nation wide KCC campaign at the Meeting Hall of Panchayat Ghar Nadihal, here.

The Camp was chaired by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Bandipora, Dr Ghulam Ahmad Lone and was attended by BDC Member Bandipora Hari Begum as special invitee.

The Camp was also attended by Block Veterinary Officer Bandipora, Dr Mohammad Ramzan Chopan; delegates from Lead District Bank, Nodal Officer, concerned Bank Managers, PRIs including Sarpanch and concerned Veterinary Assistant Surgeon along with the staff members.

On the occasion, 28 KCC cases were sponsored on the spot through different banks.

The farmers were given awareness regarding different departmental schemes with special focus on KCC. They were also introduced to Holistic Agriculture Development Programme.

## Soldier shoots self dead in Handwara

Handwara, CNS,20-Jan: A soldier committed suicide by shooting himself dead with his service rifle in North Kashmir's Handwara town.

Official sources confirmed that soldiers of 21 RR Bagatora Handwara Camp heard some gunshots and rushed to the spot to ascertain the facts, they found a sentry in a pool of blood with a head injury. He was taken to Sub District Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

The victim was identified as Lance Naik Shiv Kumar.

"The reason behind the soldier taking the extreme could not be immediately known", they said. Meanwhile, a police official confirming the incident and said that a case has been registered in this regard under section 174 Cr.PC for due investigations.(CNS)

## BIS J&K organises Awareness programme at Kulgam

KULGAM, JANUARY 19: A daylong sensitization program was today organised by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) at Resthouse Kulgam here.

The awareness program was presided over by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC), Viqar Ahmed Giri besides district officers and engineering departments participated in the programme.

Speaking on the occasion ADC said that the aim and objective of the programme is to focus on consumer welfare and safety of consumer rights.

Officers from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) added that BIS works to promote Quality Consciousness and benefits to General Public and the aim and objective of the programme is to aware the Heads of Departments in District Kulgam about the Quality of products available in markets which eventually benefits General public.

## Baramulla health employees demand early release of incentives

Kupwara January 20 (KNS) : Despite working day in and day out, Community Health Officers (CHOs) of several blocks in north Kashmir's Baramulla district are without performance based incentives for the last many months.

Reports reaching Kashmir News Service (KNS) said the incentives based on performance to health employees have not been released in their in various blocks of district Baramulla.

They said the performance based incentives have been disbursed in several other districts, but in Baramulla the health employees are still waiting for the release of incentives.

One of the CHOs posted in Sopore block told KNS that they have several times approached the department for the same, however, no attention is being given to their genuine demand.

"Incentives have been disbursed in maximum districts, but we fail to understand why we are being treated differently," she said.

They appealed to higher authorities to intervene into the matter and resolve their genuine concern. (KNS)

## Police Hospital Jammu organised Medical Awareness Camp at IRP 7th Bn

Jammu January 20 (KNS): Continuing with its endeavour Police Hospital Jammu organized a "Medical Awareness Camp Cum Interactive Session" at IRP 7th Bn. Ambgrotta, Jammu with an aim to make aware the Jawans of the battalion regarding the medical facilities available and also being provided at Police Hospital Jammu. Officers and officials of IRP 7th Bn attended the camp.

The camp was organised under the overall supervision of Medical Superintendent Police Hospital Jammu Dr. Meenakshi Kotwal.

## Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chairs inaugural session of the 57th Conference of Directors General of Police / Inspectors General of Police in New Delhi

New Delhi, January 20, 2023

The 57th Directors General of Police / Inspectors General of Police Conference was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah today in New Delhi. DGSP/IGSP of all States/UTs and heads of the CAPs are attending from New Delhi. Organised in hybrid mode, approximately 600 officers of various levels are attending virtually from various States/UTs.

Shri Amit Shah, in his address, emphasised the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047 and a five-trillion-dollar economy by 2025. Highlighting internal security achievements in J&K, North-East and LW, Union Home Minister laid the road-map for tackling challenges in the next ten years. UHM mentioned about building capacity in the police forces and securing critical infrastructure sectors, apart from specialised approach to protect digital public goods. He advocated better Centre and State coordination for addressing challenges such as Narco smuggling, Hawala and urban policing.

On the first day, the Conference deliberated upon topics such as security challenges along the Land Borders with Nepal and Myanmar, strategies to identify overstaying foreigners in India and targeting of Maoist strongholds. Over the next two days, top police leadership of the country would deliberate on emerging secu-



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# Congress B-team of PAGD, Rahul its foot soldier: Rana

JAMMU JANUARY 20- Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana said the Congress has become the B-team of soft separatist, Kashmir centric and communal Peoples' Alliance for Gupkar Delegation (PAGD) with Mr Rahul Gandhi furthering its cause as a foot-soldier.

"The Congress does not seem to have learned any lesson from its repeated follies as the fourth generation Nehru-Gandhi scion is now hobnobbing with soft-separatists, known for their divisive, communal and separatist politics", Mr Rana said while interacting with delegations that called on him here this afternoon.

He held the Congress responsible for decades long mess in Jammu and Kashmir, saying the party and its new found allies are destined to fail, as the BJP is committed to clear the mess and put Jammu and Kashmir on the path of political stability and prosperity.

Mr Devender Rana said the beginning of undoing the wrongs commenced on August 5, 2019 when Parliament repealed the Article 370, granting special status to this part of the country, and making it integral with the nation emotionally and in

totality. He said the onus now lies on the Congress to clear its stand on this historic milestone, especially in the wake of its alliance with the PAGD, which has made known its opposition to total integration of J&K with the Dominion of India.

Mr Devender Rana said, as if the follies and erroneous political moves of Jawaharlal Nehru in respect of Jammu and Kashmir were not enough, Mr Rahul Gandhi has embarked upon the 'Mission Break India' under the garb of "Bharat Jodo Yatra", which is reflected by his controversial alliances with elements inimical to peace and tranquility. By joining hands with the PAGD, the Congress has allowed itself to get consumed by their politics of deceit and deception, he added.

"It is because of the policy paralysis and wrong decision from time to time that the Congress is on the verge of its extinction in the entire country", Mr Devender Rana said, adding that the plight of the so-called grand old party is that it is losing its ground in the length and breadth of the country.

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## State land row, on absolute decision, Policy should be clarified from LG admin; Advocate Bashir

Srinagar, CNS,20-Jan: Demanding a review of the recent decision on state land in Jammu and Kashmir, social and political activist advocate Bashir Ahmad Rather said that the people have been greatly disappointed by this issue. He appealed LG to clarify policy in this regard.

According to CNS, a well-known socio-political activist advocate of the valley, Bashir Ahmad of Kakapora has demanded a review of the government's decision.

In a brief conversation with the CNS correspondent, advocate said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been greatly disappointed by this decision of the UT

decision, while this decision on the poor people is like a hanging sword. He said that on the one hand, claims are being made to establish law and order situation in Jammu and Kashmir; but on the other hand, the people are being forced to take to the streets.

Advocate Bashir emphasized that during these harshest days of winter, millions of people here are being mentally challenged because every day people are busy cutting young trees, those below the poverty level are living in their temporary sheds are also disappointed with the decision.

While commenting on the decision of the UT

government, Advocate Bashir According to CNS, a well-known socio-political activist advocate of the valley, Bashir Ahmad of Kakapora has demanded a review of the government's decision.

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## Bandipora IDPS Girls footballers all set to play in Emirates Stadium London

Bandipora, Jan 20 (KNS): Even after world cup ended, the football fever is yet to die down in the valley despite chilling cold.

The Bandipora girls Football team of International Delhi Public School are all set to play national level match in New Delhi that would qualify them to play at Emirates stadium in London.

The girls are currently practicing vigorously at SK Stadium Bandipora and IDPS grounds to fulfill their dream of playing in London.

"Our spirits are high. We have defeated some big teams on JK at UT level that has boosted our morale we are second to none. We have set our eyes on London matches," said Laika Mushtaq, captain of the IDPS football team.

In the ongoing Youth Football championship organised by Extra Marks, Bandipora IDPS Girls football team won the

UT-level Championship[ at astro-turf ground Srinagar defeating elite schools of the Srinagar city thus qualifying for the nationals.

Chairman IDPS Fayaz Ahmad said he is hopeful that the team will win the matches in Delhi on February 2nd so that they can qualify for international championship to be played in London.

He said the Bandipora girls proved their mettle at international level time and again winning gold medals many times. "Yet again we are expecting good news for the football lovers," he said. "The girls will make Bandipora proud again," he added. Football coach of the IDPS team, Shazam Mukhtar Turk said the team is practicing vigorously braving all odds including the chilling cold. "Despite snow, the girls report at SK stadium early morning and practice till late afternoon," he said

# 4021 kanal state/kahcharai Land retrieved from encroachers across Kupwara district

## DC says drive will continue to retrieve encroachments

KUPWARA, JANUARY 20 : Over 4021 kanals of State/kahcharie land was retrieved in Kupwara district during the present drive initiated against the land encroachers by the government.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, a major anti-encroachment drive was held across Kupwara district, from 11th of this month till date. The teams of Revenue Department headed by concerned Tehsildars conducted operation on state/ Kahcharie land which was illegally occupied by encroachers in different parts / tehsils of the district.

Accordingly, over 4021kanals of kahcharai/ state land have

been retrieved from the encroachers in all Tehsils of the District during the present drive, till date.

As per the reports of Tehsildar Drugmulla, 301 kanals of kahcharai land have been retrieved in Drugmulla tehsil of Kupwara district which include 276 kanals single patch of land and 25 kanals which was used as commercial purposes. Likewise, as per Tehsildar Kupwara, 280 kanals of land have been retrieved during the drive till date in Kupwara tehsil which include 205 kanal kahcharai Land and 75 kanal state land.

In Keran tehsil, 712 kanals of land have been retrieved as per Tehsildar Keran, which include 617 kanals state land and 95 kanals kahcharie land.

In Vilgam tehsil of Kupwara district 1863 kanals including 758 state land and 1105 kanals kahcharai land have been retrieved from 11th of this month till date, as re-



ported by Tehsildar Vilgam.

Likewise, in Kralpora Tehsil, as per concerned Tehsildar 247 kanals of land have been retrieved in the tehsil which include 142 kanals state land and 105 kanals Kahcharie land.

In Sogam and Lalpora tehsils, as reported by respective Tehsildars, 114 kanal and 14 marlas retrieved from Dardapora Lolab, 20

kanals from Chandigam and 20 kanals from Sogam tehsil.

Similarly, 70 kanals of kahcharai/ state land have been retrieved from Trehgam tehsil, 50 kanals in Karnah Tehsil, 46 kanal 15 marlas in Handwara tehsil, 26 kanal 5 marlas in Zachaldara tehsil, 5 kanals in Taratpora tehsil, 80 kanals in Langate, 70 kanals in Qalamabad tehsil and 116 ka-

nals in Qaziabad-kralgund tehsil during the ongoing drive against land encroachers.

