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NEWS IN BRIEF

Three members of family found dead due to asphyxiation in Ramban

Srinagar, Jan 28,: Three members of a family were found dead due to asphyxiation in a kacha house at Sandrot Balihote in Ramban district of Jammu division on Saturday, locals said.Locals told Srinagar based news agency Kashmir Dot Com (KDC) that three members of a family identified as Chain Singh, his wife and daughter were found dead. They said one woman (daughter) was found in an unconscious condition and is being shifted to Ramban hospital.A police officer told KDC that teams of police, SDRF and QRT are on the way to the spot and further details will be shared later and accordingly investigation will be initiated in this matter.

DC Ramban in a tweet informed that "At least 3 members of a family found dead due to asphyxiation in Balihote, Tehsil Ramban. One girl found alive has been shifted for medical treatment. Financial assistance will be provided out of Red Cross." (KDC)

Elderly man killed after allegedly hit by SSB vehicle in Humhama Budgam

Srinagar, Jan 28, : A scooty-rider was killed after being allegedly hit by a vehicle of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in Humhama area in central Kashmir Budgam district on Saturday.

A police official told news agency Kashmir Dot Com (KDC) that an elderly man identified as Nazir Ahmad Bhat (56) son of Mohammad Ramzan Bhat of Samerbugh Lasjan was hit by a Caspher (vehicle) of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) 14 Battalion. The man died on the spot, he said. He said that the body has been shifted to SMHS hospital for medico-legal formalities.

The police officer said that a case in this regard has been registered and further investigation has been set into motion. (KDC)

2 fraudsters arrested in Baramulla

Srinagar, Jan 28 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Police arrested two alleged fraudsters posing as political activists in a job and extortion scam in Baramulla district of north Kashmir. Police said on January 11, an information was received that two self styled political activists from Pattan area in Baramulla were demanding money on the assurances that they will arrange government jobs and were also providing fake appointment orders. Police said the two were also threat-

ening the general public. Police swung into action and promptly registered a case FIR under relevant sections in Police Station Pattan. During course of investigation, Police after utilizing all technical and human intelligence and strenuous efforts arrested two accused Ubaid Nazir Sofi and Mohammad Iqbal," a police statement said.

"It was learnt during interrogation that these scamsters were cheating common people on the pretext of giving jobs in police department and taking huge amounts of money from them," police said, adding "once the victim started asking money back, they used to issue threats to them

Lady councilor from Baramulla joins Bharat **Jodo Yatrar**

rinagar, Jan 28 (UNI) Municipal councilor from Baramulla Nighat Mir traveled all the way from north Kashmir to join Rahul Gandhi's led Bharat Jodo Yatra that resumed on Saturday morning from south Kashmir.

She took part in the Yatra along with her supporters."This Yatra is for the unity of India and that is the reason I traveled all the way from Baramulla to south Kashmir so that I become part of this cause," Mir said.

She said that she and her supporters traveled in 10 vehicles to reach the Yatra venue."After hiccups at many places due to security reasons, we managed to join the yatra," she said, adding that she was welcomed by Congress leaders in the Yatra.

The Congress party said that people from various parts of the valley joined the Yatra on Saturday

8 injured after bus hits parapet after tyre bursts in J&K's Udhampur

Jammu, Jan 28 (UNI) At least eight passengers suffered injuries when a bus they were traveling in lost control due to tyre burst and hit the parapet along Jammu-Srinagar national highway in Udhampur district.

Police sources said that a bus on its way from Doda towards Jammu in the evening met with an accident

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PM Modi Unlocked the Power of Diversity With the Spirit of Oneness: LG Manoj Sinha

Vitasta Festival held at Kalakshetra Foundation Chennai Depicts a Timeless bond between J&K and Tamil Nadu

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CHENNAI, JANUARY 28: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today attended and addressed the Vitasta Festival at Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai. Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor said that the 4-day festival is the biggest celebration of J&K's culture, literary legacy, cuisine, arts & music and the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha

Events like Vitasta in Chennai open up the limitless world of literature, art, history, heritage and culture and encourage us to think and expand our horizon, he further added.

'There is a timeless bond between Tamil Nadu and Jammu Kashmir. I strongly believe that Jammu Kashmir and Tamil



the regions illumined the entire peace & harmony", said the Lt Nadu are eternally connected nation with intellectual bril-

since time immemorial. Both liance & glorious tradition of

Underscoring the need to promote the rich history of Jammu Kashmir, music and social cultural tradition across the country through Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme, the Lt Governor said that different cultures and diversity of our country serve to enlighten society and throughout our history, have proved to be powerful instrument to strengthen our unity."I am truly grateful to Hon'ble PM for unlocking the power of diversity with the spirit of oneness. Continuous cultural exchanges are taking place among the youth of J&K and Tamil Nadu under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme exposing young generation to each other's language, literature, performing art, cuisine and traditional festivals",

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Cong leaders do Aarti of Gandhi family: Amit Shah

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Kundgol, Jan 28 (UNI) In a vitriolic attack on opposition parties in Karnataka, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday accused Congress leaders of performing Aarti of Gandhi family and top JDS leaders for fielding their family members for elections. "Congress only does aar-

ti of Gandhi family, and in JDS grandfather, son, grandson, their wives, and grandson's son. Everyone wants to contest polls ... youths should tell, do they have a place in that party? The youth has a place only in the BJP under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said. Listing out various pro-people programmes of the BJP government, Shah said PM Modi has laboured to make the country secure from terrorist attacks, ab-



rogated Article 370, constructed Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.He appealed to the people to give clear mandate to the BJP in the state and rout the pariwar wadis (dynasts) and the corrupt.Shah made these comments during a road show as a part of Vijaya Sankalp Abhiyan in Kundgol ahead of assembly elections in the state. Shah was mounted on a specially decorated open vehicle, for over a kilometer distance from Basavanna Devara Matha to Gali Mariyam CONTINUED ON → PAGE 07

Start-Up ecosystem gained momentum under PM Modi: Jitendra

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JAMMU, JANUARY 27: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha addressed 'Akhil Bhartiya' Kavi Sammelan today at General Zorawar Singh Auditorium, University of Jammu.

The event was organized by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages to celebrate the 74th Republic Day.On the occasion, the Lt Governor said, literary heritage and creative expression of India is unique and rich."Poetry explores and expresses diversity of our linguistic heritage. It brings us close to the roots of our culture and tradition. It



has the immense power to stir the inner consciousness. Our country has been blessed with outstanding

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Weatherman predicts snowfall as fresh WD to affect J&K today 'Surface, air traffic, power supply likely to get affected'

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 28 (: The weatherman here has predicted fresh snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir, saying that a fresh Western Disturbance is affecting the Union Territory from tomorrow. Talking to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Deputy Director Meteorological department (MeT) said that there is a possibility of fresh snowfall in J&K, especially in the higher reaches of the Union Territory. He said that the main activity would be

from January 29 evening or night, adding that the wet weather conditions are expected in J&K parts from tomorrow, which would continue till January 31. The wet weather is expected till the end of this month, which marks the end of 40-day harshest winter period-Chila-i-Kalan. Meanwhile, the MeT has issued yellow

warning for J&K on January 30 The MeT said that widespread moderate snow or Rain is expected in Jammu with heavy snowfall in Pirpanjal,

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Bharat Jodo Yatra: Srinagar Traffic Police issue advisory for today

Srinagar, Jan 28 (: The Srinagar Traffic police on Saturday issued traffic advisory asking people to avoid certain routes while travelling in Srinagar tomorrow in view of Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra that is scheduled to enter the City.

According to an order, a copy of which lies with the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) no traffic will be allowed from Pantha Chowk towards

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NIA Court orders attachment of Hurriyat office in Srinagar

HT NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar, Jan 28,: A special court of the National Investigation Agency has ordered the attachment of the office of All Parties Hurriyat Conference situated at Rajbagh area in summer capital Srinagar, officials said.

In an order, a copy of which lies with Srinagar based news agency Kashmir Dot Com (KDC), passed by the Additional Sessions Judge New Delhi Shalinder Malik has or dered that "Immovable property i.e; building office of All Parties Hurriyat Conference at Rajbagh which was earlier used as office of APHC is ordered to be attached. Necessary legal process be carried out in this re-

The order passed by an NIA court was under the 'NIA vs Mohammad Hafiz Saeed and others' pursuant to the orders of MHA dated 30.05.2017 against Hafiz Syed. In its application, the NIA claimed that there is sufficient evidence against Naeem Khan - the accused Hurriyat leader - who "partly owns the

NIA has submitted in the court that the "property was being used for planning and execution of terrorist and secessionist activities" and for other offenses and thus invoked the provisions of Section 33 (1) of UAPA to seek attachment of the property." In this case Nayeem Ahmad Khan was arrested during the investigation of this case on 24.07.2017 and was arraigned as accused no.5. Charge sheet filed against 12

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Political parties commanded by ruling party didn't join Rahul Gandhi's Yatra: JKPCC Chief

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Srinagar, Jan 28: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) chief, Vikar Rasool Wani Saturday alleged that many political parties bossed and commanded by the ruling party didn't join Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra

"Few political parties are being controlled by ruling party, which is why they didn't participate in J&K," JKPCC chief Vikar Rasool Wani, as per Kashmir News Service (KNS) said while replying to a query during a press conference in Srinagar.

He said several political parties including NC, PDP, CPI(M), BSP, JDU, Shiv Sena and others expressed their consent and joined

the Yatra, however, there were few which are being controlled by the ruling regime and they didn't join

The JKPCC Chief said since the Yatra entered the Kashmir Valley, thousands of people came on roads and walked shoulder to shoulder with their leader Rahul Gandhi. He said even government was not expecting such a massive crowd in

the rally. On security arrangements, he exthe ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in pressed satisfaction over elaborate security arrangements by authorities, and stated though preventive measures were in place that put impediments in hassle-free entry of people into the Yatra

He also said a large number of youth participated in the Yatra. "From Tamil Nadu to J&K,

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ACS APD reviews seed procurement plans for UT quired quantity. He also directed

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JAMMU, JANUARY 28: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today reviewed plans for procurement of seeds and seed germplasm for the Union Territory, here at a meeting held here in the Civil Secretariat.

The Directors of Agriculture from both provinces provided updates and to prepare their farms for proon the registration of Certified Seed Producers (CSPs) to ensure availability of sufficient seed stocks for crops such as pulses. vegetables, paddy, maize, potato and oil seeds.

Atal Dulloo stressed the importance of ensuring that the seeds are tested and that the CSPs have mir assured that the target the capacity to provide the re-

that the tendering process be completed well in advance and asked about the availability of funds with the departments. The Directors were instructed to ensure the availability of seeds before March 15, 2023 The ACS also directed the Direc-

tors to sign necessary MoUs with the National Seeds Corporation ducing foundation seeds in order to achieve the required seed replacement rate in near future. The requirement of breeder seeds for the next financial year, its Rabi and Kharif seasons and subsequent years was also discussed. The Director Agriculture Kash-

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Restoration plan bears fruit as Wular witnesses new bird sightings after decades

HT NEWS NETWORK

Bandipora, Jan 28: With conservative efforts going on in Asia's second largest freshwater lake in north Kashmir, the Smew, scientifically known as Mergellus albellus and the Longtailed Duck were among the new sightings in



the lake after 100 years. An official of Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WIJCMA) told the news agency—Kashmir

News Observer (KNO), that besides these sightings, many new migratory bird species are expected to be seen in wular as the wular restoration plan is bearing fruits with process going on large scale besides public awareness playing significance role in going with the mission.