While talking about the anti-encroachment drive, the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara said that anti-encroachment drives will continue in all the parts of the district to retrieve entire State and Kahcharai land encroached by the land grabbers. He sought cooperation of the general public in its action against encroachments and also warned of action under CrPC in matters of encroachment on State/kahcharie lands.

Pertinently, District Administration has given strict directions to the Tehsildars and enforcement teams to speed up the drive against the land encroachments in their respective jurisdictions with added zeal and dedication so that all State/Kahcharai land is retrieved in the district, which can be subsequently used for public purpose.

## Anti-encroachment drive: Distt Admin Gbl retrieves 983 Kanals of State/ Kahcharie Land

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 20: Acting tough

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against illegal land encroachers, the District Administration Ganderbal today retrieved 983 kanals of state and Kahcharie land across the district.

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## Principal Secretary visits Samba, reviews development of New Industrial Estates

SAMBA, JANUARY 20: Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Prashant Goyal, on Friday toured industrial area of Samba and reviewed development of new Industrial Estates besides assessing status of land availability.

Secretary in Industries and Commerce Department, Samita Sethi, Deputy Commissioner, Samba, Anuradha Gupta, MD, SIDCO, Raman Kumar Kesar, SDM Vijaypur, ACR Samba besides officials of Revenue, Industries and SIDCO were present on the occasion.

Principal Secretary visited Bari Brahmana tehsil where he was apprised that after demarcation all available land has been handed over to SIDCO. He inspected work undertaken by the Industries Department for establishment of the Industrial Estate. He also inspected the site for alternative approach road for Kartholi.

Later, Prashant Goyal visited Karandi in Samba tehsil where about 364 kanal of land has been identified for develop-



ing the Industrial Estate there. He asked the Industries department to immediately start development of the industrial estates to enable setting up of Industrial units.

Principal Secretary also visited the Dry Port and reviewed progress on ongoing development works there. He was apprised that efforts are being made to ensure that the dry port shall start its functioning by the end of this financial year.

Deputy Commissioner

informed the Principal Secretary that delineation work on industrial estate Katli is also underway.

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## SDM Sumbal convenes meeting of tehsil level anti-encroachment teams

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumbal, Amir Choudhary

on Friday convened a meeting of tehsil level anti-encroachment teams to discuss the progress of anti-encroachment drives.

The meeting discussed threadbare various measures to be employed to ensure removal of encroachments before the stipulated time.

Achieving daily targets given to all Tehsils was also discussed threadbare.

The SDM asked the concerned teams to involve DDCs, BDCs, PRIs and locals in anti-encroachment drives to retrieve the land and protect it from land grabbers.

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land retrieved is meant for developmental projects.

Choudhary said that the recovered land is handed over to different departments as per feasibility so that these lands are not encroached again.

The meeting was attended by Tehsildar Sumbal, SDPO Sumbal, Tehsildar Hajin,

EO Municipality, BDO Sumbal/ Naidkhai, BDO Hajin/ Ganastan, SHO Sumbal and Hajin, AEE R&B besides other concerned officials. Choudhary said that the recovered land is handed over to different departments as per feasibility so that these lands are not encroached again.

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## SHD Bandipora organises workshop on FRDP

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 20: The Sheep Husbandry Department (SHD) Bandipora today organised a one day workshop on Fodder Resources Development Plan (FRDP) for J&K at District Sheep Husbandry Office, here.

At the outset, District Sheep Husbandry Officer (DSHO) Bandipora, Dr Showkat Ahmad presented the overall fodder scenario of the district and the need to promote cultivation of fodder crops for sustainable commercial livestock farming.

He said that the Department has launched an aggressive public outreach campaign for livestock development in the district with special focus on fodder production and its utilization and conservation.

Dr Nazim Hamid Mir Sr. Scientist, RRS Srinagar presented a detailed fodder resources development plan of UT of J&K



including road map, implementation, stakeholder responsibilities and forage production/ protection technologies suitable for UT of J&K.

He said that there is a vast scope and prospects for fodder production in the district. He said that the Institute is ready to provide any kind of technical support to meet fodder deficit in the district. Dr Syed Aijaz, Dy. Direc-

tor F&F threw a detailed light on various forage production initiatives taken by the department including distribution of improved varieties of fodder seed kits procured from National Seed Corporation, Pusa among the sheep farmers.

Dr Mujtabha Yehya, Chief Agriculture Officer emphasized on use of fodder production technologies for improving

farmers income. He said that there is a need to establish a fodder bank in the district to meet nutritional requirements of livestock in remote hilly areas especially Gurez region which usually remains cut-off from the rest of the valley for almost 5 months.

DFO Bandipora, Mudasir Ahmad gave a detailed account of measures taken for protection and conservation of forest areas and silvi pasture management for enhancing fodder production.

He further said that the department in coordination with IGFRI, RRS Srinagar and is planning for massive plantation of rootslips of fodder crops in Kehnusa forest area to augment fodder production.

Dr Tahir Saleem SMS KVK said that KVK is actively working for the development of grasslands and grass reserves in the district.

## DC chairs Draft Master Plan & Sustainable City Dev. Plan of Shopian Town



SHOPIAN, JANUARY 20: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today chaired a review meeting on Draft Master Plan and Sustainable City Development Plan of Shopian Town.

At the outset, DC deliberated upon the 08 Plans for Urban Development viz City Development Plan, City Livelihood Plan, City Smart Vending Plan, City Tourism and Culture Plan, Environment Free Town Plan, Green City Plan, Facade Improvement Plan, Drainage/ Sewerage and Street Lighting Plan.

The DC asked for expediting the pre-execution processes on sustainable and smart lines. He also passed directions to build momentum on key milestones regarding urban development, including the Draft Master Plan which must be formulated keeping in view the needs of the people and the environment and respecting limits to development besides to examine new areas for development.

The meeting was attended by President Municipal Council Shopian, Councillors, EO MC Shopian, Executive Engineers of PHE, R&B and PDD, Secretary MC Shopian and other concerned.

## Skill Development workshop on Kiwi cultivation organised at Budkoot Handwara.

Aasif Malik



Handwara In Kashmir valley where apple cultivation is done on a large scale, farmers are also focusing on the cultivation of non-traditional fruits like Kiwi. Although till now kiwi was cultivated as a hobby in the valley, now it is possible to grow this fruit on a commercial level as well. There is a lot of potential in the cultivation of Kiwi fruit in the valley that will bring double benefits to the farmers.

With an aim to promote the idea of Kiwi cultivation among the farming community especially of Upper Rajwar, a Skill Development Workshop on Kiwi Cultivation was organised by Bhagatpura Army Camp at Badkut on 20 Jan 23. A total of 45 people mainly from Bhagatpura, Badkut, Handwara and upper Rajwar attended the workshop.

The workshop commenced with a guest lecture by Dr Khurshid Habib, HDO Handwara on "Modern Farming Techniques and importance of Kiwi Cultivation". It was followed by a lecture on "Scientific Practices" by Dr Shazia Hasan, HDO Chogul. Topics including soil requirements and climate, land preparation, plantation, cold protection, fertiliser requirements, kiwi pruning, irrigation, harvesting and marketing were covered in detail. The workshop concluded with a demonstration and a video presentation on cultivation of kiwi.

## DC Doda attaches GRS

DODA, JANUARY 20: District Development Commissioner Doda, Vishesh Paul Mahajan today attached a Gram Rojgar Sevak (GRS) of Block Thathri in the office of DDC on the basis of complaint against him which appeared in some TV channel.

Block Development Officer, Thathri has been instructed to seize all the official record from the said Gram Rojgar Sevak (GRS). Assistant Commissioner Development, Doda has been asked to make an alternate arrangement to ensure that the work does not suffer in the said Block.

It is pertinent to mention here that four GRSs have already been dismissed from the services in the district on the basis of their poor performance or on their proved involvement in malpractices.

## Power shutdown

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Purana Pind and adjoining areas shall remain affected on January 21 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to District-Reasi, Rajouri, and Poonch, Part of Jammu-Patoli Brahmana, Domana, Barnai, Purkhoo, Mishriwala, Baba Talab, Shamachak, Gurha, Singhu, Batera, Dabbin, Chorpur, Manyal, Dhramkhu, Tirth Talab, GREF, Gumpul, Sua No.1, Garkhal, Mohinder Nagar, Bhagwati Nagar, Shakti Nagar, Canal Road, Krishna Nagar.

# Dr Samoon visits Polytechnic College Chadoora, ITI Charar-e-Sharief Emphasizes introduction of new trades, handholding of skilled youths

BUDGAM, JANUARY 20: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department, Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today visited Polytechnic College Chadoora and ITI College Charar-e-Sharief in Budgam to assess functioning of the institutes besides reviewing progress on development works at both institutions.

During his visit to Polytechnic College, Principal Secretary inspected various laboratories of civil and mechanical engineering to take on spot stock of availability of various facilities.

Principal Secretary also chaired a brief interaction session with students and staff of the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Polytechnic College, Altif

Hussain Shalla, highlighted various achievements attained by skill development department besides projecting their demands and grievances.

Principal Secretary said that government polytechnic college is leading as number 1 polytechnic college in the Valley and number 2 at overall ranking in the UT of J&K as marked by the government.

Dr Samoon said that Rs. 2.3 crore have been allotted to the college for purchase of machinery and equipment. He said that other trades including automobile will be started at the college from the next academic session.

Principal Secretary asked the officers for speedy completion of hostel



accommodation with all requisite facilities including bus service. He stressed on providing skilled training to local youth under different trades saying that handholding of skilled youth shall open economic resources and employment avenues for them.

At ITI Charar-e-Sharief, Principal Secretary visited various labs and interacted with the staff and Superintendent ITI, Bashir Ahmad Beigh.

He asserted on training of students through short term courses and providing admission to students under new different trades at the college. He also asked for executing work on workshop block and hostel building on war footing.

Principal Secretary also enquired about the training facilities being provided to the students. He asked for introduction of new age courses keeping in view the demand of the industry.

Principal Secretary laid stress on imparting skill education to the youth in tune with the industry demand so that they are in position to earn their livelihood and instead of seeking the job, the pass outs of ITI's shall become the job providers.

He was accompanied by Joint Director Skill Development Kashmir, Deputy Director Trainings and Superintendent ITI Charar-e-Sharief and other concerned officers.

## HEADLINES TODAY

### HT EDITORIAL

#### Mushroom growth of Pseudo Journalists brings bad name to the Noble Profession Concerned Authorities need to act to nip this menace in its bud...

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

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

Here the authorities have a role to play to put this all important house in order. Which they have rather started to do. Recently Authorities issued advisory for media while reporting the suicide cases in the valley,

Senior journalists attribute the unethical reportage on suicides and domestic violence due to the encroachment of social media into the mainstream journalism. Mainstream media and social media has sort of amalgamated. Anyone with a Facebook page, a smart phone and a logo is reporting senselessly on any sensitive issues without any journalistic ethics.

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

Professionally speaking any sensitive stuff goes through many professional filters before it gets published but with the many social media platforms, they hardly know these guidelines or study them. Reason for this menace is the absence of any accountability mechanism bin place. Impartial observers of the scene are of the opinion that the media houses should take up the issue with the DIPR and the Government, not to encourage the people who resort to unethical journalism, and bring a bad name to the noble profession.

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

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

# Conserving water can help avoid existing and future crisis



By Dr T. Mubarak, Dr N.R. Sofi and Dr. Sarfaraz A. Wani

The country is celebrating 7th India Water Week 2022 from 1-5th of November and the theme for this year is 'water security for sustainable development with equity'. It is an opportunity for all stakeholders to raise awareness about the conservation of this precious natural resource. This is very important because water resources are receding fast and crises-like situations are being experienced in many parts of the world as well as in our country.

It may be surprising for many that around two lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to safe water in India. Composite Water Management Index (CWMI) report 2018 of NITI Aayog indicates that about 600 million people may face water stress by 2030, which is around 40% of India's projected population. Estimates further indicate that around 100 million people across the country are on the frontline of this crisis and 21 cities in the country are likely to run out of groundwater.

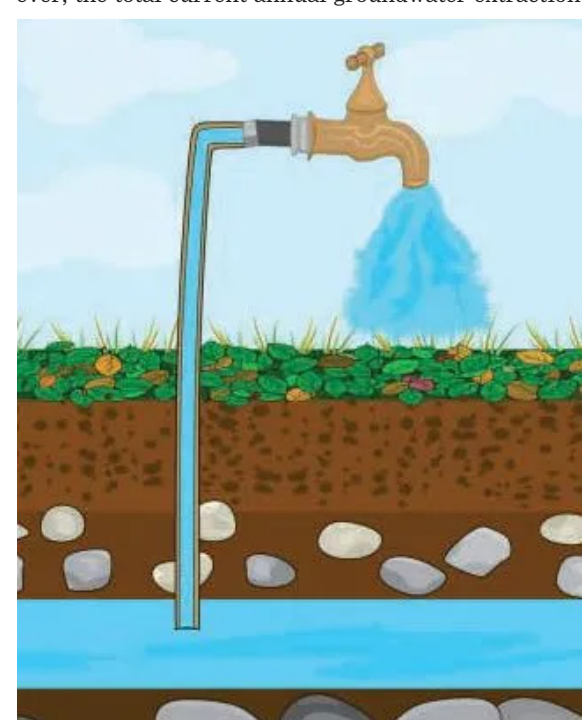
The crisis is going to get worse in the years ahead. India is an agrarian state where the economy is heavily dependent on agriculture. When it is said that agriculture is gambling with climate, it mainly takes the monsoon into account. The distribution and intensity of monsoon rains indicate the fate of Indian agriculture to a great extent as 51% of the net sown area in the country is rainfed. The uneven distribution and mishandling result in flood-like situation in some parts and droughts in other parts of the country. Both these situations impact agriculture sector the most.

The deficit in surface water resources pushes farmers to exploit underground water resources in many parts. The country is the largest groundwater user in the world with an estimated usage of around 251 cubic km/ year. As a consequence of tremendous pressure on ground water resources, around 54% of wells in the country are declining in level. Being the largest exploiter of ground water in the country, Punjab has suffered the highest decline in groundwater levels. The state known for its contribution during green revolution and in shaping the food scenario of the country is facing grim water resources scenario at present. Since around 73% of irrigation is from ground water in the state and area under rice-wheat sequence has the major share of it, the demand for irrigation water is very high. Figures in the Dynamic Ground Water Assessment indicate that the extraction of ground water far exceeds the replenishment. According to the assessment made in 2020, the extraction of ground water for all uses in the state is 33.85 BCM (billion cubic meter) while as the annual extractable ground water resources are 20.59 BCM. Thus a deficit of 13.26 BCM exists in the state.

Misuse of surface water and overexploitation of ground water is therefore turning out to be very serious challenge that must be taken head on. Studies also indicate serious water resources shrinking here in the Jammu & Kashmir UT as recession of glaciers and shrinking of water bodies continue unabated. The UT is also facing serious negative impact of human activities on climate and water resources. In this backdrop, our ground water resources seem to be a hope for future if handled properly.

According to the estimates, the total annual groundwater recharge in the UT is 4.68 BCM and the annual extractable groundwater resources are 4.22 BCM. However, the total current annual groundwater extraction

is estimated to be around 0.89 BCM. Thus, situation is good with regard to ground water resources but to avert any crisis situation in future, we need to reduce the water wastage by putting in place efficient water supply system and strengthen the monitoring, so that ground water level must not drop in the future.



Beside agriculture, domestic needs are also pushing further the demands of water. According to the Standard Municipal Water Norms, per capita per day requirement of water is 150 liters. Out of this, an individual needs around 25 liter for meeting basic hygiene and food needs and rest goes to mopping and cleaning. This reflects the pressing demand of water with expanding population. Experts however believe that the situation can be reversed if we take timely measures. The Central Water Commission has estimated the annual requirement of water in the country to be around 3000 billion cubic meter. Country receives 4000 cubic meter rain annually, which indicates a positive balance of 1000 cubic meter. But again, week monsoon and mismanagement can turn the situation otherwise.

In this backdrop we need to align all possible measure for attaining sustainability. Change in water use practices and conservation across the domestic, industrial and agriculture sectors is essential. Judicious use of ground water, recharging of aquifer, rain harvest-

ing, improvement in water infrastructure and policy related to water distribution, treating water pollution, reviving water bodies and wetlands, increasing water use efficiency in all the sectors are some areas to focus on.

Kashmir's fresh water springs, a precious gift bestowed by Almighty need more attention and their rejuvenation under Jal Shakti Abhiyan will be a great service to humanity. These springs play a great role in meeting the domestic water requirement for the people residing around. There still exists a huge gap between awareness and action especially when it comes to the water pollution both in surface and underground water resources. Leaching down of agrochemicals, dumping of polythene and other non-biodegradable wastes and so on still continue to pose threat to these resources.

Agriculture being the major consumer of water offers great opportunity for shaping the future water scenario by adopting technologies which help in conserving the water and increase water use efficiency. Around 70% of the water received from rivers and groundwater is used for irrigating crops which can be put to better use through water conservation techniques. According to the estimates made by International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) irrigated rice receives 34-43% of total world irrigation water. In the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, especially in the Kashmir Division, rice is the staple food and a major shareholder of irrigation water. For producing one kilogram of rice, 2500 liter of water is required on an average. Thus, adoption of water conservation techniques in rice cultivation alone can help a lot in conserving water.

Reducing water conveyance losses through strong and clean channels or pipes, levelling of land, puddling, alternate drying and wetting and system of rice intensification (SRI) are some techniques to conserve water. SRI technique is reported to save as much as 44% water requirement of rice cultivation. Mountain Research Center for Field Crops (MRCFC)-Khudwani has been working on resources conservation technologies under All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) including SRI and Direct Dry seeded rice. The technologies are being standardized to tackle any future challenges with regard to water availability for agriculture.

In other crops also, reducing conveyance losses, levelling of land and construction of strong bunds, technologies like micro-irrigation (drip/sprinkler) and mulching prove quite beneficial in saving water. Selection of crops and their varieties as per the availability of water resources and scheduling irrigation as per crop requirement during different growth stages is therefore very important to sustain food, fodder, fiber and fuel production in rural areas.

Advanced technologies like desalination unit that generates clear, clean drinking water without the need for filters or high-pressure pumps, may offer a solution to the water crisis, at least for portable water in future but that should not make us ignorant about our duties to conserve this precious natural resource.

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## Protection and Safeguarding of Child Rights



By Zeeshan Rasool Khan

All the child welfare programmes, legal and constitutional provisions are aimed to save children from violence, exploitation, neglect, deprivation and discrimination. As per United Nations Convention on Child Rights (UNCRC) and Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act 2015, any person below the age of 18 is a child. In pursuance to the United Nations Child Rights Convention, of which India is a signatory, it is obligatory for the signatory nations to ensure children have access to a list of child rights. The four important sets of child rights are:

- The Right to Survival: According to the convention, the Right to Survival includes the right to life, the attainable standard of health, nutrition and an adequate standard of living. It also includes the right to a name and nationality.

- The Right to Protection: According to the Convention, this right includes freedom from all forms of exploitation, abuse and inhuman or degrading treatment. This includes the right to special protection in situations of emergency and armed conflict. The aim is simple, to protect vulnerable children from those who would take advantage of them and to safeguard their minds and bodies.

- The Right to Development: This right includes the right to be educated, to receive support for development and care during early childhood and to social security. It also includes the right to leisure, to recreation and to cultural activities.

- Right to freedom of thought and expression: According to the Convention, the Right to Participation accords the child access to appropriate information and the freedom of thought and expression, conscience and religion.

The Constitution of India recognizes children as equal right holder and grants highest priority for their protection and well-being. A strong legal framework

has been put in place to protect child rights and safeguard them. The legal provisions include: Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 (JJ Act); the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POCSO Act); Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act 1994; the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act 2005 (NCPCR); the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act); Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006; the National Policy for Children, 2013; and



Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016.

Every child has the right to protection. This not only includes children who are in different circumstances and those who have suffered violence, abuse and exploitation, but also those who are not in any of these adverse situations and yet need to be protected in order to ensure that they remain within the social security and protection net. Child protection is about protecting children from or against any perceived or real danger/ risk to their life, their personhood and childhood. It is about reducing their vulnerability to any kind of harm and in harmful situations.

Child protection is integrally linked to every other right of the child. The failure to ensure children's right to protection adversely affects all other rights of the child and the development of the full potential of the child. Child protection must relate to children's capacity for self-reliance, self defence, and to the roles and responsibilities of family, community, society and state. The need to protect some children is certainly great-

er than others due to their specific socio-economic and political circumstances and geographical location. These are the children who are more vulnerable in terms of the harm/ danger/ risk to their right to survival/ development/ participation.

Children if subjected to abuse can suffer serious effects with regards to their physical growth, mental makeup, social adjustment and psychological development. The state, NGOs, society, institutions and parents need to put their heads together to safeguard child rights. The

government has to shoulder the responsibility of ensuring that the child rights are not violated and they are given proper environment to live their childhood happily.

The responsibility of disseminating knowledge about the rights and perks that the children are entitled also lies on the government. Programmes of sensitising society in general and parents in particular regarding the proper upbringing of children, rights they are entitled to, and the welfare programmes meant for them lies on the state and the same can be carried out through educational institutions more specifically. In this context, the causes, symptoms and prevention of child abuse, too, need to be brought into limelight so that appropriate steps are taken in case such abuse in any form is witnessed anywhere.

Educational institutions have a great responsibility in relation to safeguarding/ protecting children and promoting the welfare of children, individually and collectively. It is in these institutions where holistic development of the child is envisaged. Children are sensitised

about different kinds of abuses and protection thereof, ensuring their wellbeing, proper physical, mental and ethical development, and that they cherish their due rights and live their childhood joyfully.