He said that the Smew, which is a species of duck and is the only living member of the genus Mergellus, was sighted in the lake recently. "The last known record of this migratory bird from Kashmir is from the year 1907," he said.

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Priyanka, Mehbooba join Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kashmir Yatra received good response in Kashmir: Omar; Yatra comes like a breath of fresh air, says Mehbooba

Rahul Gandhi stops Yatra to pay tribute to CRPF jawans killed in 2019 Lethpora attack

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Srinagar, Jan 28: The Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Yatra on Saturday resumed from Awantipora where former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti and her daughter Iltija Mufti joined Gandhi

Priyanka Gandhi walked alongside the former Congress president amidst tight security arrangements before the yatra stopped for a break at Lethpora. The yatra was scheduled to halt at Panthachowk for



the night. Thereafter the yatra would resume on Sunday morning from Pantha Chowk and will culminate near Nehru Park on Boulevard Road in heart of the

On Monday, Gandhi will unfurl

the tricolour at JKPCC headquarters at M A Road here, following which a public rally at

SK Stadium is scheduled to be held for which 23 political parties have been invited. Former chief ministers includ-

ing Mehbooba Mufti and Omar Abdullah Saturday said that the Rahul Gandhi's ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra has received massive response from the people across south Kashmir.

"Rahul Gandhi's yatra comes like a breath of fresh air in Kashmir. It is the first time since 2019 Kashmiris have come out of their homes in such massive numbers. Was a great experience to walk with him," the PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said. Similarly National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah who also joined the yatra on Friday said that the talking heads are largely silent and the channels don't really want to talk about it but you don't have to be visually challenged to see the Bharat Joda Yatra has got a very good response from

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Restoration of statehood, conduct of elections utmost need in J&K: Jairam Ramesh

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Srinagar, Jan 28: Member of Parliament and General Secretary Incharge Communication, AICC, Jairam Ramesh Saturday said that restoration of full statehood and conduct of assembly elections are the utmost need in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra is not about the alliance between the political parties. It has nothing to do with the elections and other big issues," Ramesh as per Kashmir News Service (KNS) said while addressing a press conference in Srinagar.

Providing details about the Yatra, he said it will cover 4080 kilometers in 136 days and will end on January 30. "From Tamil Nadu to J&K the Yatra has gone through 75 districts so far. Out of 136 days Yatri's walked 116 days

so far," he said. He also expressed satisfaction over elaborate security arrangements and stated after yesterday's incident at Qazigund there were better security arrangements in place today. Providing details about the Yatra, he said it will cover 4080 kilometers in 136 days and will end on January 30. "From Tamil Nadu to J&K the Yatra has gone through 75 districts so far. Out of 136 days Yatri's walked 116 days so far," he said.

Divisional Level Training/ Orientation Programme on "Fodder Resources for UT of J&K" held at Lalmandi

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 28: A Divisional level training cum orientation programme was held today at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, here.

The training programme was inaugurated by Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Igbal.

Addressing the participants, the Director Agriculture underlined the importance of fodder crops for managing the livestock feed demands. He said that the department is already working on a strategy for bridging the gaps in demand and supply of feeds and fodder crops

Agriculture Director said that the department is raising quality fodder crops in departmental farms and the seed is then provided to the farmers so that these fodder crops could be introduced and replicated in the farmers

Igbal said that under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors special attention has been paid to rejuvenation and promotion of pastoral systems and grasslands. He said that our Agro-climatic conditions are conducive for the cultivation of high fodder crops quality therefore all the efforts must be put in place to explore and get benefited out of these agro-climatic conditions.

He asked the officers of the allied departments to work in coordination for the successful implementation of projects under holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors

Joint Director Animal Husbandry Dr. Mohammad Hussian, Deputy Director Animal Husbandry Dr. Ghulam Hussian Mir, officers of agriculture department, animal husbandry department,

DC Baramulla reviews progress of digitization of Massavis, other Revenue related matters

BARAMULLA, JANUARY 28: In order to review revenue related public service delivery, enhance transparency and accountability and promote ease of access to the Revenue records in he district, a meeting of Field functionaries of Revenue Department of the district was today held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar, here.

The DC took a detailed assess ment and progress of all Tehsils of the district on various vital issues including updation of cases on Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RCCMS), status of Jamabandies, status of Lumberdars/Chowkidars, progress on retrieval of encroached state/ Kahcharie land, defence related issues and digitization of Massavis.

Reviewing progress on removal of encroachments on State/ Kahchari land, the DC directed all the Tehsildars to intensify the anti-encroachment drive so



trieved under set timelines

She also reviewed the status of Lumberdars/ Chowkidars and discussed the procedure of appointment of new Lumberdars in every village and asked the concerned to ensure that their personal files are maintained in the concerned Tehsil office properly.

The progress of digitization

of Revenue records, including Massavis and issuance of Passbooks to landowners besides updation of cases on Revenue Court Cases Monitoring System (RCCMS) was also reviewed in detail. The DC directed the officers and officials to extend handholding to people to avail the benefit of online services being provided by the Revenue Department.

Detailed discussions were also

held on various issues pertaining to defence land related issues in the district.

Meanwhile, the DC instructed all the Tehsildars to pay special thrust on the complaints registered on the portal/offline to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Assistant Com-

Mumtaz Ahmad: SDMs, Tehsildars. All Naib Tehsildars and other functionaries of Revenue Department attended the meet-

Later, in a separate meeting, the DC took a detailed review regarding progress of Change of Land Use in the district during which she enquired about the status of NoCs being issued in favour of applicants and applications received till date besides their reporting and follow up status by the concerned departments.

Furthermore, there was thorough deliberation regarding the services that have been brought in the ambit of the public services guarantee act.

The DC exhorted upon the officers to ensure that the services are provided as per the timelines in the act and to develop mechanisms to keep a check on their subordinates regarding

SHD Bandipora organises Awareness camp for Sheep farmers at Gamroo

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 28: Sheep Husbandry Department, Bandipora on Saturday organised an awareness camp for Sheep farmers at Sheep development block office, Gamroo Bandipora.

The event witnessed participation of progressive Sheep farmers, youth and aspiring entrepreneurs.

On the occasion, Dr. Parwaiz Ahmad, Veterinary As sistant Surgeon, Gamroo threw detailed light on the various ongoing activities of the Department including artificial insemination in goats, livestock registration on INAPH portal and subsidized livestock insurance under National Livestock Mission (NLM).

The farmers were made aware about feeding management during winter period and were apprised about the profitable scientific management of livestock

He also informed the farmers regarding the recently launched Holistic Agricultural Development Programme of the Government of UT of J&K for upgrading the agriculture and allied sectors.

The grievances/ demands put forth by the participating farmers were redressed on spot. The event concluded with the distribution of insurance certificates among the

DLC approves 17 cases under PM-FME at Kulgam

Farooq Rather



KULGAM, JANUARY 28: A meeting of District Level Committee (DLC) was held today under the chairman ship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat to discuss and approve the cases/ proposals under Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme under 'One District One Product (ODOP)'

During the meeting, 33 cases were tabled before the committee and after proper discussion with the applicants the committee approved 17 cases. Rest of the applicants were advised to revisit their

projects and come up with economically viable ones and resubmit their cases for approval. Among others, JD Planning Zahid Sajad, General

Manager DIC Bashir Ahmad, Chief Agriculture Officer, Area Marketing Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer and other members of the committee attended the

MCG makes instant redressal of public miseries

GANDERBAL, JANUARY 28: The men from Municipal Council (MCG) Ganderbal despite all odds, repaired manholes in Gangerhama ward after the Deputy Commissioner, Shyambir visited the area and took notice of the affected drainage system.

The DC recently visited various wards of the Municipal Council and met locals to listen to their grievances and genuine demands.

The DC gave on the spot directions to the Executive Officer MCG, Naveed Aijaz Khan accompanying him. Acting on the directions, EO put his efficient men to work and the drain in Gangerhama ward was repaired immediately and manholes were installed within two

The locals lauded the instant work and grievance redressal by the MCG and expressed their gratitude to the DC and the EO.

Meanwhile, DC had also advised violators to refrain from dumping wastes on the road sides and other open areas. He said that the locals should make use of the installed waste bins and dumpers for the proper disposal and waste management.

The violators in fact produced in writing that they will fully abide by the directions and also admitted that they will neither repeat their mistakes nor will they allow anyone to litter around. Meanwhile, DC had also advised violators to refrain from dumping wastes on the road sides and other open areas. He said that the locals should make use of the installed waste bins and dumpers for the proper disposal and waste man-

Meeting of Standing Committee for Health & Education held at Budgam



BUDGAM, JANUARY 28: A meeting of the Standing Committee for Health and Education was held in the Conference Hall here.DDC Member- DDC Constituency Khansahib Bashir Ahmad Bhat who is Chairperson of the Committee presided over the meeting besides Saima Jan DDC Member B.K.Pora and DDC Member Pakherpora/Chararisharief Molvi Bashir Ahmad also attended the meeting.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Budgam, Akramullak Tak; Chief Education Office, Dy. Chief Medical Officer Budgam. All Block Medical Officers and Zonal Education Officers of the district also attended the meeting.

Discussions related to the Education and Health sectors were held. Chief Education Officer Budgam informed that there are 13 Educational Zones having 928 functional schools and 7 Govt. Degree Colleges, 2

ITIs besides One JNV and One Kendreya Vidyaliya. Besides there are 292 private Schools and total student population of the district is 150661.

While discussing the Health sector, Dy.Chief Medical Officer gave a profile of Health Sector of District Budgam. During the discussion, DDC Member

Khansahib was of the opinion that some Ambulances need Drivers which has been taken into account and BMO Khansahib was asked to forward a proposal for internal arrangement of Drivers so that these Ambulances are put to use in a realistic

ADDC elaborated the role of Standing Committees and it was informed that the low requirement demands shall be put before the standing Committees so that Members could arrange funds for these demands within their sanctioned grants.

Anti-encroachment drive 406 Kanals of State/Kahcharie land retrieved at Shopian, 40 shops sealed in Main Town

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 28: Acting tough against land grabbers, the District Administration Shopian today retrieved around 406 kanals of state and kahcharie land during anti-encroachment drives carried out across the district.

In tehsil Shopian, 40 shops built on State land were also sealed today by Executive Magistrate (Tehsildar) Shopian.