Equally, promoting child welfare and ensuring upholding of child rights are needed to prevent child abuse. The various kinds of abuses that children are subjected to can be broadly categorized into: physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse. Children usually manifest their abuse through withdrawal from friends or usual activities, changes in behaviour (such as aggression, anger, hostility or hyperactivity) or changes in school performance, depression, anxiety or unusual fears, or a sudden loss of self-confidence, sleep problems and nightmares, rebellious or defiant behavior, mood swings, self-harm or attempts of suicide. Besides short-term effects, child abuse can result in long-term and irreparable mental trauma. Every member of the society has to realize that children are the supremely precious asset of a nation. Their wellbeing, upbringing and development should not be compromised with at any cost.

The child protection policies, child welfare programmes and child safety and safeguarding initiatives need to be given wide publicity besides sensitisation of general public about the various kinds of child abuses, so that on the one hand precautionary steps are taken and on the other hand the abuses, neglect, exploitation, stigmatisation, deprivation, discrimination, abandonment, trafficking of children is avoided to the maximum extent possible. In this regard, Child Rights/ Welfare non government organizations (NGOs) such as Save the Children, Child Rights and You, Smile Foundation, HCL Foundation etc have to shoulder the major responsibility and ensure protection of child rights and their safeguarding. These NGOs play a vital role in mobilising the general public, identifying child abuse cases, reaching out to vulnerable children and rehabilitating the affected children.

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## RTA approves 54 route permits in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: Regional Transport Authority today issued 54 route permits for different areas of the district here at its meeting chaired by District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal. During the meeting, threadbare discussion was held with respect to the safety aspects of the commuters. During the meeting, as many as 54 permits were issued to the selected applicants with a view to minimize overloading and road accidents. While taking note of the road accidents happening in the district, the DDC asked the ARTO and Traffic Department to conduct special drives and take strict action against the violators. The DDC asked the regulating authority to ensure early plying of services on the approved route permits and maintain a close check on overloading, overcharging and irregular vehicular movement.

## GDC Ramgarh conducts Shramdaan in Public Park

SAMBA, JANUARY 20: The National Service Scheme unit 'Prabha' of Government Degree College Ramgarh organized Shramdaan in a nearby public park on day-three of the ongoing 7-Day NSS Special Winter Camp under the banners of 'My College My Pride' and 'My Town My Pride' initiatives. The drive was conducted under supervision and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, the Principal of the College. Dr. Shamsheer Lal, Programme Officer of the NSS unit 'Prabha' of the College, the NSS Committee members and the NSS volunteers visited the nearby designated public park to carry out Shramdaan. Programme Officer briefed the volunteers about the guidelines to carry out the cleanliness drive. He also explained the importance of cleanliness and said that the drive was one of the social responsibilities that the College has towards the society at large. The volunteers and the NSS Committee members wore sanitary gloves throughout the drive. The collected waste was disposed of at a designated site. A large number of volunteers were present and they participated in the drive. The residents of the area applauded this role of the College. The College performs such social responsibilities on regular intervals.

**DIPR Cultural Wing celebrates Republic Day with students of GHS Qasim Nagar**

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Cultural wing of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) today organised a cultural program in the Government High School Qasim Nagar Jammu to mark the celebration of Republic Day. Artists of Cultural Wing Information Department Jammu participated in the event and presented patriotic songs. Students of the school also presented a colourful Cultural program. While speaking on the occasion, incharge Headmaster of the school, Vandna Babu shared her views on the importance of Republic Day. She also appreciated the Cultural Wing of the Department of Information and Public Relations for organizing such a meaningful program to aware the future of the nation. Among others, staff members of the school, officials of the Information Department and a large number of audience witnessed the program. The program was conducted under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Parul Khajuria.

## DC Ramban chairs meeting of Advisory Committee for Clinical Establishment

RAMBAN, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, who is also the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for Clinical Establishment Registration and Regulation Act, today chaired the meeting of the committee here in his office chamber. Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Kamal Zadu, ACD, Ashok Singh, Medical Superintendent District Hospital, Dr. Mehboob, Dy. SP, Pardeep Kumar attended the meeting. The meeting scrutinized the applications received by the committee from 10 applicants from across the district for registration. All the genuine cases were approved by the Committee after taking comments and suggestions from the panel members. The DC directed the CMO to ensure proper verification and authentication of documents submitted by the applicants for obtaining registration.

## Scale of Finance plan -2023-24 for Agriculture, allied sectors approved in Rajouri

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JAMMU, JANUARY 20: As part of Amrit Mahotsav, a National seminar on "Environment@75: Ecocritical Discourses and the Posthuman Turn" organized by the Department of English in collaboration with Indian Council For Social Sciences Research concluded in the university campus of Central University of Jammu (CUJ). During the program, eminent young scholars from various parts of the country presented papers. Professor Nishi Pandey, Professor of Eminence, from University of Lucknow and Professor Kalpana Purohit from Jai Narayan Vyas University, Dr. Sayantan Das Gupta, Dr. AK merchant were the plenary speakers during the event. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Kapil Kapoor, a scholar of international recognition. He gave substantial illustrations from vedic traditions to underscore how Indian consciousness had always been showing reverence towards nature and the colonial ecological intrusion and our mindless aping of western civilization dis-

sociated Indian from their heritage and consciousness. Vice Chancellor, Sanchi University of Buddhist Indic Studies, Professor Neeraja A. Gupta, was the chief guest in the inaugural session who is an acclaimed scholar of ancient Bhartiya wisdom. Professor Gupta highlighted significance of the topic and its relevance to Indian cosmology and vedic tradition which propagates. He underscored the need for revisiting the Indian legacy which gives loud signals, be it Panch Mahabhoots or perceiving nature as a pratibimbh. In his welcome address, Professor Vandana Sharma, Head of Department of English and Seminar Coordinator, highlighted the aim of the seminar. She stated that the Department of English under the patronage and guidance of Vice Chancellor, Professor Sanjeev Jain is exploring critical areas of research in tune with national interests. O P Vidyarthee, Former Principal Conservator of Forest and an avid environmentalist was



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Rally of students, and general public, and Celebrations at Community Hall Doda.

The meeting was attended by ADC Doda, ADC Bhaderwah, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, All SDMs, Dy. District Election Officer, Principal Degree College Doda, Chief Education Officer, Representatives of Principal GDC Bhaderwah/Kastigarh/Thathri and Tehsildars. Ace India Shooter Chain Singh also attended the meeting. The meeting listed different activities, and directions were passed to the concerned for the smooth conduct of the programme. The activities discussed included Pledge taking ceremony,

the hashtag #NVD2023, #MainBharatHun, #VoteDenejayegey, #Nothinglikevoting, and #Myvotempower. All the concerned, including the District Information Officer, were directed to handle the social media campaign.

While reviewing the arrangements for Republic Day 2023, the DC asked all the departments to celebrate the national festival with great fervour and enthusiasm. He instructed the officers to decorate their offices and surroundings with tricolour lights. He urged the public.

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## DDC Ramban discusses modalities for implementation of APDP

RAMBAN, JANUARY 20: District Development Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, on Friday chaired a meeting of the concerned departments to discuss the modalities for the implementation of the Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) in the district.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbans Lal; CPO, Kasturi Lal; SDM Gool Tanveer-Ul-Majid; ACD, Ashok Katoch; CMO, Dr Kamal Zadoo; Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Sudhir Sharama; Executive Engineer, Nisar Ahmed and other senior officers.

A detailed discussion was held on the parameters pertaining under different categories including availability of basic infrastructure, environment conservation, Governance, skill development and other activities proposed for the designated panchayats.



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## Doda Admin hosts hands-on training on government e-Services

DODA, JANUARY 20: Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, in its effort to provide fair, transparent, and time-bound delivery of services to the citizens has fully switched over to e-governance.

In this regard, District Administration Doda today organized a virtual hands-on training programme for the general public, in collaboration with the NIC and technical experts of all the departments.

The day-long training for usage of online services of various departments was hosted through the



ADBHU Doda portal and was also aired live on the Facebook page of District Administration Doda and from other social media platforms.

Technical experts of Revenue, Health, Industries, Social Welfare, Mining,

Election, Education, and other departments gave detailed demonstrations on the use of all the services from e-Unnat platform.

The district administration has decided that the virtual training on usage

of online services shall be held weekly by the departments to train the people at the grassroots level.

During the hands-on training, citizens were sensitised about 400 plus online services being offered by the Government, Rapid Assessment System (RAS) for real-time feedback, UMANG platform for mobile Governance, Digi-locker for safe and secure storage space, MySchemes for central repository of government schemes, portals such as e-Unnat, Janbhagidari, Apki Zameen Apki Nigrani etc.

## DC Rajouri inspects progress of work on circular road

RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today inspected the progress of work on Circular road, the work on which is being executed by the PWD(R&B). During the inspection, the DC was informed that the circular road is set to become an important alternate link within the town connecting New bridge to Tariq bridge, thereby reducing the overall distance by around 45 kilometers. The estimated cost of the road is Rs 1.32 crore. During the visit, the DC also discussed the issues hampering the execution of work and asked the Department and concerned stakeholders to amicably resolve the bottlenecks at

the earliest as the road is being constructed for the betterment of the general public. The Deputy Commissioner asked the ExEn PWD (R&B) to expedite the progress and ensure that the work on the road is completed within the shortest possible time to provide benefits of connectivity to the general public with the completion of the project.

He also asked for regular monitoring of the progress on the project with special focus on the quality of work. Officers accompanying the DC during the visit were Chief Planning Officer, Mohammad Khurshid; SE PWD(R&B), Kamal Kishore; ExEn PWD (R&B) Rajouri, Maqbool Hussain and other.

# DC releases publication highlighting Socio-economic Profile of Kathua District, Evaluation Study Report on "Pardhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana"

KATHUA, JANUARY 20: In a move to highlight the socio-economic and development profile of the District, Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey released "District Statistical Handbook for the year 2019-20 & 2020-21" and report of Evaluation study on "Pardhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)" at a brief release ceremony held in his office chamber, the other day.

Both the publications viz District Statistical Handbooks for two financial years and study on PMMSY (implemented by Department of Fisheries in the

district) were conducted and compiled by District Statistics & Evaluation Office, Kathua. The DC appreciated the efforts of all the staff members of DSEO Office Kathua involved in conducting and finalising the twin publications/study report.

While highlighting the findings of the study, the DC expressed hope that the suggestions/recommendations such as opening of more departmental outlets at block and district level will facilitate the marketing, cold storage and transportation and making available the feed/seed of trout fish to the fish rearing



farmers. He asked the Fisheries Department to utilize the study for widening the scope of the coverage of the PMMSY scheme in the district. "The data con-

tained in the publication "District Statistical Handbook" will serve as an effective tool for the Researchers, Planners, Students and other users in their

respective fields," he added. District Statistics & Evaluation Officer (DSEO), Ranjeet Thakur informed that study also suggests for the enhancement of financial assistance to the beneficiaries of low cost houses in hilly areas keeping in view the carriage and overhead charges of the construction material. He further informed that the publication and a detailed study report will be made available on Official website of Administration (<https://kathua.nic.in>) as well as on Official Website of DSEO, Kathua ([dseokathua.in](https://dseokathua.in)).