A team of revenue officials under the supervision of Tehsildar also freed 90 kanals of kahcharie and 12 kanals of state land in Ramnagri village during the anti-encroachment drive. In tehsil Keegam, a team of revenue of-

ficials under the Supervision of Tehsildar Keegam at village Pirpora retrieved 15 kanals of state land and 35 kanals of kahcharie which were encroached by Former Finance minister and his family members. In Tehsil Chitragam, Tehsildar Chi-

tragam along with NT Chitragam freed 3 Kanals of encroached land in Village Chitragam. The land was retrieved from the brother of Ex. MLC. Similarly, in Tehsil Barbugh, 149 kanals and 10 marlas of kahcharie land

was reclaimed at Hardoo Handew, in

tehsil Keller. 16 kanals of state land was

retrieved in Batmuran Wanpora, in Te-

hsil Herman 31 kanals and 11 marlas of kahcharie and 13 kanals and 9 marlas of state land was retrieved in Nagisheran and in tehsil Zainapora, 40 kanals and 12 marlas of kahcharie land was freed from

The retrieved land shall be earmarked for various developmental projects, playgrounds, village centric amenities and various other development and public welfare purposes in consultation with PRIs and local people.

the land grabbers.

Anti-encroachment drives are underway across the district and thousands of kanals of land have been reclaimed by the revenue department in the past few

DC Srinagar chairs meeting of Revenue Officers Finalises action plan to fill Positions of Lambardars and Chowkidars

SRINAGAR JANUARY 28:-In order to strengthen the traditional and vital village institutions of Lambardars and Chowkidars in the District, a meeting of Revenue Officers was today held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC), Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad here at Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex.

Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC), Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Additional Deputy Commissioner(ADC), Syed Shabir Ahmad, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Raies Ahmad Bhat, Tehsildars of Eidgah, South Srinagar, Khanyar, Panthachowk, Central Shalteng, Chanapora and Srinagar North were present in the meeting.

At the outset, the Deputy Commissioner took a detailed review about the working and functioning of the Revenue Department at grass root level and coordination of Tehsildars with the Field Revenue staff. He also reviewed the process of filling up the positions of Lambardars



and Chowkidars in all Tehsils of the District.

The DC said that the positions of Lamberdars and Chowkidars are very significant which act as a link between the people and Administration. He said filling up the positions of Lamberdars and Chowkidars is vital for the benefits of general people and Administration for better coordination at grassroots level. The DC said field Revenue staff plays a pivotal role in maintaining proper vigil on encroachments on Government land, besides in ensuring prompt flow of the requisite information

from villages.

The DC directed all the Tehsildars of the District to expedite the process of appointment of Lamberdars and Chowkidars to fill all the positions in a timebound manner as per the relevant Act and rules in vogue.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Com-

missioner also reviewed the status of grievances disposal related to Migrant properties filed by the Kashmiri migrants.

The DC was informed that out of total 1883 complaints received only 188 are pending which are being addressed on a fast track basis.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed all the Tehsildars to pay focused attention to the complaints registered on the portal/offline to ensure quality redressal to the best satisfaction of the complainants. He further asked the officers to work with added zeal and dedication while redressing the grievances to ensure their time bound, prompt and quality disposal.

DC also reviewed the process of online public services delivery mechanism. He said not a single application should be beyond stipulated period under PSGA. He said the District coordination cell for ensuring hassle free online services to the people has been established and all public grievances shall be resolved and attended to.

DHEW Budgam conducts series of Activities under BBBP

BUDGAM, JANUARY 28: The District Hub for Empowerment of Women (DHEW) Budgam conducted Special Gram Sabha/Mahila Sabha on CSR and Child Protection and Importance of Skill Development among Girls and Pasting of BBBP Stickers at Hushroo Chadoora, Budgam.On the occasion, participants were informed about skill development and training programmes provided under various schemes including Skill Mission Development, Himayat and UMEED.A Slogan-writing/ Essay writing competition was held among girls at Govt. High school Ompora Budgam to promote Gender equality and Girls Right to live and educate. The team said through these activities a mass awareness is intended to be generated in the district against malpractice carried out towards a Girl Child and also intensify awareness regarding Government Spon-

sored schemes for empowerment of Girl child. The team further stressed upon the education of the Girl child and legal rights of the Women.A Community meeting on BBBP sensitization programme was held at Kaiser Muhall Chadoora among community members towards ending child marriage. The team also raised awareness on Child Marriage Act 2006, and said that public and community awareness on the provision of the act is necessary to curb such practices. The team further stressed upon the education of the Girl child and legal rights of the Women.A Community meeting on BBBP sensitization programme was held at Kaiser Muhall Chadoora among community members towards ending child marriage. The team also raised awareness on Child Marriage Act 2006, and said that public and community awareness on the provision of the act.

JKRLM conducts a daylong session on 'Fire & Safety' ahead of "SARAS Ajeevika" Fair

JAMMU, JANUARY 28: Jammu Kashmir Rural livelihoods Mission(JKRLM) in coordination with Fire and Emergency Services Jammu on Saturday conducted a day long session regarding Fire Safety, in view of "SARAS AJEEVIKA" Fair to be held in Jammu at aquaplex crown Bagh- e -Bahu, from 4th Feb to 14th Feb 2023.

The training was imparted by Kanwal Peshin Divisional Fire Officer Sub command city Jammu.Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib personally took part in the training session besides other officers and employees of the Mission.Divisional Fire officer sub command, Kanwal Peshin gave a detailed presentation on fire safety and its prevention, further All important measures and precautions to be taken during fire, were delivered to the staff by the expert, later a live demonstration of using fire extinguisher was also held.



Speaking on the occasion, Mission Director JKRLM, said though the standard safety arrangements have been ensured, nevertheless to mitigate the reduction of an untoward incident, she said all the officials should have know how, of using fire extinguisher equipments and can contribute their bit in mitigation.

She further thanked Alok Kumar, ADGP, Director Fire and Emergency Services for arranging the session for the JKRLM staff.

Srinagar Admin holds Award Ceremony at Banquet Hall

DC Srinagar felicitates Civil & Police officials, Young Achievers for meritorious services

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The DC urged the participants to work with added zeal, responsibil-

ity and commitment in future also for public welfare and overall betterment of the society.

Additional District Development Commissioner, Srinagar, Zahoor Ahmad Mir; Joint Director Planning, Mohammad Yaseen Lone; SDM, East; SDM, West; ACD, District/Sectoral Officers and other concerned were present on the

gramme, the Chief Planning Officer presented the vote of thanks and appreciated everyone for their contribution towards society.

The proceedings of the event were conducted by Assistant Commissioner Development, Syed Farooq Ahmad, who on behalf of the awardees thanked the Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar for his constant guidance and motivation to perform duties with added zeal, hard work and dedication. To acknowledge and recognize the services rendered by the Officers/ Officials of District Administration Srinagar, Police and other persons who have performed distinguished and meritorious services in various fields such as Civil Administration, Police, Education, Social Services, Sports etc., the District Administration Srinagar today held a Felicitation cum Award Ceremony program at Banquet Hall, here. The felicitation program was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC)

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DC Kulgam inaugurates Skill Training programme for 180 youth under SANKALP



KULGAM, JANUARY 28: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr.Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today inaugurated Skill Training programme for 180 youth under Skill Acquisition & Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) at ITI College Chawalgam, here. Present on the occasion were Additional Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Viqar Ahmed Giri; Superintendent ITI College Sahil Rasheed and other officers and staff members of the college.

These youth were identified during Back to village phase four to impart skill training to them and make them able to get sustainable livelihood after attaining proper skill training in different trades/courses.

After inaugurating the training programme, the DC interacted with these candidates and emphasized to them to learn skills properly to be able to earn livelihood for themselves and generate employment for others as well. He also directed the superintendent ITI to make the training programme effective so that the youth will be in position for self employment after completion of the training from the college.

Public outreach programme: DC Kulgam visits far-off K.B.Pora area

KULGAM, JANUARY 28: Taking governance at the doorsteps of people, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited far-off area Khuri Bata Pora and listened to issues and grievances of people for early redressal.

PRI members and people of the area met the DC and apprised him about their issues, grievances and put forth their demands related to development of the

All the issues and grievances of people were listened to patiently by the DC for early redressal.

People also complimented the District Administration for their prompt response in restoration of services during recent Snow spells.

ACD Mohammad Imran Khan and other Officers from the District Administration accompanied the Deputy Commissioner during the visit

DC Bandipora chairs DLMC meeting

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 28: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Saturday chaired a meeting of District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) of FPOs at conference Hall of mini secretariat, here.

The meeting discussed threadbare various measures for formation and promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) under the central sector scheme. The meeting also discussed the proposals for formation of new FPOs as per the baseline survey report

The DC asked the concerned to identify the gap if any in farm practices and come up with a proper financial plan so that farmers can avail maximum benefit through FPOs.

Dr. Owais asked the concerned to take concrete steps for value addition of farmer's produce and guide them in market linkage.

The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora Ali Afsar Khan, JD Planning Imtiyaz Ahmad, Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Horticulture Planning and Marketing Officer, Incharge CBBO IGSSS, Incharge NAFED and other concerned.

Election Authority SGPCBE-K issues of members. President

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 28: The Election Authority, Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee Board Elec-

As per the notification issued here, publication of voter list (Name of Elected Members of District Gurdwara Prabandhak Committees) shall be held on

Support of locals imperative for Swachh Gram: DC Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, JANU-ARY 28: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Gander-

and locals to use dustbins installed at main points and exhorted upon them



bal, Shyambir today took an extensive tour of Block Lar where he took stock of sanitation management.

On the occasion, BDO Lar apprised the DC regarding implementation of sanitation plan and initiatives taken for sanitation management like installation of dustbins, user charges collection status, Waste collection, transportation status of waste and Segregation sheds.

The DC inspected sanitation management in the main market of Lar and shopkeepers to refrain from littering on roads and waterbodies saying that each of their role is important for a deeper understanding of the cleanliness ecosystem and how to improve it.

The DC complimented BDO Lar and his team for making significant progress with respect to cleanliness in block Lar.

While interacting with the sanitation committees and locals, the DC said that support of locals is imperative in making Swachh Gram a success at ground level and said that the basic element for improvement is with respect to changing mindsets and people need to change behavior with respect to

cleanliness He directed the Sanitation Committees to ensure 100 percent door to door waste collection in their Halgas and said that fines will be imposed against those who are found littering on the roadside.

Later, the DC visited Repora where he inaugurated Solid Waste Management Shed constructed at the cost of Rs 5.80 lakh under SBM. On the occasion the DC directed BDO to explore more options of forward linkages for the segregated waste and a scientific landfill site.

During the visit the DC was accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Development, Dr Bashir Ahmad, BDO Lar besides PRI members of Lar Block. Later, the DC visited Repora where he inaugurated Solid Waste Management Shed constructed at the cost of Rs 5.80 lakh under SBM. On the occasion the DC directed BDO to explore more options.

DC Bandipora reviews Jal Jeevan Mission in district

BANDIPORA, JAN-UARY 28: The Deputy Commissioner Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Saturday convened a meeting of concerned Officers to review the Jal Jeevan Mission of Bandipora district. During the meeting, the DC took detailed review of physical and financial progress of various JJM Works besides he also discussed authorization for issuance of allotment for various works under JJM in the district.The meeting was informed that 120 schemes have proposed under JJM including works of 17 Borewells, 38 Rapid Sand Filtration plants, 16 Slow Sand Filtration plants, 22 Overhead tanks and 91 grounded service Reservoirs.It was given out that, in 28 schemes of PHE Division Sopore, out of 69 works tender response was received for 53 works and 16 works had been re-tendered.

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been completed. The chair was apprised that 129 works of PHE Division Bandipora 113 works has been allotted and 05 works has been completed and out of 27 works of special sub division Gurez, 15 works has been allotted and one has been completed.On the occasion, 13 works were presented before committee for approval with an amount of 1089.40 lacs to be allotted.Dr. Owais instructed all the concerned officers to speed

so that the target can be achieved within the stipulated period.He asked the officers to regularly monitor the quality and progress on all allotted works for time-bound completion. The meeting was attended by Additional. Further, 36 works were allotted and work on 21 projects has been started besides one work has been completed. The chair was apprised that 129 works of PHE Division Bandipora 113 works

JKCA extends warm welcome. regards to JK winners for RD awards

awards on Republic Day to varied sections of peo- Dhian Singh, Rajeshwar ple associated in different fields have been welcomed by JK Cine Association. In a press communiqué the field of literature.In released today, Jammu performing arts, Vidyut and Kashmir Cine As- Jamwal, Aditya Dhar, sociation expressed its Mir Sarwar, Iqbal Khan gratitude to the awardees and Noor Mohammad by saying that all have have been picked for the brought pride and laurels to the UT of Jammu for Excellence in Arts and and Kashmir ."This is Crafts went to Ravinder an occasion for celebra- Jamwal . Ravinder Pantion where our people dita gets nominated for associated with different an award for Social Refields have shown their forms and Empowerment. exemplary contribution Besides, in other importin their respective fields ant categories too many and have clinched the have been awarded for honour for themselves different achievements and for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," said Cash award of Rs 51, 000, Dharmendar Kohli, Pres- a medal and a citation to ident of the Association the awardees have been .Those who have made presented on the occasion.

January 28: Bala, awarded for their Grant of JK Government achievement in the field of bravery followed by Singh Raju, , Dr Neelam Sarin , Ghulam Nabi Haleem and Nisar Rahi in honour while the award and the list is unending. their significant mark Atul Vinod Duggal, Genand contributions are eral Secretary Jammu Deepak Kumar and Saroj and Kashmir.

BIS-JKBO conducts Sensitization programme at Ganderbal

GANDERBAL, ARY 28: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office today organized a Sensitization programme for the District Level Officers of Ganderbal district in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat, here. The objective of the pro-

gramme was to develop understanding and insights of standard formulation, use of Indian Standards and to promote procurement of ISI Marked Products by Government Offices. The programme was

chaired by Additional Commissioner Deputy (ADC) Ganderbal, Mehraj Ud Din Shah.

Addressing the participants, the ADC said that standardization is of utmost importance for development. He praised the BIS care app and oth-



er initiatives taken by BIS for the development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of

Speaking on the occasion, Pankaj Atri, Joint Director BIS-JKBO gave a detailed presentation on department specific standards, Standards Formulation, Product Certification, Hallmarking and Compulsory Registration

He demonstrated the 'Know Your Standards' portal of BIS through which standards can be easily located and downloaded free of cost. He also demonstrated manakonline portal and BIS Care App through examples to check authenticity

181 marked products and Hallmarked jewellery and complaints can also be registered. The BIS Officers also

highlighted various initiatives of the BIS in bringing quality products to the customers. He said that the aim and objective of the programme is to inform the Heads of Departments in the district about the Quality checks of the standard products and laws to control the substandard products in the market.

He also gave awareness to the gathering about ISI mark and Hallmark and how to frame specifications for various departmental tenders and GeM portal.

The programme was attended by SDM Kangan, GM DIC besides other district and sectoral officers

notification for conduct of election

tion Kashmir (SGPCBE-K) Division (Divisional Commissioner Kashmir) today issued a notification for conduct of election of members, President and other Office bearers of the Gurdwara Prabandhak Board

13 February, 2023. Election notification in this regard shall be issued

on 17 February, 2023, while the last date for filing nomination is 23 February, 2023.

H&H Deptt Pulwama organizes one day Exhibition/ **Awareness Camp for Cooperatives of district**

PULWAMA, JANUARY 28: A one day Exhibition cum Awareness Camp for the Cooperatives of Pulwama district was today organised by Handicrafts and Handloom (H&H) Department Pulwama with the theme 'Encouraging Cooperatives towards Self Reliance' at Town Hall, here.

An overwhelming response and participation of Handloom/ Handicrafts Cooperative members of the district was observed, besides a large number of artisans and weavers across the district attended the

The primary objective of the event was to make local artisans and weavers aware about the government schemes and initiatives relat-

ed to Handicraft and Handlooms. The Camp was inaugurated by Hakeem Riyaz ul Haq, Dy. Director (Administration) of Directorate of Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir in presence of Publicity and Exhibition Officer, Assistant Director Handicrafts and Handloom Pulwa-

Registrar Cooperatives Deptt, Manager ACC Bank Pulwama, Asstt. Registrar, INDUSCOS Handicrafts & Handloom Deptt were also present on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, Dy. Director (Admin) Handicrafts & Handloom Kashmir encouraged the cooperative societies/ SHGs for adopting



this heritage craft to earn their livelihood. He emphasized for progressive work culture in nurturing this

He informed that 08 basic services of the Department have been integrated with JK SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM, besides online services are also available on the portal.

Hakeem Riyaz lauded the efforts of the Handicrafts & Handloom department in reaching out to the artisans and weavers besides disseminating the information regarding active schemes of the department.

He suggested various reforms in uplifting the conditions of our artisans and weavers and encouraged people to adopt this trade for bringing change in their lives.

Other guest speakers present in the event delivered their lectures on the theme and sensitized the participants about various flagship programmes and schemes available in the department, with special reference to Cooperatives.

AD Handicrafts & Handloom Pulwama gave a brief presentation on the Formation of Cooperatives and benefits provided to them by the department after welcoming the guests and participants in the pro-

He said such camps shall continue to be organised in the district for general publicity of the schemes of the Department. He added that marketing avenues and opportunities have increased manifold by the innovative interventions of the department.

HEADLINES TODAY

SUNDAY SALAD...

HUMAN RIGHTS and QURANIC PERSPECTIVE

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

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

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

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

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

Deforestation Causing Climatic Change



Forests are not just dense groups of trees but the golden assets of a nation

eforestation refers to the cutting of different tree species on a large scale. Deforestation leads to soil erosion. flash floods, the risk of high-intensity natural calamities, and decrease in the concentration of oxygen level in the atmosphere and an increase in carbon dioxide, which causes an increase in temperature during summers. In fact, forests play a necessary role in balancing natural phenomena. It includes providing us with oxygen, which is necessary for the survival of life on this earth and there is no alternative to it. I agree that in our system every subject is important and has an eminent influence on our society like economics, education, political science, mathematics, history and all the remaining ones. But one thing is true and has been experienced by the experts to effectively address environment-related issues, we need scientific experts. They will be able to convince people about the urgent need to protect forests. People are destroying this national asset for petty gains. In our society there are selfish elements that are damaging, destroying and smuggling forest assets for their personal gains. The fact is that forests are not just dense groups of trees. Forests are the golden assets of the

Forests are the real assets of our country. They are vital for the survival of mankind. This is why forests are far more important than gold or diamonds. We can survive without gold and diamonds but we can't survive without forests. The state plays an immense role in protecting and main-

celebrates forests, the ravishing greentipped leaves, the cylindrical upright trunk of the pine trees, and mesmerising, whispering, roaring buzzing sound of the birds and insects. Forests beautify our motherland and bestow us with exceptional recreational scenes. In India, 7, 12,249 sq. km of



taining the environmental balance. Government administration or the concerned forest department should come out from their nests and should initiate counseling programmes for the general folk. Advertisement hoardings should be displayed at centrally located places for awareness and

For the last couple of years, I have visited several forest areas in different districts like Budgam, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Doda, Kishtwar and Teshil Bhaderwah It is very heart-wrenching and painful that in these areas, deforestation has taken place at an alarming level. The forests wear a thin look here. This ruthless act was done by selfish people for the sake of a few currency notes. Our culture celebrates forests for so many centuries; man has been celebrating the wealth of forests. Poets have written about forests. Singers sing about forests. Bollythe total geographical area is under forests. In Jammu & Kashmir, a 20,230 sq. km geographical area is under forests.

Pir Panjal forest range in Jammu and Kashmir is rich in different kinds of forest trees and plays a pivotal role in terms of the biodiversity of Jammu and Kashmir. This forest range provides shelter to several animal

Pir Panjal is a group of mountains in the lesser Himalayas region, running from east-southeast to northwest across the Indian territories of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir and then in Pakistan-Occupied J&K (POJK). The average elevation varies from 1400 m to 4100 m. The Himalayas show a gradual elevation towards the Dhauladhar and Pir Panjal ranges. Pir Panjal is the largest range of the lesser Himalayas. Near the banks of the Sutlej River, it dissociates itself from the Hima-

and Ravi rivers on one side and the Chenab on the other. The renowned Galvat Mountains are also located in this range. The region is connected to the valley of Kashmir via the Mughal road and used to be the historical connection of Kashmir with other states of India.

Forests are used as recreational and research areas. For centuries forests have been used for recreational activities like for summer camps during the scorching heat. Forests are used for trekking purposes, mountaineering purposes, hunting, etc. Forests have been used for research for a long. Scholars pursuing their doctorate degrees in botanical and similar sciences are fond of forests because they offer rich

Forests help balance the food chains, and food webs, provide shelter to wild animals, and birds, act as the hub of medicinal plants and provide grazing space to the tribal nomads. In some places, people who are living nearby the forests also get several benefits without harming the forests.

Deforestation and the solutions

Deforestation takes place when there is an external involvement that disturbs the forests for means of smuggling, construction purposes, urbanization, timber demand for bridges, buildings, etc. Afforestation is the best alternative for the areas where trees have been cut down. But it takes too long to get into its original shape. So we should be aware of the people who try to harm the forests. Local bodies and the government administration should pay attention to this issue. They must hold public awareness programs regularly and deploy sufficient man force during night hours until our society gets vigilant and educated regarding the importance of the forests and their uses The writer is Environmental Science lecturer at Government Higher Secondary School, Khellani, Doda

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Impact of Human Activities on the Natural Environment



Tumans are the only living beings on planet earth who are responsible for the destruction of its environment. Humans pollute air, water, soil, light, sound, and even the sky. This is due to human activities like travel, power generation, industrial waste dumped into rivers, polyethylene waste, deforestation, nuclear testing, automobiles, industrialisation, artificial methods used in agriculture, cell phones, etc. This pollution is harmful not only to humans but also to animals and plants. Environmental pollution decreases the healthy life span of every living creature.

Environmental degradation is the deterioration of the environment through depletion of resources such as air, water and soil: the destruction of ecosystems: habitat destruction; the extinction of wildlife; and pollution.