## Jammu to host 11 day SARAS Fair 2023: Indu Chib Mela will have unique stalls, cultural evenings, food courts

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is going to host SARAS Fair 2023 from 4th to 14th February with participation of artisans and women Self Help Groups' from across the country. The national level food and cultural fair will exhibit unique and famous indigenous products from various states and UTs of the country. The event will provide platform to the participants to sell and promote their self made products. This was informed by Mission Director, J&K



Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM), Indu Kanwal Chib, while chairing a meeting with different departments held to discuss arrangements regarding SARAS Fair 2023 or SARAS Aajeevika Mela to be held in the UT. The annual SARAS fair will be held in Jammu in which over 75 stalls and food courts will be set

up at the exhibition site, aquaplex crown, near Bagh e Bahu, Jammu. The meeting was attended by Additional Mission Director Jammu, Mridhu Slathia, senior officers from different line departments including district administration Jammu, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Fisheries, JDA, Floriculture, Information and Public Relations, Hospitality and Protocol, Fire and Emergency Services, JKAACL, PDD, Jal Shakti, Traffic, district Police Jammu, Health and Medical Education among others.

## Kathua Admin retrieves 12751 Kanal State Land, 1132 Kanal of Kacharai land under ongoing anti-encroachment drives

KATHUA, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Rahul Pandey today chaired a meeting of Revenue officers to review the performance of the Revenue Department here in the Conference Hall of the DC office complex. At the outset, the DC took detailed review of the ongoing anti-encroachment drives being carried out by the district administration across the district. He laid emphasis on furnishing daily reports regarding removal of encroachments for apprising the higher authorities about the progress. It was informed that 12751 Kanal State Land and 1132 Kanal of Kacharai land have been retrieved across the district in the ongoing anti-encroachment drives. The DC also discussed at length the progress made



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Thrust was laid on regular monitoring and reporting, besides furnishing action taken reports at the district headquarters. While stressing on the need to speed up the pace of digitisation of revenue records, the DC impressed upon the revenue officers to put in best efforts to complete the assigned task within set timelines. The DC also took a detailed review of the status of the online services offered by the Revenue Department, while calling for ensuring delivery of services within the prescribed time frame.

## 5th Coordination Committee meeting held in Rajouri

RAJOURI, JANUARY 20: The 5th Coordination Committee meeting of stakeholders for District Rajouri was held under the Chairmanship of District and Session Judge, Kalpana Reevo. CJM, Manjeet Rai; DC Rajouri, Vikas Kundal; ADDC, Pawan Kumar; ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; ASP, Vivek Shekhar; SE PWD (R&B), Kamal Kishore; Tehsilard Rajouri, Varinder Sharma and other concerned officers attended the meeting. The meeting held detailed deliberations on a number of issues, including meeting the infrastructural requirements of judicial institutions. Provision of adequate power supply, repair of drinking water facility available in district court complex premises, construction of washrooms, boundary wall, change of electricity wires in district court complex and other specific issues were discussed. The Chairman asked the concerned



stakeholders to look into the issues discussed in the meeting and take appropriate measures to resolve the same. The meeting held detailed deliberations on a number of issues, including meeting the infrastructural requirements of judicial institutions.

## DC Kishtwar finalises arrangements for Republic Day celebration

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 20: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a meeting of officers to finalize the arrangements for the celebration of Republic Day 2023 at the district Headquarter and other places. SSP, Khalil Poswal; ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC, Kishori Lal Sharma; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACD, Atul Dutt Sharma; DTO, Lokesh Kumar; DPO, Sunil Bhutyal; CEO, Kishtwar, CMO, DIO representatives of Cultural cell, Executive Engineer R&B, PHE besides other concerned officers of various departments were present during the meeting. The arrangements like decoration of main venue, invitations, seating, PA system, power supply, drinking water, medical facilities, availability of ambulances, cleanliness and sanitation, traffic management and other arrangements were discussed and finalised in

the meeting. Addressing the meeting, the DC passed directions to the concerned officers for smooth conduct of the National event with fervor and gaiety in all educational institutions and government offices besides at Tehsil and block headquarters. DC informed that the main programme shall be held at DC Office Complex Kishtwar where celebration of the national event will begin with the playing of Shehnai Vadan by the Information Department, the national flag will be unfurled by the chief guest followed by the parade comprising the contingents from J&K Police, CRPF, NCC cadets and school children besides the presentations by the Women Self help group members of NRLM will be special attraction for this year, he added. The DC directed the concerned officials of Culture cell and Education Department

for ensuring cultural programs on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and National integrity. DIO was instructed for the availability of PA system. The PDD department was directed to ensure the uninterrupted electricity supply in the venue besides ensuring the availability of DG set. DC stressed on officers to put in place all necessary arrangements well in time for the smooth functioning of the Republic Day celebrations. DIO was instructed for the availability of PA system. The PDD department was directed to ensure the uninterrupted electricity supply in the venue besides ensuring the availability of DG set. DC stressed on officers to put in place all necessary arrangements well in time for the smooth functioning of the Republic Day celebrations.

## 10 Maize Cob Shellers provided to Panchayats in Mendhar

POONCH, JANUARY 20: Department of Agriculture today provided free of cost Maize Cob Shellers to 10 different Panchayats of Block Mankote and Block Mendhar under Capex Budget in Sub Division Mendhar. During the programme, Sarpanches of Mankote, Upper Kasblari, Upper Salani, Chhajla Lower and Ghani Dharati of Block Mankote besides Salwah Upper, Banola, Pathnateer, Kalbuaban Takyia, Salwah and Chaperdhara of block Mendhar were present to receive their Maize Cob Shellers. Vice Chairman District Development Council Poonch, Engineer Mohammad Ashfaq presided over the function. The Maize Cob Shellers have been provided to Panchayats for community use. It will be considered as property of the Panchayat and shall be handed over to the next PRI. Maize is grown as the main staple crop in district Poonch and majority of farmers manage Maize cob sheller for shelling of Cobs on rent basis. Keeping in view the requirement of Maize Cob Shellers in every Panchayat, the department of agriculture proposed 229 cob-shellers to cover all the Panchayats of the



District Poonch in a phased manner. Sub Division Agriculture Officer Mendhar, Harvinder Singh said 58 Panchayats of the block out of total 75 have been covered and remaining 17 shall also be covered in due course. Subject Matter Specialists, Aksir Singh and Manmohan Singh; Agriculture Ext. officer Sudheer Sharma, concerned JAEs/AEAs and Technical officer of Sub Div. Mendhar, Sudheer Bakshi were present on the occasion.

## JDU Leaders congratulate Kashmir Administrative Service Examination qualifiers

Srinagar 20 Jan :JDU State President G M Shaheen has congratulated successful candidates of KAS examinations and conveyed good wishes for their new and exciting phase of lives. According to a statement issued the G M Shaheen has felicitates the candidates who qualified the prestigious State Administrative Service Examination and has congratulated the exam's toppers. Vivek Ball State General Secretary has also congratulated It's indeed a proud moment for whole Jammu and Kashmir , which of late has become an abode of darkness and ignorance for obvious reasons and also other successful candidates who achieved this feat amid tough competition. "My good wishes as they commence a new & exciting phase of their lives, having proved their mettle by qualifying the toughest three-tier exam, and said that their hard work and diligence will inspire many more youngsters to pursue their career in Administration, ".

## DHSK Chairs Shri Amaranath ji Yatra 2023 preparatory meet

Srinagar: Director Health Services Kashmir Dr Mushtaq Ahmad Rather chaired a preparatory meet on Thursday for the upcoming 2023 Shri Amaranath ji Yatra, after successful completion of 2022 Yatra. The other officials who attended the meeting were CAO DHSK, CMOs, yatra Nodal officer and other members of dedicated yatra Team. Dr Mushtaq directed the officials to make better use of technology to make the yatra safer, comfortable and more convenient for pilgrims. "We should convey the message of "Atithi Devo Bhava" to the whole country through this Yatra," he said and added that that large crowd of devotees are expected to throng the holy cave this year due to low covid restrictions. He asked the CMO Anantnag and CMO Ganderbal to examine the condition of all health facilities and to start



all arrangements for the pilgrims along the way. He directed the officials to explore the possibility of setting up of mini intensive care cells to handle emergency cases. He further directed Principal RIH-FW Dhobiwan to arrange special training programs for health care workers with special emphasis on modern gadgets to tackle emergency cases during .

## DAP protest in Doda against land Eviction order "Issue white paper, to safeguard poor people": DAP to J&K UT Govt

DODA Jan 20 (KNS): Continuing the protests against the unfriendly land eviction order, hundreds of leaders & workers from Democratic Azad Party on Friday held the peaceful protest at Doda. According to a statement issued to KNS, the protesters marched towards DC office and submitted the memorandum to DC Doda in presence of District President DAP Asif Gattu, General Secretary DAP R.S. Chib, Vice Chairman G.M. Saroori, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Aslam Goni Working Committee Member, Salman Nizami Chief Spokesperson, P.R. Manhas Zonal President, Ex MLA Sham Lal Bhagat, Ramesh Parihar, Capt Sham Lal, Iqbal Kohli, Farooq Shikari,

Mohd Sadiq, General Secretary DAP R.S. Chib said that as long as the order is not revoked and people heaving sigh of relief, they will continue to register their protests across the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir. The protest was organized on the instructions of party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad. He said, in view of the decision taken by the Supreme Court of India, we demand that the UT govt should come out with full details about all the cases so that the interest of the poor people is safeguarded. The SC directions not to demolish the houses, makes our demand more genuine and justified. We will continue our protest, till order is not revoked and fresh order be issued to safeguard the genuine cases. G.M.

Saroori, Vice Chairman said "Our only demand is government shall revoke this order. We have the first right over our resources and our bureaucrats can't render people homeless while sitting in cosy rooms," they said. Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami said the order by the government is reflecting its mind-set towards the needy and poor people. "If they continue to have same mind-set, the day is not far when every person will be on roads against the government," they said. Jugal Kishore, Provincial President said urged government to revoke the order on humanitarian grounds and spare the common and poor people in these harsh winters. DAP is al-

ways raising the voices of people and it will continue to support and stand for the people as long as they get their rights. The party has been holding protests all across the Union Territory ever since the order of land eviction was passed by the government. The protest was held despite rains and snowfall in the area which failed to dampen the spirit of protesters. Among others who participated in the protest were Asghar Khanday, Iqbal Telli, Amin Magray, Amar Chand Bhagat, Neelam Devi, Shafi Magray, Pritam Kotwal, Fatima Shikari, Ashraf Malik, Rakesh Kumar, Kartar Singh, Jagdish Bhagat & others. (KNS)

## Inter -DYTE centre Quiz competition organised in Samba

SAMBA, JANUARY 20: An inter center Quiz competition for the trainees of District Youth training & Empowerment (DYTE) centers of district Samba was today organized here in the Conference Hall of District Administration Complex. Eight teams from DYTE centre Samba, Nud, Purnamandal, Ramgarh, Vijaypur, Rajpura, Ghagwal and Sumb consisting of 5 candidates in each team participated in the program. The team from DYTE Centre Ramgarh, Samba and Sumb bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively. At the outset, Sulakshna Thakur, Assistant Director Employment Samba, presented a brief overview of the activities being carried out in the block level DYTE centres. At present 435 trainees

including 319 male and 116 female candidates are enrolled in the block level DYTE centres across District Samba. Rajinder Singh, ADDC Samba, the Nodal officer of the DYTE Samba, complimented the instructors and candidates for participating in the program. He motivated them to adopt a systematic approach for preparing for the competitive exams. The DYTE is an initiative of District Administration Samba and Mission Youth department J&K wherein the rural youth in the age group 18-30 years, aspiring to join armed, paramilitary and related jobs, are imparted 3 month free academic and physical training by the instructors hired by District administration.