Human activities affect the environment by contributing to air, water, and soil pollution. While it can be difficult to asees which pollutants are associated with specific effects on the environment or public health, it is generally accepted that air pollution can indeed cause public health problems and also harm plant and animal life. Pollution isn't just limited to the air. It can affect soil or waterways and can come from human waste, industrial chemicals and other sources. These toxins can exert tremendous stress on the natural world, leading to environmental degradation and problems like acid rain and harmful algal blooms in

Noise pollution: The man-made noise due to mechanised automobiles, industries, trains, aeroplanes, loudspeakers, etc, causes noise pollution which has impact on both biotic and abiotic components of the environment.

Water pollution: Human activities in respect of disposal of sewage wastes, solid wastes, municipal wastes, agricultural and industrial wastes cause the environment to be unfit for day to day use. Besides, polluted water spreads or leads to different diseases.

Deforestation refers to decrease in forest areas across the world that are destroyed for uses such as agricultural croplands, urbanisation, or mining activities. Growing populations have to be housed, which means they seek more space to build homes and cities. This often involves clearing forests to make room for urban and suburban development, as well as to provide building materials. Currently, it is estimated that 18 million acres of trees are cut every year to create space for development and for use in wood products. Deforestation has many effects, including decreasing oxygen levels (and increasing greenhouse gases), elevated risk of soil erosion, and the destruction of animal habitats.



But as is the case with industrial agriculture, some groups have endeavoured to create a positive counter-impact to deforestation's detrimental effects on the environment. INDUSTRIAL ISATION

Although the industrial activities of man provide for basic needs of the society, simultaneously the same release a lot of pollutants in the environment. The pollutants cause loss of raw materials, health hazards, increase in death rate, damage to crops, making the environment unfit for living organisms. There are a number of forms of industrial pollution. Industrial pollution can also impact air quality, and it can enter the soil, causing widespread environmental problems. Industrial activities are a major source of air, water and land pollution, leading to illness and loss of life all over the world.

Hundreds of different types of paper are produced and used daily: newspapers, kitchen towel paper, toilet paper, cheques, documents, receipts – the list goes on and on. It is important to remember that the only resource for paper is trees. Because of the need for hygiene and wasteful lifestyles, demand for paper is constantly increasing, so trees are being cut down to meet market needs, leading to chang-

NUCLEAR TESTING

Nuclear weapon testing is the most dangerous human activity which destroys nature on a much wider scale. These tests are conducted either on the surface or under the ground or even sometimes under the water. These tests result in an uncontrolled release of radioactive materials which have several harmful health effects on human, animals and the whole nature.

HARMFUL PESTICIDES

With the great rise in population, there is also rising food production. To aid this production, crops are produced nutritional values

HABITAT LOSS AND EXTINCTION

Wildlife conservation is becoming tougher because their natural habitat is constantly being threatened and destroyed. Water pollution and deforestation are the main reasons for habitat loss. Deforestation may give rise to abundant land for humans but leaves animals homeless. Human activities are triggering extinction of species to unprecedented and mass scale. The destruction of natural habitat along with environmental and global warming, poaching, pollution, and deforestation are some of the leading causes of this tragedy.

GLOBAL WARMING

Global warming refer to the rapid rise in earth's average surface temperature over the past century, mainly due to the greenhouse gases released by people burning fossil fuels necessary for industrialisation. It results in the melting of ice caps and increases the sea levels, triggering tsuna mis, cyclones and other natural calamities.

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The Significance of Moral Values in our Life



E ach and everyone of us have heard about Values in life, but in actual sense these are basically the ladders to decide what is good and what is bad. Moral values honesty, respect, patience, accountability,responsibility,loyalty,and so

•Honesty: Being true to oneself is the greatest virtue one should have in today's world, honesty has become a rare thing. People are not even honest to their parents. This is the crucial matter we have to act upon , As Thomas Jefferson said "Honesty is the first chapter in the book

•Respect: In the era of internet, not only the youngsters but also the mature person is losing the sanity they need to show while dealing with the elder ones. People have become so aggressive that they don't know how to behave with their elder ones even with their parents. One should al-

said; "Respect is a two-way street, if you loyal means being faithful. One should be beings and defines who they are. Kind want to get it, you've got it give it.'

•Patience Life, nowadays, is moving at such a pace that the youth are becoming more and more impatient. Desires are increasing at an alarming rate but they are not willing to work hard to get them, because it also requires immense patience. One should realise, with patience everything seems beautiful and meaningful. Patience is a beautiful thing and there is always a reward for it. "Patience is bitter, but it's fruit is sweet." Jean-Jacques Rousseau•Accountability: Youth is that stage of life, where most of us make some sort of mistake. But, rarely somebody has the courage to accept his/her fault. One should be enough courageous to accept his fault and try to overcome that. As Bob Proctor said "Accountability is the glue that ties commitment to the result."

•Responsibility: It is the biggest thing one should realise as soon as one really starts getting into his/her senses. When one starts taking the responsibility of his/her own deeds and needs, life becomes really simple. As Christopher Avery said "Taking responsibility is a commitment to own your life, to self-leadership, growth, and freedom.

•Loyalty: This is the most important thing

loyal towards everybody not to their own people only. As Cicero, "Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable, than loyalty."•Hard work: As many virtues are good in particular way hard work is also morally good. Hard work makes our life good and good to others .As from handwork we learn many life lessons such as determination, problem solving self control which serve us in many areas such as health hobbies and so on.

According to Collin Powell, "A dream does not become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.' ·Cooperation: cooperation is a necessary

pillar which we all need to succeed. As Bertrand Russell said "the only thing that will redeem mankind is cooperation. We all need cooperation to tackle a situa-

tion when it is group work. Kindness: kindness is changing the way

we see oneself and others see us. As our kindness positively affects others, we feel more compassionate, confident, useful, and in control. We also find ourselves feeling more appreciative and optimistic. Kindness is an integral part of being a pinnacle personal an ethical man or girl due to the actuality it is a selfless act and one carried out to massive the lives of others.

human beings care about others their thoughts and actions.

An act of kindness can enhance feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They can moreover in addition inspire others to repeat the applicable deeds they've specialist themselves contributing to a large outstanding shut through way of life.As Amelia Earhart said "A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.'

From a scientific perspective, there are suggested therapeutic workout routines and techniques to decorate gratitude, and they appear pretty easy and available to mix into psychotherapy practice. However, the therapeutic efficacy of these techniques stays commonly unknown. Only future search for will make clear the many questions spherical assessment, possible enefits, and enhancement of gratitude

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Ramban admin distributes blankets among needy people

RAMBAN, JANUARY 28: District Administration Ramban today distributed blankets among poor and needy people here in the Ramban Town.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Ramban Harbans Lal Sharma in presence of Tehsildar, Rafiq Ahmed, Naib Tehsildar and other officials distributed as many as 100 blankets among the needy people provided by a Delhi based NGO 'GOONG' through its team member Jammu & Kashmir Khursheed Ahmed.

The ADC thanked the NGO 'GOONG' for providing blankets to needy people which help them, especially in the present peak winter season.

DC Rajouri chairs mega youth conclave

RAJOURI, JANUARY 28: District administration Rajouri is going to organise LG Rolling Cricket Cup as part of youth engagement programme under the aegis of Nasha Mukt Bharat campaign.

Deputy Commissioner , Vikas Kundal announced about the sports event today while addressing a huge audience here at a one day mega youth conclave organised by the District Administration in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department. The tournament will start from 5th February 2023.

ACR, Imran Rashid Kataria; DSWO, Wakeel Ahmed Bhatt; Councillor, Shafqat Mir; Sanjay Sharma besides a large number of youth attended the event.

Describing the youth as the real ambassadors of change, the Deputy Commissioner said that the Government was sincerely working towards their socio-economic empowerment by grooming their potential in the right direction. Highlighting the importance of sports for all round development of the youth, the DC exhorted the participants to take equal interest in sports along with academics to become all-rounders.

He said the main objective of organising such sports events was to imbibe the spirit of leadership, discipline among the youth. "Sports strengthen physical and mental health, help to build better relationships, imbibe team spirit and help in increasing understanding among the youth and to channelise their energy in a positive direction," he added.

Listing various measures being taken to curb drug menace in the district, he stressed on the officers to put in synergized and comprehensive efforts to fight this menace. The DC also discussed arrangements for the proposed cricket tournamentand urged the concerned officers to work in tandem to ensure the smooth conduct of the event.

Republic Day celebrations Army organises debate, cultural event at NCI Maitra

RAMBAN, JANUARY 28: Indian Army, in collaboration with New Convent Institute (NCI) Maitra, Ramban organized a cultural event as a part of 74th Republic Day celebrations at the campus of host institutions.

Meanwhile, a debate competition on the topic 'Role of Indian Army' was also organized in which both boys and girls students participated. Presenting the colourful cultural programmes, students disseminated messages of peace and brotherhood among the gathering, besides enthralling the audience. Speaking on the occasion, Principal of the Host School, Mudasar Loan and Teacher Mr. Javed highlighted the significance of Republic Day and constitution of India. They asked students to fulfill all fundamental duties besides availing the rights which have been provided by the world best constitution of India.

He also thanked the Indian Army for organizing such events for the students from time to time which help to develop the overall personality of youth.

Later, participants were awarded fortheir outstanding performances by the Army and school management.

GDC Neeli Nallah hosts seminar on conservation of **Himalayan Medicinal Plants**

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 28: Government Degree Col lege Neeli Nallah, Udhampur on Saturday organised a seminar cum awareness programme on "Diversity, Conservation & Livelihood Security Through Important Himalayan Medicinal Plants" in collaboration with "Regional-cum-Facilitation Centres Northern Region -II, National Medicinal Plants, Board, Ministry of Ayush Govt. of India, Sher-E-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir".

The event was held under the Patronage of Prof. Hans Raj, Principal, GDC Neeli Nallah, Udhampur. The programme was started with a welcome address by Mr. Ramneek Sharma, student of Semester I. The formal welcome to the resource persons of the event was done by Prof. Shaista Yasmeen.Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the College, in his keynote address gave a brief introduction about the theme of the seminar- "Diversity, Conservation & Livelihood Security through Important Himalayan Medicinal Plants". He stated that the role of medicinal plants is particularly important in the Himalayan Region as it is the major source of medication all over India. He stressed that the main motive of the seminar was to educate the students about how they will generate self-employment and livelihod with the help of cultivation of medicinal plants. Further, first speaker of the event Prof. Sheikh Bilal Ahmed, Regional Director, RCFC Northern Region II,

Members of Noapara Vivekananda Social Welfare Society Visited junglemaha

Sourav Dutta:



A team of 16 member of Noapara Vivekananda social welfare society reached Junglemahal .The primary objective of this visit was to reach out to the underprivileged "Shabor & other backward tribes" from Bankura. The team members of Noapara Vivekananda social welfare society distributed warm blankets, sarees, winter garments, food grains, wheats, biscuits, etc. To all around 450 people benefitted from this outreach program .Noapara Vivekananda Social Welfare Society President Sangram Biswas reiterated their committment towards building a bright future for those who

Atal Dulloo reviews implementation of infrastructure Fund Schemes in Agri, Allied sectors

JAMMU, JANUARY 28: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review implementation of government schemes that are aimed at promoting agriculture infrastructure in the state.