## Land evictions be put on hold till rationalized policy is formulated: Nizamuddin Bhat

Srinagar January 20 (KNS): J&K People's Conference Parliamentary Committee Chairman and former legislator Nizam-Ud-din Bhat has urged the administration to put land evictions on hold till formulation of a concrete policy which rationalises land evictions and adopts a mechanism that differentiates between the needy and the greedy. According to a statement issued to KNS, Bhat said that Jammu and Kashmir is a welfare state which has a rich history of putting the interests and needs of the common people and poor masses at the core of its governance. However in wake of the order to evict people in rural and urban settings there is palpable fear and panic among the common masses that this exercise will



result in making thousands of people homeless and landless. "This policy was drafted and executed in hurry which invited criticism and suggestions from different sections of the society. Instead of a blanket order, it was imperative for the government to assess and differentiate between

those who have violated and grabbed land to further their interests and those who are in need. Rendering poor people homeless is a gross human rights violation", he added. Bhat further said that it is appreciable on part of the administration to give due consideration to our suggestions and decide against evicting poor and needy from rural and urban settings. "When this order was issued, the President of our party said that retrieving state land from poor and common masses can be dangerous and urged the administration to rethink their policy on going after those who have possessed land as a manifestation of economic and social inequality. If the government has now decided to differentiate between,

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## LG

Plan (PMRP), LG Sinha as per news said that there was a time when land wasn't available for the migrant KPs for construction of flats. "Today, we have inaugurated a 930 flat-type transit accommodation for the migrant KPs. Majority of migrant KP employees working under PMRP are from Srinagar," he said. "Similar projects are going on in other parts of Kashmir as well. Security concerns and the measures for protection of KPs have been taken care of well."

He said as far as the promotions, the non-gazetted migrant KP posts have been referred to Public Service Commission (PSC) for making them gazetted cadre. To a query about security arrangements for the BJT that entered Jammu yesterday, the LG said that all security measures are in place and the administration will facilitate it smoothly. "Whatever security measures were needed have been taken," he said.

The LG reiterated that the ongoing drive to vacate State land from the encroachers is against the bi sharks who misused the power and grabbed huge land. "I want to assure the poor and common man that they won't be touched and that they shouldn't be afraid," the LG said. Meanwhile, talking to reporters Secretary Department of Disaster Management Relief and Rehabilitation (DDMR) Nazim Khan said 930 transit accommodations with lift and generator facilities have been set up at Zewan. "Similar projects are going on at nine other locations across Kashmir for migrant KPs," he said—(KNO)

## SC

orally told the counsel of J&K.

During the hearing, the advocate for the petitioner argued that many tribals are residing on the land and took the Court through the reliefs prayed for.

"If stay is granted then it will benefit land grabbers also?" Justice Shah asked.

The counsel appearing for the Union Territory clarified that the circular is mainly focused on the Roshni land and also questioned the locus of the applicants.

"The application was served on me yesterday. It does not even mention that the applicants live there", he pointed out, while adding the said land only had shops and such establishments.

The court then adjourned the matter. The matter was mentioned before the Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, earlier this week.

The Jammu and Kashmir government, on January 9, directed the removal of all encroachments on State Land, including Roshni Land and Kachharie land by January 31.

The order was passed while several review petitions challenging Roshni Act Judgment remain pending before the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. In 2020, the Jammu and Kashmir High Court held that the Jammu and Kashmir State Land (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act 2001, (popularly known as Roshni Act) is completely unconstitutional. (KNS)

## SNOW

60 per cent chances, the middle and higher reaches of Jammu would receive widespread moderate or moderate to heavy snowfall in between January 23-January 25. On January 26, there is a possibility of rainfall in Jammu region and cloudy weather conditions in Kashmir.

Moreover, the MeT has appealed to people living in snow-bound areas to remain alert and cautious while venturing in areas which are vulnerable to snow avalanches. Meanwhile, the night temperature has increased across Kashmir. Srinagar, the summer capital of J&K has recorded a minimum temperature.

## FLIGHTS

Meanwhile, the inclement weather has resulted in the closure of the Srinagar-Jammu national highway, the officials said, adding that the highway was closed for traffic due to shooting stones and snowfall between Ramban and Banihal. They said road clearance operations are going on but continuous rain are making the job difficult. Meanwhile the roads leading to the different border areas of Kashmir have been also closed due to the fresh snowfall. The roads leading to the border areas including Karnah, Machil, Keran and Gurez were closed by the respective administrations after fresh snowfall.

Notably, the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir experienced light to moderate to snow, many areas in the plains received light to moderate snow. (KNS)

## AVALANCHE

an advisory for the people living in these areas to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas.

The MeT forecast light to moderate Snow/rain scattered to fairly widespread places over J&K from January 21-25 with moderate to heavy Snow over middle & higher reaches(60 per cent chance)

## KAS

"JKPSC said.It said, "Out of 648 candidates shortlisted for inter views, the result of 643 candidates, who appeared in the interview of Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Examination 2021 at Jammu have been notified."

The candidates recommended for medical examination will have to pay a fee, as prescribed, before Medical check-up—(KNO)

## TRIO

the JKPSC CCE Mains 2022 Result today.

Mains Result has been declared and out of the 3916 candidates, 648 candidates had been declared qualified for the Interview and post the interview, the personality test of the candidates was conducted from December 5, 2022 to January 19, 2023. Out of the 648, 643 candidates appeared for the interview and now 187 candidates have been selected for the medical examination.

Sources told news agency Kashmir News Trust that two sisters and their brother who are from far-off Trankeel village of Khara in Doda district have qualified for the mains exams.

The trio are the issues of one Munir Ahmed Wani. It has probably happened for the first time in KAS competitive examination that three siblings have qualified for this examination. [KNT]

## GOVT

Senior Assistant, Kulgam) and subsequent construction of his Service Book by the then Chief Medical Officer, Kulgam without following due procedure of law." Reads an order issued by Secretary to the Government, Health and Medical Education Department, a copy of which lies with the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

"The Chief Medical Officer, Kulgam/Anantnag shall

provide all the necessary inputs/documents/case file of the official to the Inquiry Officer in order to complete the enquiry in a time bound manner," it states.

"The Inquiry Officer shall submit its report within a period of one month from the date of issuance of formal order along with specific recommendations for taking further course of action against the erring Officers/Officials who had made such illegal appointment and also suggest the course of action against the applicant who has been engaged illegally by the then Chief Medical Officer, Anantnag in terms of the relevant rules governing the subject matter," the order reads further—(KNO)

## WAQF

Executive Magistrate, Tehsildar J&K Waqf Board, it has been revealed that, in absence of proper valuation, "random assessment values have been used to insure commercial properties in the past and that has also created difficulties in settlement of claims with insurers".

The move is also expected to "result in creation of a permanent database for smooth rent assessment of structures in future".

The Administrators and other Waqf Supervisory staff have been directed to facilitate and provide all necessary support & manpower for smooth conduct of the exercise, the order said—(KNO)

## RAHUL

in J&K and the statehood status with dignity," he said. Ramesh further added that BJP revoked Article 370, "but in our country, our constitution has provision of Article 371 in many state including Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Sikkim, Some areas of states like Assam and Karnataka, with special provisions."

He said that "our country's constitution is so diverse that it provides special provisions within the state but in the case of Jammu and Kashmir, it was abruptly revoked undemocratically."

On the restoration of Article 370, he said, "You are talking about Article 370 and I am talking about Article 371. Under Article 371, many states of our country and many areas of our country are given special provisions." He said this in reply to a question about Farooq Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti's demand for the restoration of Article 370.

Furthermore, he said in states like Nagaland, Article 371 states that no act of Parliament would apply to the state of Nagaland in matters relating to religious or social practices of Nagas, Naga customary law and procedure, and ownership and transfer of land and its resources.

He said the Bharat Jodo Yatra is against economic inequality, social polarisation and political dictatorship. On Indo-Pak talks, Ramesh said "Everybody wants to have peaceful dialogue with Pakistan but only on a condition that they should stop terrorism. Talks and terrorism cannot go together."

On participation of a large number of people in the Yatra despite rains, he called it a "healthy sign" in Jammu. Ramesh also said the Congress party has invited 23 Heads of national political parties to join Rahul Gandhi at National Flag hoisting ceremony in Srinagar when the yatra culminates at Lal Chowk on January 29-30.

He said Bharat Jodo Yatra is launched with a motive to highlight increasing economic inequality, social polarisation and political dictatorship in India due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies.

On Ghulam Nabi Azad's Democratic Azad Party, Ramesh said, "Azad is 100 percent B team of BJP. His party is almost finished before taking off. The 'rannet' of Modi-Shah has failed in Jammu and Kashmir."

On difference of ideologies of BJP and Congress, he termed it as 'clash of ideologies' stating, "Congress is not only a voting machine but gave constitution and modern India while contrary to that, BJP took the nation completely on a different path."

He further revealed that from January 26 to March 26, Congress is launching a two-month long 'Haath Se Haath Jodo Abhiyan'.

"During this campaign, Congress will aggressively visit door-to-door all over the country to inform people on documents ready in the shape of 'chargesheet on Modi govt's failure' that will be released tomorrow at Delhi," Ramesh.

Meanwhile, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee chief spokesperson, Ravinder Sharma also thanked Dogra Swabhimani Sanghathan Party Chief, Choudhary Lal Singh for extending support to Bharat Jodo Yatra. He criticised the present government on recent target killings in the valley.

JKPCC President, Vikar Rasool Wani said, "We are thankful to people for giving a grand reception to our leader at Lakhnapur. The Yatra will reach Jammu on January 23 and next day will start March from Nagrota." Thereafter, 12-km 'padyatra' will begin from Udhampur followed by night stay at Ramban and after covering few kilometres at Banihal, the yatra will enter Srinagar.

"Many deputations will be meeting Rahul Gandhi in both the regions and highlighting the issues of Jammu and Kashmir on which the BJP government has failed on all fronts," Wani said.

## EDUCATION

multitude of issues, economic and developmental.

"It would be in the fitness of things if our school going children are given an opportunity to have a glimpse and understand the international scenario, its dynamics and India's position in it," reads the circular.

The directorate also said that it would facilitate and enable them to think critically, innovate, communicate and be a change maker.