The schemes reviewed in the meeting included the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Agriculture and Horticulture Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF), Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF), National Horti-culture Board (NHB), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Livestock Mission (NLM) and Rashtriya Gokul Mission

During the meeting, the status of various projects submitted by entrepreneurs for seeking loans under the different funds was presented before the ACS. He expressed his displeasure over the low rate of loan approvals and directed the officials to facilitate the approval and disbursal process with the least hassle to the beneficiaries.



The ACS also discussed establishment of sheep-goat breeding farms, breeding development of poultry, feed and fodder development and several other activities under NLM. He emphasised the need for encouraging the Jammu-based entrepreneurs to participate more in these activities.

He noted that bull production and breed multiplication farms under NLM have received a good response from entrepre-

neurs. Similar response has been witnessed in the fisheries sector, as well. With regard to the fisheries sector, Atal Dulloo stressed on extending the benefits of RAS technology to maximum number of eligible persons, stating that each set up can employ around a hundred people.

The meeting also reviewed projects including establishment of integrated pack houses, nurseries under MIDH; and CA

stores, food processing units under PMDP.

Referring to the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Dulloo said that projects are verified by PMU and thereby attest their feasibility. Banks should readily entertain such applications. he said.

The ACS also discussed other projects like opening of cold stores, logistic facilities, mushroom farms, packaging units, silos, warehouses etc that have been proposed to be set up by entrepreneurs of J&K and their status under various schemes. He also took feedback from officers from the National Horticulture Board on the developments under their respective

Atal Dulloo emphasised that the government is encouraging entrepreneurship and banks must come together with the government to reach the common goal. He also took feedback from bankers on why loans have been rejected to several applicants. He discussed individual cases and the discrepancies in them.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Shabnam Kamili; Director Agriculture Jammu, KK Sharma; Director Horticulture, Ram Savak; Director Animal Husbandry, Shubhra Sharma and Director Horticulture (PM), Vikas Shar-

Corresponding officers from Kashmir, including Director Horticulture Kashmir, G R Mir and others participate through video conference.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah participates Maha Vishnu Yagya in Jammu

Samba, 28 January: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President and Member of Parliament from Srinagar Dr. Farooq Abdullah on Saturday visited Samba where Maha Vishnu Yagya was organised in the memory of

On the occasion he met Sant Shri Bal Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj. He was accompanied by Rattan lal gupta provincial President JKNC Jammu, Ajaz Jan Provincial President JKYNC, Israr Khan, Abdul Gani Teli, Vijay Lochan, Mohinder Singh, Sudagar Chand Gupta, Chander Uday Singh, Rakesh Singh Raka, Rahul Mahajan, Rajeshwer

On the occasion, Dr.Farooq called for united efforts for strengthening the communal harmony and brotherhood. "Jammu people are pluralistic by nature. The cultural life of Jammu has been shaped by great sages and saints, who enriched it with the teachings of universal brotherhood by teaching and preaching the philosophy that considers world as a family. The agenda of communal forces remains at work to divide us. However, what such forces fail to recognise is that the spirit of our unity is deep-rooted and widespread. It is very reassuring to see how both Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs participate in each other's festivals and shoulder each other's worries. Our country's, for that matter J&K's true potential lays in our unity. The everyday life of our people across Jammu espous-



es examples that brings alive the idea of India and restores our faith in Humanity," he said. "More So the people in Jammu have

fraternal ties with the people of Kashmir and ladakh as well. It is really unfortunate to see how the enemies of humanity have over the years done everything to create hatred among people of Jammu region and Kashmir valley towards each other on communal lines. I'm sure that my brothers and sisters will not let such forces succeed in their nefarious designs. I congratulate the organizers and management, particularly Shri Yogeshwar Das Ji Maharaj for their efforts. I'm sure that the devotees will benefit from the spiritual, mental and physical benefits of the Yagya. I pass on my good wishes to the entire management for their future endeavours,"he said.

DC Kishtwar inaugurates Rs 12 Lakh PMEGP unit sponsored by KVIB

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 28: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Dr Devansh Yadav today inaugurated Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) unit (Readymade Garments Shop belonged to Zaffar Abbas of Village Palmar) sponsored by Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) here at Sangrambhatta.

He was accompanied by DDC member Palmar, Tahir Masood and other senior officials of the dis-

Pertinent to mention that the PMEGP beneficiary Zaffar Abbas son of Mohammad Abbas Sheikh of Daggi Palmar has established the Readymade Garments Shop near petrol pump Sangrambhatta with a project cost of Rs 12.00 Lakh and a loan of Rs 11.40 lakh has been sanctioned with a credit linked Subsidy of Rs 4.20 lakh under Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Scheme being sponsored by KVIB.

Interacting with the



beneficiary, Deputy Commissioner highlighted the success of the scheme and urged him to avail the benefit of this centrally sponsored scheme to earn his livelihood and live with dignity.

He wished him the best of luck for future endeavour and stressed to imbibe the punctuality, sincerity and discipline for greater success in business.

Meanwhile, the DC Kishtwar also appreciated the efforts of KVIB in the Employment Generation sector and said the first step towards Youth empowerment is the eco-

nomic empowerment of Youth and schemes like these act as handholding for the Youth to become economically self-suffi-

He said that due to the tremendous from unemployed youth, MoMSME Gol extended PMEGP Schemes up to 2026 and the upper project limit cost has been enhanced from Rs 25.00 Lakh to Rs.50.00 Lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs 10.00 lakh to Rs 20.00 lakh in service sectors. He further stated that besides rural areas KVIB will sponsor cases

DC Chairs District TB Control Society meeting; **Reviews Routine Immunization status**

Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, who is also Chairman District Tuberculosis Control Society for erstwhile District Doda (Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban) today chaired a meeting of District TB Forum (District TB Control Society) meeting to assess the community engagement. interventions and community led TB response here in his office at DC office Doda. District Tuberculosis Officer, Dr Guljabeen Ara gave a detailed presentation highlighting the status of progress in Presumptive TB Testing, TB Notification rate, im-



plementation of Nikshay Poshan and Nikshay Mitra under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA) in the district. She informed that the free diagnosis, testing, and follow up check ups of the patients is carried out properly

and timely in the district. Erstwhile District Doda has achieved 69% of the target in case of TB notification, and 98% in testing of the suspected patients. Action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting of District TB Control Society

was also discussed.The DC directed to accelerate the TB elimination active ities through a focused approach, especially in areas where TB cases are relatively higher (Hot Beds). It was impressed upon all the stakeholders to ensure contact tracing of all the active Pulmonary TB patients.The BMOs were made personally responsible for test ing the suspected cases from general OPD in all their health care institutions and report to CMO on a weekly basis.The DC desired from the concerned officers to treat the patients diagnosed for TB with utmost care in all the health

MVD conducts checking to enforce installation of Speed Limit Devices REASI, JANUARY 28:

Motor Vehicle Department Team Reasi team led by ARTO today booked 90 vehicles for different violations, which included 30 vehicles for non installation/functioning of Speed Limiting Devices. Besides Rs.77000 fine was realized on the spot from various violators during Special Naka laid on Katra-Jammu road

During the Naka around 121 vehicles were checked. special emphasis was laid on checking of Speed Limiting Devices (SLD) in Public service vehicles.

Moreover, 4 vehicles were Out of Route and 22 were fined for overloading and booked accordingly as per MV Act.

Besides this, awareness was also imparted among



drivers and the public regarding Road safety. The drivers were advised

to adopt all safety measures in order to avoid accidents. Vehicle drivers were directed to install Speed

Limit Devices and not to resort to overload/overcharging and to follow the traffic rules in its true spirit. Vehicle drivers were directed to install Speed Limit Devices and not to resort to overload/ overcharging

JKEDI organizes mega entrepreneurship awareness program in Poonch

All J&K districts have instrumental role to play in creating open and inclusive ecosystem for startups: Director-JKEDI

POONCH, JANUARY 28: As a part of his ongoing visit to the Pir Panjal region, Ajaz Ahmad Bhat, Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Saturday inaugurated a mega entrepreneurship awareness programme here in Poonch. The aim of this visit is to ac-

knowledge the fact that remote areas and border districts play a critical role in strengthening the overall entrepreneurship ecosystem in the Union Terri-

The day-long awareness program was organized by JKEDI in collaboration with Government Degree College, Poonch, and the University of Jammu, Poonch Campus. The aim be hind such initiatives is to enable young minds to develop an entrepreneurial mindset at an early stage. This will enable them to overcome the challenges of launching a business venture. This will also encourage critical thinking and innovation among students from various schools, colleges, and universities in the district.

"JKEDI is planning to start short-term courses revolving around the theme of entrepreneurship in various schools and colleges in J&K. In the long run, undergraduate and postgraduate courses will also be offered. This step will help create a robust entrepreneurial culture in



J&K. Unemployment is a serious challenge and self-employ-

ment and entrepreneurship can counter this threat. We have to materials and resources available to us," said Ajaz Ahmad

The officials from JKEDI also enumerated the benefits of the term loan scheme under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and how this initiative of the Government is generating self-employment among the minority community. In the coming days, the Institute is releasing a compendium of various entrepreneurship and self-employment related schemes. This will be a great help for the youth of UT and will enable them to make informed career choices.

Amit conducts spot inspection of extraction sites to ensure availability of minor minerals for Delhi-Katra expressway, Ring Road project

KATHUA/SAMBA, JANUARY 28: Secretary, Mining, Amit Sharma today conducted an extensive visit to the mining extraction areas of Kathua and Samba belts of the Union Territory wherein major National Highway projects like Delhi-Katra Expressway and Semi Ring Road works are going on

He was accompanied by Managing Director, J&K Minerals Limited and District Mineral Officers. The Secretary inspected multiple sites of crushers and supply of minor materials related to the ongoing prestigious projects of national importance.

The Secretary Mining took firsthand account of ongoing mining works for these projects during the field visit, the progress of which is being directly monitored by top administration led by Lieutenant Governor



Manoj Sinha and Chief Secretary Dr Arun K Me-

Explicit directions were by Secretary issued Mining to all the departmental officers to ensure uninterrupted supply of raw materials in these important works so that these National Highway projects can be completed well within the prescribed timelines. During the visit, the

Secretary Mining also directed the departmental officers to hold regular meetings with stakeholders so that their issues can be resolved with spot redressal of the same

wherever possible. He also emphasised that there should be widespread publicity camshould paigns which be carried out in all the twenty districts of the UT so as to popularise the

platform. It can be accessed at geologymining. jk.gov.in with e-Challan as the basis of same with online payment and choice-based selection of supplier for purchase of raw materials which has been created on the pattern of popular Amazon and Flipkart e-marketplaces. Before culminating the

visit, Amit Sharma assured the executing agencies for these prestigious National Importance Projects like Ring Road, Katra-Delhi Expressway and others that Director Geology & Mining shall be ensuring in future that requisite mining materials shall be supplied uninterruptedly but at the same time, executing agencies also must ensure that they take mining related materials from legal sources only.