"Accordingly, the Department of School Education and Literacy Ministry of Education, Government of India has prepared 2 brief write-ups for the children in classes VI to VII and IX to XII providing information in an interesting and age appropriate manner," it reads.

DSEK said that there was a need to disseminate the write-ups in all schools of the division and also encourage students to become aware and participate in suggested activities like quiz, declamation, essay and slogan writing etc.

"All CEOs Principal DIETs, Hols and ZEOs are placed under strict instructions to implement circular instructions in the schools of their domain in letter and spirit with proper follow-up strategies with an intimation DSEK," the directorate ordered—(KNO)

## MODI

Guwahati. She said it was her dream to be in the health sector in the Northeast. She, like others, is the first appointee in a government job from her family. The Prime Minister asked her about the obstacles that she faced during the selection process if any and also asked her to share her experience. She also conveyed her desire for continuous learning. She also informed about sensitization and learning about the provisions dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace. The Prime Minister congratulated her for the appointment in the Northeast region and said that the government is committed to the development of the region.

Shri Raju Kumar a divyang from Bihar got his appointment letter as a Junior Engineer in Indian Eastern Railways. Raju, a divyang, explained his journey

## Alone Orphan brother of three sisters Aabid Hussain cracks JKAS Exam's.

Today is online world, every type of knowledge is at your fingertips: Aabid

DR. AB QAYOOM  
HT-NEWSNETWORK



Langate, Jan. 20: HT- Aabid Hussain Lone, a resident of village Udipora in Langate area of district Kupwara has brought laurels to the area after clearing prestigious Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services exam in his third attempt. Aabid did his initial schooling from his village, he completed his 8th standard from a local school namely (Sunrise school Udipora). Then after on the guidelines of elder uncle he shift himself to Srinagar for further study and completed his 10th standard from Model School Srinagar. He told I passed 12th standard from Sri Pratap (SP) higher sec. school Srinagar with best marks (under Elder Uncles Supervision) He also completed his Graduation from Govt degree college Bemina Srinagar and later he continue his studies and finally he fulfil his dream today. Aabid embarked on the Civil Services journey in 2018. However, failed to clear in his first two attempts, but he tried his luck the third time and this time he made it through. Aabid said, This was my third attempt to crack the exam and according to Aabid he never felt disappointed in the journey even as he failed twice to crack it. Aabid said his father wanted to see him as an administrator, and he kept chasing his father's dream of becoming an administrator. He said my father was selling tea near the district hospital in Handwara and was running our house. He went on to say that he died two years ago, and my mother took on all the responsibilities, so with the love beloved me my three sister's we never feel that we are orphans. He said that despite poverty, he didn't let his dream go, and with the help of his sisters and relatives, he qualified for the examination. Poverty can never be an obstacle; if one has dreams to chase, he just needs to work hard and keep faith in almighty Allah. "Civil Service is about patience and perseverance because you have to keep attempting while being patient", Aabid told HEADLINES TODAY. He said at times you will go through such trauma and chaos that you think of quitting and find any other destination. "But the one who keeps trying gets the fruit of success", he said.

While thanking his parents, family and teachers for supporting him in this journey, Aabid said his father played a major role in this journey, while his mother, uncle and relatives emphasised on him to keep working hard which helped him crack this exam. "It is the age of internet today. Every type of knowledge is at your fingertips. With paper use of internet one can crack any exam even JKAS or IAS as well", he said. He further said a right and genuine mentor can help you crack any exam and same thing proved right for him. He said there were some good teachers and mentors who guided him to right path in the journey and it is all because of them that he made his parents and the whole valley proud. HT

## HRM students of JU visit JKEDI campus for exposure tour

JAMMU, JANUARY 20: Students of International Centre for Cross Cultural Research and Human Resource Management (ICCCR & HRM), University of Jammu today visited the Bari Brahmana campus of Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) for an exposure tour.

During a day-long exposure visit, the experts from JKEDI provided an overview of the startup ecosystem of UT to help the students develop an entrepreneurial mindset. Ajaz Ahmad Bhat (IAS), Director JKEDI also interacted with the visiting students and faculty members.

In his address, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat encouraged the students to avail different incentives of the Government available for the startups. He reiterated the fact that entrepreneurs are currently driving the growth story of the country and 'each and every one of us has a part to play.'

In view of the recent policy initiatives by the central and the UT government, the majority of youth are taking up entrepreneurship as their first career choice, he said.

"The Startup policy of J&K is going to get a new shape in the near future and I am confident that it will prove ben-

## MODI

remote village of Uri in Baramulla district Syed Intisaam Bukhari has qualified the prestigious JKAS examination, the results of which examination were declared today.

Bachelor of Science from Kashmir University, Mr Intisaam Bukhari did his schooling from Hanfia Model School Peernia Pahlipora and there after went to higher secondary school Baramulla. Intisaam Bukhari is second from his family to crack the prestigious Kashmir Administrative Services examination. His Cousin brother Mubashir Bukhari (KPS) is currently serving Police Department as Superintendent of Police and has been the role model for Intisaam too.

Cracking the prestigious examination in his second attempt, Intisaam has a message for the youth that they should never give up as hard work always pays. He said that he is happy to crack this examination and gave credit of his success to his Parents, and his cousin brother Mubashir Bukhari. "He is not only my role model but has been guiding and supporting me since I expressed my extreme desire for qualifying competitive examination" said Intisaam. "One must have firm belief in himself in doing any job and learn to overcome challenges follow dreams with dedication and hard work as these things are key to success in any field," he added.

While talking to Headlines Today Mr Intisaam Bukhari made it clear that the administrative position is one of the best ways to serve our people and one must nurture such an enthusiastic approach in our heart and mind. "You will see Allah with help you in your efforts".

Editor in chief of Headlines Today Jahangir Bukhari has extended hearty congratulations to the entire Bukhari family of Pahlipora in general and Mr Intisaam in particular and wished him a glorious future ahead as an administrative officer.

## Farooq, Omar conveyed condolences

JAMMU January 20th - National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and Vice President Mr Omar Abdullah today expressed grief over the passing away of Saleema Begum Widow of late Abdul Rehman Mir mother of Mohd Farooq Mir Gazi Block President As-sar District Ramban and conveyed condolences to the bereaved family. In their messages, Dr Farooq Abdullah and Mr Omar Abdullah prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed solidarity with Mohd Farooq Mir Gazi and other members of the family. In their condolence message, General Secretary Haji Ali Mohammed Sagar, Dr. Sheikh Mustafa Kamaal Additional General Secretary and Rattan Lal Gupta Provincial President Jammu have also expressed grief and prayed for peace to the departed soul. Senior leaders of the National Conference have also conveyed their condolences to the bereaved family. Those who prayed for peace to the departed soul, include Ajay Kumar Sadhotra former minister and Central Secretary, Sheikh Bashir Ahmed Provincial Secretary, Brij Mohan Sharma Vice President Jammu Province, Khalid Najeev Sudharwady Vice President Jammu Province, Sajjad Ahmed Kichloo Zone President Chenab Valley, Dr. Chaman Lal Bhagat Ex-MLA and Zone Secretary Chenab Valley, Sajjad Shaheen District President Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan DDC Chairperson, Bashir Ahmed Ronyal DDC, Mehboob Iqbal, Pyare Lal Sharma, Zaffarullah Rather District President Doda, Abdul Qayom Baghwan District President Doda Rural, Tanveer Ahmed Kichloo District President Kishtwar, Arif Mir District Secretary Ramban and Abid Magrey District Vice President Ramban.

## Renowned Orthopaedics interacts with Aryans Nursing and Pharma students



Srinagar Jan 20th With the aim to educate students to prevent & cure sports injury, Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh organised a seminar on "Love Your Bones, Protect Your Future." Dr. Amandeep Garg, Ex Senior Resident, Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Sec -32, Chandigarh, Consultant Orthopaedics, Simrita Hospital, Rajpura was the keynote speaker & addressed Aryans B.Sc. Nursing, GNM & ANM students. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over.

Dr. Garg while addressing said that According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 30 million youth participate in some form of organized sport. Of these, about 2.6 million sustain serious injuries each year, with over 1.35 million visits to the emergency room. He further added that preventing sports injury isn't always possible, but more often than not, common sports injuries are caused by a lack of proper safety gear, overtraining, or incorrect form. By following safety guidelines, we can reduce injuries, stressed Garg. Later he discussed the importance of various factors including warm up, sports specific movements, stretching, progress, cardiovascular activity, rest etc. Mrs. Nidhi Chopra, Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing later highlighted the importance of hydration & proper healthy diet for a sports person.

## Ajit Kotwal Meets Additional Deputy Commissioner Bhadarwah, Submits Memorandum

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Jan 20: A delegation of "SAKSHAM" a national level NGO for Specially Aabled People" under the leadership of its Vice president Ajit Singh Kotwal called upon Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary here on Friday. The delegation presented a memorandum to the ADC Bhadarwah which contained the main demand for the provision of shops out of 52 shops constructed by Municipal Committee Bhadarwah at new bus stand. The delegation expressed surprise over the attitude of the MCB for not keeping some shops reserved for Divyang/Disable persons under RPWD Act 2016, according to which 4% quota needs to be reserved for these differently abled people. ADC Bhadarwah Dil Mir Choudhary however, assured the delegation about mitigation of their genuine demands and said that the concerned department would be asked to do the needful urgently and to remove the disparity.

## GDC Ramgarh organises Essay Writing Competition

SAMBA, JANUARY 20: Red Ribbon Club & NSS of Government Degree College Ramgarh organized an Essay writing competition on the theme 'Life & Contributions of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in India's Independence Movement', here today. The event was organized under able guidance and leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College. The students of the College participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Prof. (Dr.) Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College said that Subhash Chandra Bose was one of the most eminent freedom fighters of India, and he will be always remembered by the nation. "Possessing extraordinary leadership skills and a charismatic orator, Subhash Chandra Bose, as an Indian nationalist, had made significant attempts to defy colonialism and had coined the term 'Jai Hind'" she said and added Neta Ji raised the first Indian National Army (INA), Azad Hind Fauj in 1943 and started an armed coup and inspired thousands of Indian youth to join the struggle for independence from the British colonial rule. His famous slogans are 'tum mujhe khoo do, main tumhe Aazadi dunga', 'Jai Hind', and 'Delhi Chalo'.

# Five Days Winter Sports & youth Festival-2023 concludes in Budgam

Budgam, January 20: The Five-day long Winter Sports & youth Festival-2023 which was organised by police in Budgam culminated today at Indoor Stadium Budgam. Earlier SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Gilani-JKPS inaugurated the event on 16-01-2023 under Police Civic Action Programme which was made up of 03 different sports championships including Badminton, Taekwondo & volleyball including Painting Competition.