DIPR hosts symposium cum cultural programme on "Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environment" at Udhampur

UDHAMPUR, JANUARY 28: Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Cultural wing Jammu, in collaboration with District Information Centre Udhampur, today organised a Symposium cum cultural programme on "Cultural Practices for Sustainable Environhere at Government Girls High School Udhampur.

President Senior Citizen Club Udhampur Mahadeep Singh was the chief guest at the event organised under the supervision of Cultural Officer, Jammu Parul Khajuria. As many as 7 students participated in the symposium competition and threw light on the topic.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest lauded the efforts of the information Department for organising the programme. He said that the contest has enabled the students position while Ipshita and Sand-

Later, artists of the Information department presented a scintillating cultural program which was highly appreciated by everyone. The proceedings of the whole program was conducted by Pooja

Thappa and Suresh Kumar. At the end of the programme, Head Master of the school Nek Ram Sharma presented the vote of

Among others, Bal Krishan, Assistant Cultural Officer, Members of senior citizen club Udhampur, staff members and students of the school besides officials of Information Department were present on

to explore their talent on a common platform which would help in building self-confidence amongst them. He urged the department to organize more such programmes to raise awareness of the future of the nation. In Symposium competition, Shruti of host school clinched first

tions, respectively. Sarita Kumari, Anita Kumari and Naveen Sharma acted as judges.

hya bagged second and third posi-

At the twin places, the DC distributed the Talaash Bridge course booklets and food items among the OOSC in presence of SDM, BDO, concerned officers and PRIs.

He also interacted with the students enrolled in the Special Winter Camps and enquired about the education and other facilities being provided to them.

Besides, I-Cards were also issued to the members of Panchayat Youth Club by the DC Kishtwar.

During the visit, the DC Kishtwar was accompanied by SDM Chhatroo Inderjeet Singh Parihar, Tehsildar Chatroo Suman Ji, BDO Tasleem Wani, ZEPO Inderwal Shakti Sen besides officials of other concerned departments.

Back to School: DC Kishtwar visits various Schools in Block Chhatroo, conducts Special Gram Sabhas

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 28: Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar Dr Devansh Yadav (IAS) today visited various Schools of Block Chhatroo and conducted Special Gram Sabhas to encourage and motivate parents to send the Out Of School Children (OOSC) back to the School.

At Gourinallah Chhatroo, Deputy Commissioner conducted a Special Gram Sabha to encourage parents for the re-enrolment of OOSCs under the Back to School Campaign of the project Talaash.

Enunciating the importance of education, the Deputy Commissioner stressed on parents to ensure that all the 70 OOSCs of the area are sent Back to School.

Gram Sabha passed a resolution exhorting parents to enroll their

children back in school and those who do not comply will be de-prioritised for benefits of MGNREGA and other Government Projects.

Earlier, the DC also listened to grievances of people and assured prompt mobile connectivity in the area, replacements of wooden poles and transformers under RDSS scheme.

Meanwhile, at GPS Zella, a similar Special Gram Sabha was conducted and the resolution was passed by involving the parents of Schedule Tribe OOSC about the Back to School initiative.

The ZEPO Inderwal and other concerned were directed to ensure the smooth conduct of the special winter camps meant for OOSC under Back-2-School initiative of project Talaash in the zone Inderwal. The

ZEPO assured for the same.

Pesky power cuts trigger protest in North Kashmir's Langate town.

DR.AB QAYOOM HT-NEWSNETWORK

Langate, Jan, 28: The residents of Langate town in North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Saturday blocked Handwara Baramulla highway and register a strong protest against the Power Development Department (PDD) for allegedly failing to provide adequate electricity to them.As per ground zero report HEADLINES DAY(HT) People Shouting anti-PDD slogans, the protesters blocked the Handwara Baramulla highway road in the main town for over 15mnts there by disrupting the movement.The protestors told HEAD-LINES TODAY (HT) that they have been suffering a lot due to the unsched



uled power cuts. "At a time when the power department claims to provide better power supply in winters but the electricity in our areas remains off for maximum hours," they said.Adv. Shahnawz Abdullah Mir Town chairman Municipal Committee Langate

said despite the fact that the PDD has established a revised schedule for prolonged power outages, consumers and the local business community continue to be plagued by inconvenient and unexpected power outages at Langate town.In this regard as elected repre-

stand with my people I urged PDD to provide electricity in compliance with the schedule,He said."Their is no curtailment schedule, they snap the power supply whenever they want."The villagers added that the students were suffering a lot as they have been preparing for their board exams these days. However, Naib Tehsildar Langate,AEE PDD along with police party from Police Post Langate headed by SI Rashid Khan visited the spot to pacify the protestors. Later, the protesters dispersed off peacefully. Meanwhile, officials in the PDD department Handwara assured that the genuine demands of the residents will be addressed at an earlies.

District Admin retrieves 10,394 Kanal state Land across Tehsil Kishtwar

KISHTWAR, JANUARY 28: District Administration Kishtwar has intensified the demolition and eviction drive in all Tehsils to retrieve the encroached state land here under the overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner, Dr Devansh Yadav.In a joint anti- encroachment drive, a team of revenue officers along with police and other

concerned officials today retrieved state land measuring 145 kanal and Kahcharai land measuring 3 kanal at Zalkot (35 kanal) near Semna, Karool Sarthal (50 kanal), Filler Thakraie (60 Kanal) of Tehsil Kishtwar worth crores of rupees value.

The land retrieved is encumbrance free patch and sign boards of state land boards were erected on the

spot in presence of police author ities.Till date, the revenue team has retrieved state land measuring around 10,394 Kanal in tehsil Kishtwar, including the township of Kishtwar. The DC has exhorted upon the ACR and Tehsildar to intensify the eviction and demolition drive in collaboration with police and other concerned in coming

Congress' silence over Art 370 exposes its inherent contradictions: Rana

out at the Congress for ducking response over abrogation of Article 370 as usual due to its inherent contradictions and taking escape route from the chronic political issues it created in Kashmir over the decades, Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana today said the statement of Jairam Ramesh is on expected lines keeping in view the flip-flop policies of his party on issues concerning upholding of Nation's sovereignty and integrity.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of releasing of book 'Trikaalsandhya and Vaishnav Vratodyaapan Pradeep on Karm-kand' by Dr. Varchaskam Sharma here this afternoon, Mr Rana said the Congress is caught between the deep sea and devil over the historic repeal of Article 370 binding Jammu and Kashmir emotionally and psychologically with rest of the country besides ending the era of deprivation of women and marginalized segments like Valmikis, PoK refugees, Gorkhas, Gujjar Bakerwals west PAK refugees and the other weaker sections.

"Talking about the political issues would certainly expose the Congress, which is solely responsible for all the ills afflicting the body psyche of the nation in general and the Valley in particular because of greed, lust and lack of vision of its so-called towering leaders", Mr Rana said, adding that such an eventuality is bound to entail the wrath of the party's new found allies in the communal, divisive, anti-national and pro-Pakistan PAGD who Congress is trying to please and appease.

Mr Rana recalled his earlier statement of the Congress creating alibis to avoid hoisting of the tricolor at



the historic Lal Chowk in view of the PAGD's strong hate for the national flag. He said Rahul Gandhi has conveniently obliged the hate mongers and anti-national political actors, who had warned of not getting flag bearers for the tricolor in the Valley if Article 370 was tinkered with. Bypassing Lal Chowk thus amounts to compromising national honour and dignity. It is different that the Tiranga is being unfurled for youth of Kashmir day in and day out with pride, he said and referred to the response they got as recently as on the Republic Day when shops in the famous market-place remained open, ending over three-decade culture of hartals and bandhs. He said this has unnerved the Congress and its masters in the PAGD, who are in the unholy wedlock for their lust

Mr Rana reminded the Congress of its blunders in Kashmir, saying that but for the course correction being made by the BJP, the paradise on the earth was at the brink of disaster. He said none of the dynasts ever appreciated the genuine aspirations of the Paharis, Gujjars, Refugees, Valmikis and the other categories of marginalized sections,

who are witnessing their empowerment for the first time ever since independence of India. He said the BJP has infused a sense of belonging among the people and heralded a new era of peace and stability. Even the worst adversaries are confessing privately how the malady of stone-pelting and hartal culture has ended in Kashmir with people enthusiastically participating in the odyssey of progress and development. He said fillip in Kashmir economy due to record influx of tourism showcases the sincere efforts of the BJP in bringing normalcy and exposes the trio pseudo secularists for their machinations of keeping the Valley in boil, he said, adding that J&K is at the threshold of progress, prosperity and above all the political empowerment in real sense of term.

The books of Dr. Varchaskam Sharma, an Assistant Professor in Sanskrit in GDWC, Kathua will be distributed free of cost. Dr Sharma has earlier also authored three books on Karm-kand.

Prominent among others those present on the occasion included Pt. Tilak Raj Shastri, Principal,

DHSK holds anti tobacco drive; COTPA violators fined

SRINAGAR, JANUARY 28: On the directions of Director Health Services Kashmir (DSHK), Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, Tobacco Control cell of DSHK with the active support of SHO Police Station Bemina launched anti tobacco enforcement drive around Bemina and adjoining areas in the vicinity of Pediatric hospital and Government SKIMS Medical College Bemina.

During the enforcement drive various street vendors were found selling cigarettes and other tobacco products in violation of COTPA 2003 act.

The erring were on spot fined and cigarettes and other products were seized from them. Various individuals who were found smoking in public places were also fined.

Director Health services Kashmir,

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather said that more and more such drives will be launched in future.

He said that selling tobacco products in and around health and education institutions is banned as per law. He further said that smoking is the major cause of all cancers and whole society shall join hands to control its use.

District Environment Committee meeting held at Shopian ADC urges stakeholders to work for Environmental Conservation

SHOPIAN, JANUARY 28: The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Yar Ali Khan today chaired a meeting of concerned Officers to review the implementation of District Environmental Plan recommen-

Speaking on the occasion, the ADC stressed upon the members to work in synergetic mode so that recommendations of the plan are implemented in letter and

He directed to formulate a viable plan for proper and scientific solid and waste managebesides terming their management vital for environmental pres-



upon all stakeholders to participate in environmental conservation and reiterated that the Administration is committed towards a clean and healthy environment in the district.

On the occasion, a thorough discussion was held on the subject and it was informed that the plan was formulated after thorough assessment of different parameters con-

cerning environmental

The meeting aimed to

protection.

curb use of plastic/polythene, improving the disposal of solid waste and

EO MC was directed to ensure cleanliness in and around the whole town and also gear up men and machinery for making the whole town pollution Among others GM DIC,

hospital waste with com-

munity participation.