On the occasion, ASP Budgam Shri Gowhar Ahmad-JKPS presented Momentos & cash prizes among the winners/runners-up besides participation certificates were given to all participants. The event was also attended by DySP DAR DPL Budgam Shri Owais Rashid-JKPS, DySP(P) Shri Faisal Rishoo, DySP(P) Shri Mubashir Zargar DySP(P) Ms Anjana, SHO Budgam and other police officers were also present on the occasion. In Badminton, following winners/ runners-up were declared in Winter Sports & youth Festival-2023: Runner up in women's double: Seerat Jan and Marifat



Jan were awarded with momentos and cash prize of 2000, Winner women's doubles: Rabiya and Samiya were awarded with momentos and cash prize of 3000, Men's doubles Runner up: Shuja and Zahoor were awarded with momentos and cash prize of 2000, Men's Doubles winner: Waseem and Mohsin were awarded with momentos and cash prize of 3000, Womens Single Runner up: Samiya was awarded with momentos and cash prize of 2000,

Winner women's single: Rabiya was awarded with momentos and cash prize of 3000, Mens single Runner up: Momin & zahoor was awarded with momentos and cash prize of 2000, Mens single winners: Waseem Akram was awarded with momentos and cash prize of 3000. In Painting Competition age group 8-14 years: Muftaba Hussain secured first position with cash prize of 3000, Sadiya Altaf secured 2nd position with cash prize of 2000,

Muntazir Hussain secured 3rd position with cash prize of 1000.

Age Group 14 -18 years: Mannat Mushtaq secured first position with cash prize of 3000, Tamana Bilal secured 2nd position with cash prize of 2000, Mehrun Nissa secured 3rd position with cash prize of 1000. In Taekwondo Mr Azad Beigh attain best Fighter Male category with cash prize of 2500 and Arifa Zehra attain best Fighter female category with cash prize of 2500. Besides Taekwondo Academy Kawoosa secured 1st position, Billu Taekwondo Academy Narkara secured 2nd position. ASP Budgam also presented momentos to Badminton, taekwondo referees, coaches and Judges of painting competition. In Taekwondo Mr Azad Beigh attain best Fighter Male category with cash prize of 2500 and Arifa Zehra attain best Fighter female category with cash prize of 2500, Besides Taekwondo Academy Kawoosa secured 1st position, Billu Taekwondo Academy Narkara secured 2nd position. ASP Budgam also presented momentos to Badminton, taekwondo referees.

## Indian Women's Hockey team beat South Africa 4-0p

Cape Town, Jan 20 (UNI) Indian Women's Hockey Team continued their winning ways in South Africa as they defeated hosts 4-0 in their third match of the tour here in Cape Town.

Having won the first two matches rather convincingly, the Indian team stuck to basics as they executed the chances really well and played a disciplined structure to stay ahead.

The match began swiftly with India creating fine chances in the circle. It was Rani, who has shown sublime form in her comeback Tour, who scored the first goal for India in the very 2nd minute of the match. The early 1-0 lead brought some stability in their game, as they took some time to settle in over the next few minutes of the first quarter.

The team returned in the second quarter with some fresh attack in their game. In the 18th minute, a penalty corner opportunity was well-converted by Deep Grace Ekka, a regular in India's PC attack.

The 2-0 lead further gave India the ammu-



dition to up their attack, and put South Africa under pressure.

They scored their third goal in quick succession when Vandana Katariya struck a brilliant field goal in the 20th minute.

While the third quarter remained goalless, India ended the proceedings with a field goal in the 46th minute via young sensation Sangita Kumari. They held on to this 4-0 lead with fine show in defence and kept up the winning streak after a 5-1 and 7-0 win in the previous two games.

## Rafael Nadal's "Days Are Numbered": Tennis Legend Boris Becker Issues Damning Retirement Verdict

The winner of 22 Grand Slam titles, Rafael Nadal witnessed an early elimination from the 2023 Australian Open, suffering a straight-sets defeat against Mackenzie McDonald in the second round. Nadal struggled to even complete the match, suffering a hip issue in the second set. The Spaniard even took a medical timeout before returning to the court but couldn't play at the tempo he usually does. Giving a rather brutal assessment of the stage Nadal's career has come, the legendary Boris Becker said that his "days are numbered". Becker hailed Nadal as "one of the most important sportsmen of the last 25 years" but feels the Australian Open 2nd Round exit was his first step towards retirement.

"We've been talking about the change of generation for a long time, and then Nadal comes along last year and wins not only in Melbourne but also Paris," Becker said on Eurosport Germany's Matchball Becker show. "The question was: Will he play until he's 40? I don't think so. Yesterday was already the first step towards his retirement. An injury like that is hard, and at this age, it takes even longer to get back into shape. I hope and pray that he will get well soon and that we will see him looking fresh again in Paris at the latest, but I think his days are numbered," Becker further said. Hailing Nadal, Becker said that the 36-year-old has changed the way the sport is perceived. While retirement



seems close, Becker has no doubt that Nadal will pick up the racquet again.

"He is not only a tennis legend, he is a sports legend. He is one of the most important sportsmen of the last 25 years. He has changed tennis and made it even more popular in his home country of Spain.

"He can become the president if he wants to. I think there would be a big gap if Rafa doesn't play anymore, but I think he will pick up a racquet again.

Nadal has admitted that he will be away for a few weeks, looking after his health and fitness. Boris expects the veteran star to be back, especially for the French Open which will be his 'priority'.

"The clay court season will be his priority. If he is fit, he is still my favourite for the French Open, but even Rafael Nadal gets older eventually."

## Akash Deep earns Bengal by an Innings and 50-run win against Haryana

Lahli, Haryana, Jan 19 (UNI) Medium pacer Akash Deep's 5/51 against Haryana's 2nd innings steered Bengal to an innings and 50-run triumph in the Ranji Trophy Elite Group A match played at the Chaudhary Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium here on Friday.

The victory put the visitors into the last eight (knockout stage) virtually with one match remaining of Laxmi Ratan Shukla coached side. Bengal took pole position with 32 points in the table. Akash Deep, hailed from Bihar's Dehri, was adjudged the player of the match with total 10 wickets in two innings conceding 112 runs. Mukesh Kumar also contributed with his bowling taking total of 4 wickets in 103 runs in both innings. Bengal after scoring 419/10 with 145 runs from Anushput Majumdar, Abhimanyu Eswaran's 57 and Abishek Porel's 48 was big enough for the hosts, which were skittled at 163 in the first knock and 199/9 after being forced to follow on. Resuming at 177 for the loss of 7 wickets, Haryana were folded at 199/9 in the morning hours of the day. "Good win, yes, but we have a long way to go," coach Shukla commented after his boys' brilliant performance. "There is no place for complacency. There is no place for celebration. We need to work hard and fight together as a team," Shukla.

## Sunrisers Eastern Cape soar into second place

Paarl, Jan 20 (UNI) The Sunrisers Eastern Cape became the first team in the Betway SA20 to achieve a hat-trick of wins when they overcame the Paarl Royals by five wickets at Boland Park. After a slow start to the competition, the Eastern Cape side have gathered momentum to move into second position on the table. The Royals may pride themselves on their spin bowling prowess, but it was the visitors that out spun the home side. Captain Aiden Markram (2/21), Roelof van der Merwe (2/21) and Brydon Carse (2/29) combined to claim 6/71 in their cumulative 12 overs to restrict the Royals for 127/7. The Royals were in trouble from the outset after Sisanda Magala, who was recently called up the Proteas ODI squad for the upcoming series against England, had dangerman Jos Buttler brilliantly caught by a diving Carse at mid-on. From there on the Sunrisers spinners dominated proceedings with only Wihan Lubbe (28) and Corbin Bosch (20) managing to make an impact on the scoreboard. The Sunrisers reply started in positive fashion through Adam Rossington and Jordan Hermann. The latter was making his Betway SA20 bow and made an impact with 43 off 39 balls, while Rossington compiled.

## Pakistan U-19 women outplay Zimbabwe to reach super six

POTCHEFSTROOM: Eyman Fatima and Shawaal Zulfiqar scored 100 runs unbroken for the opening wicket to help Pakistan outclass Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in their group match of the Women's U-19 World Cup and reach the super six stage here at the North-West University No.1 Ground on Thursday.

Requiring a win to guarantee a place in the next stage of the World Cup after losing their previous group 'B' match against England on Tuesday, Pakistan came out firing on all cylinders to restrict Zimbabwe to a 97-6 from their 20 overs.

Kelis Ndhlovu's lone innings of 42 managed to give the African side some hope of a miracle heading into the break. For Pakistan, Anoocha Nasir took two wickets for 21 runs while Laiba Nasir and Areesha Noor bagged one apiece.

In reply, Pakistan looked certain to win from the off. Eyman was once again the lynchpin for Pakistan after earlier scores of 65 not out in Pakistan's eight wickets victory over Rwanda on Sunday while her early departure in Tuesday's match against England was the reason her side



fell short by 53 runs. Against Zimbabwe, she scored a 35-ball 62 not out studded with 10 fours and two sixes while Shawaal Zulfiqar contributed 32 not out to see their side home with ease. With their win over Zimbabwe, Pakistan reached the super six stage Group-2 of the event alongside England, Rwanda, New Zealand, West Indies and Ireland. In the Super Six Group 2, Pakistan will play back-to-back matches against Ireland and New Zealand on Jan 23 and 24, respectively.

## Netherlands bulldoze Chile 14-0 in record win to reach quarter-finals

BHUBANESWAR: The Netherlands gave a record 14-0 lesson to debutants Chile on Thursday to become the first team to qualify for the FIH World Cup quarter-finals here at the Kalinga Stadium. The victorious Dutch team in the process topped pool 'C'. It was the biggest-ever margin of defeat in the World Cup, bettering Australia's 12-0 hammering of South Africa in the 2010 edition held in New Delhi.

The goal-fest began in the seventh minute with Jip Janssen converting the first penalty corner of the match.

The Netherlands earned two more through the first quarter but Chile defended well. The Chileans were at their best in the first 15 minutes, crowding their circle to thwart the

Dutch. But that was what they could do as Holland, apparently warmed up enough, got down to business.

Four goals in eight minutes, three penalty corners and 61 per cent possession in the opposition half underlined their superiority at half-time. It only got better for the Dutch - and exponentially worse for Chile - who added six goals in the third quarter and three in the fourth, Teun Beins putting Holland's 17th penalty corner into the roof for the new record in the 49th minute.

In the other pool 'C' match staged in Bhubaneswar on Thursday, Malaysia upturned their form to upset New Zealand 3-2 and finish second in the pool.

Tied on points, Malaysia started



aggressively, making their intentions clear with a penalty corner in the seventh minute. But it took the slightest touch from Faizal

Saari to Shello Silverius's hit to put the Asians ahead two minutes later. Malaysia's victory was orchestrated

and executed by their experienced trio of Saari, captain Marhan Jalil and veteran Razie Rahim - leading the attack, midfield and defence, respectively. They set the bar for the younger players, especially, Jalil, who constantly kept the passage to the front open with incisive passes for Malaysia to lead 1-0 at half time.

New Zealand were unable to breach a disciplined defence for three-quarters of the game. It was only in the final 15 minutes that the Black Sticks showed more urgency, scoring two goals in as many minutes - Sam Lane scoring the second for the 2500th World Cup goal - to level scores. But with New Zealand putting all their energies upfront, an absent defence meant Saari had.

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