DFO, ACP, CMO, CEO, DSHO, EO MC Shopian, District officer Pollution Control Board and others attended the meeting. He directed to formulate a viable plan for proper and scientific solid and liquid waste management besides terming their management vital for environmental preservation. He emphasized upon all stakeholders to partici-

LMD conducts market checking at Sumbal, realises fine of Rs.1500

BANDIPORA, JANUARY 28: A team of the Legal Metrology Department headed by Assistant Controller Legal Metrology today imposed a fine of Rs. 1500 on three erring shopkeepers during an inspection of market places of Sumbal and adjacent areas. The team conducted inspections of 25 shops out of which 3 shops were found violating Legal Metrology laws. The defaulters were booked and a fine of Rs 1500 was imposed on spot on erring traders. During the drive the shopkeepers were made aware regarding single window online services provided by the Department. The officials of LMD informed that the department is keeping strict watch on all markets of the district and urged owners of business establishments to follow rules and regula-

DSEJ organises varied activities to celebrate Fit India Week

JAMMU, JANUARY 28: Directorate of School Education Jammu in Collaboration with SAI organized a bouquet of events including yoga session, nukkad natak, song dance events etc to celebrate the Fit India Week here today at Government High School Deeli, Jammu. Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma, the Chief Guest, while addressing the students said that sports not only help in the all round development of mind, body and soul but have become a viable career option as well. "Recognising the importance of Sports and allied activities, the New Education Policy has included sports as part of the curriculum" he added. He said the Government was committed towards providing quality education to the students as youth is the future of the Nation. Jugal Kishore Sharma announced a grant of Rs 5 Lakh for infrastructure development in the host school.Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu, the Special Guest, thanked Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma and other dignitaries for sparing their valuable time.

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at Sail Sallan on the National Highway, Udhampur. "The driver lost its control on the vehicle when one of its tyre bursted with a bang and collided with a parapet," they added.Police rushed to the spot and shifted injured persons to the hospital. "Around eight passengers suffered minor injuries but are stable," police said.

WEATHER

minus 6.9 degrees Celsius The minimum in Gulmarg, the famous ski resort in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, was minus 7.2 degrees Celsius, officials said. Gulmarg was also the coldest recorded place in Jammu and Kashmir

The mercury in Srinagar settled above the freezing point. Srinagar registered a low of 1.7 degree Celsius.

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Now a female pair of these birds was photographed by Showkat Ahmad, a staff of WUCMA along with Ansar Ahmad an avid birder from Wular Lake, the official said, that the long-tailed Duck, Clangula hyemalis, a rare duck species found in European and American continents and assessed as highly vulnerable on the IUCN Red list were also seen foraging in lake.

Another official said that the net area of the Lake at present is 130 square kilometer with an encroachment of 380 Kanals and 11 Marlas.

He said that the area under encroachment is 0.001%. Eviction of 20 Kanals and 11 Marlas have been achieved and eviction of balance encroachment is going on while all efforts are made to retrieve the balance encroachments from Lake in which officials of Revenue, Forest & WUCMA departments are working with synergy to remove encroachments from the lake.

He also said that the encroachments under plantations and cultivations which form the major chunk of encroachments shall be cleared by the end of this financial year while the water holding capacity through the Wular Action Plan of Lake is likely to be completed in 2022–23 at a cost of Rs. 200 Crore.

"For the restoration of the Lake, 4.35 Sq kms area has been cleaned so far while work for a pedestrian (non-motorable) pathway being built around Wular Lake is ongoing. The Lake, he said, is also at the top of the list of places where bird watchers go. "Here, bird lovers can see rare species like the alpine swift and the Himalayan woodpecker," he added—(KNO)

SHAF

Listing out various pro-people programmes of the BJP government, Shah said PM Modi has laboured to make the country secure from terrorist attacks, abrogated Article 370, and constructed Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

He appealed to the people to give clear mandate to the BJP in the state and rout the pariwar wadis (dynasts) and the corrupt.

Shah made these comments during a road show as a part of Vijaya Sankalp Abhiyan in Kundgol ahead of assembly elections in the state.

Shah was mounted on a specially decorated open vehicle, for over a kilometer distance from Basavanna Devara Matha to Gali Mariyamma temple. He was greeted with loud cheers of "Modi, Modi" chants.

The former National BJP President was accompanied by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa, party's Karnataka incharge Arun Singh, Karnataka President Nalin Kumar Kateel, former Chief Minister Jagadish Shettar, along the road show.

Along the road show, people showered flower petals at the vehicle carrying Shah and state BJP leaders, amidst the beating of drums and chants of Bharat Mata ki Jai. Kusumavati Channabasappa Shivalli of the Congress is the sitting MLA of Kundgol Assembly segment. She had won the seat in 2019 bypolls, after the seat fell vacant following the death of her husband and then sitting MLA CS Shivalli.

DR JATINDRA

poets and they are integral part of our history, culture and continue to inspire the society," the Lt Governor said. The Lt Governor observed that the Poets through their creation and experiences give continuity to our ever-evolving culture. I consider poetry to be a bridge between the visible and the invisible. In our journey, we come across many creative expressions and among those Poetry has a different time

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the Lt Governor added.

Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir, the northernmost state of the country is connected with Tamil Nadu, the southernmost state of our great nation to really indicate the diversified culture and customs and spiritual link between Vitasta and Kaveri River, observed the Lt Governor

The richness of our tradition lies in our diversity. From Kalhana to Vallathol, Thiruvalluvar to Lalleshwari and from Subramanya Bharti to Nund Rishi, we have been blessed with an unbroken lineage of great personalities who continue to inspire the nation, the Lt Governor added.

Speaking on the traditional wisdom and cultural heritage shared by the two regions, the Lt Governor said, the creative expression of civilization rooted in Vitasta and Kaveri river always embraced the totality of human experience. Seekers from both Jammu Kashmir and Tamil Nadu have made enormous contribution to enrich this experience and by strengthening the literary and cultural heritage they have served the society well, he added. Sharing the changing scenario of the UT of J&K, the Lt

Sharing the changing scenario of the UT of J&K, the Lt Governor said, Jammu Kashmir has shown remarkable improvement on sustainable development goals which has been recognized by NITI Aayog, among other agencies

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also paid homage to Smt Rukmini Devi, the founder of Kalakshetra Foundation. Dr R. Nataraj, Governing Board Member, Kalakshetra Foundation spoke in detail about the Vitasta festival. Sh Siddharth Kak, renowned Filmmaker spoke on the culture and heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Sufi, Kashmiri and Dogri folk music by renowned folk singer Aabha Hanjura and troupe; theatre presentation and Vitasta by National School of Drama and Bhand Pather and Therukoothu presented by Dr VR Devika remained highlights of the evening.

Pertinently, the State of Tamil Nadu is paired with Jammu Kashmir under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme, which aims to integrate the nation culturally. Moreover, the Vitasta Festival will be travelling to Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Sikkim after Tamil Nadu before it culminates in Jammu Kashmir - the land of curiosity for intellectuals, philosophers, spiritual seekers, travelers and historians. This festival as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Union Culture Ministry provides glimpses of river Vitasta and its influence on socio-political, cultural heritage and Sufi, Buddhist and Shaivite philosophy of Jammu Kashmir.

A host of activities like Classical and folk performances, exhibitions, seminars, workshops, craft bazaar will showcase the legacy of Jammu Kashmir during the festival. The people will get an opportunity to get acquainted with the dance forms, Sufi music, art, handicrafts, cuisine of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr CK Gariyali, retd. IAS and author; Smt. Revathi Ramachandran, Director Kalakshetra Foundation, experts in various fields and prominent personalities from J&K and Tamil Nadu were present on the occasion.

WEATHER

South Kashmir, Doda-Kistawar and other areas.

On Jan 31, there is a possibility of light to moderate snowfall at scattered places.

It further added that the fresh snow spell may cause snow avalanches in avalanche prone areas during the above period.

It may also affect surface and Air transportation on January 30, adding that the power supply would also get affected.

The MeT advised people not to venture out in avalanche prone areas, unless emergency and also appealed intending passengers to travel after confirmation of road status from concerned Traffic Police.

Moreover, the traffic on Srinagar-Jammu highway remained affected for 34 minutes today due to shooting stones at Mehar Passi.

The officials said that the highway was open for vehicular movement and was closed for only 34 minutes due to shooting stones at Mehar Passi.

However, the Mughal Road and Srinagar-Jammu highway continued to remain closed for the vehicular movement since the first week of this month—(KNO)

RIY

Motorists have been asked to use the NHW-Nowgam-Natipora-Nowgam-Sanatnagar-Hyderpora Bypass to reach their destinations.

As per the order, in addition no traffic will be allowed from Kohnkhan Dalgate towards Pantha Chowk and motorists have been asked to use the Khonakhan-SRTC Bridge-Sangermal Road instead.

"To reach their destinations, all motorists are advised to use the M.A Road/Residency Road/HSHS/Jahangir Chowk flyover-Rambagh-Natipora or Baghat-Sanatnagar route. Vehicles will not be allowed from Radio Kashmir, Konhakhan, Dalgate, Hotel Lalit, and Nishat towards Nehrupark, and from Brein Nishat towards Boulevard-Gupkar Road. Motorists will need to use the Nishat-Foreshore-Habbak route instead," reads the order.

As per the order general public and tourists have been advised to use alternative routes to reach the Srinagar International Airport to avoid any inconvenience.

"Commuters are advised to plan their movements accordingly as the diversions will be in place on January 29. The road stretch from Pantha Chowk upto Dalgate, Dalgate upto Nishat via Nehru Park, Gupkar road have been declared as "No Parking Zones" and unattended vehicles parked on the roadside will be towed. Medical emergencies will be facilitated," it reads—(KNO)

NIA

accused persons so far in this case.

The NIA stated there is sufficient evidence in the form of documentary, electronic and oral to substantiate the charges framed against the accused Naeem Khan, it is prayed that the above said building which was being used by members of APHC for unlawful activities by A-5."

They further stated that "Accused Nayeem Khan is a co-owner of that property and facing prosecution. There is an evidence that above mentioned immovable property was being used for planning and execution of terrorist and secessionist activities and for offences for which accused has already been charged, therefore above said property i.e. building/office of APIIC situated to Rajbagh Srinagar (UT of J&K) may be attached u/s 33(1) of UA(P) Act."

Citing several judgments, the court of Additional Sessions Judge New Delhi noted that section 24 expands the expression of the "proceeds of terrorism" and makes it clear that such expression shall also include "any property intended to be used for terrorism".

"APHC was the place where meetings were held to strategize different protests, funding activities of stone pelting on security forces, recruiting unemployed youths to carry out unlawful activities as well as terrorist activities to create an unrest in the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir to wage war against the Government of India," were the major points that were noted by the Delhi court court.

Sidharth Luthra, ld. Sr. Advocate appearing for NIA submitted that Section 33 is independent provision subsection (11) of which empowers the court to pass an order attachment of all or any property belonging to the accused facing the trial of offences falling under Chapter IV and VI of the Act.

The court said "Section 33 of the Act at least does not in any manner hinder powers of court to attach any such property of which accused is facing trial under Chapter IV and VI of the Act of which he may be partly owner, thus ordered the attachment of the office of All Parties Hurriyat Conference situated at Rajbagh, Srinagar. (KDC)

ACS

inancial year and that sufficient quantities of paddy seeds are available.

In talks with the Animal Husbandry Department, the ACS emphasised the need for increasing semen stock and procurement of bulls to ensure that the UT is self-sufficient in cattle stock. He highlighted the importance of upgrading semen stock in the UT and the need for Artificial Insemination infrastructure for the production of high quality semen.

The Directors were instructed to issue tenders for procurement of bulls and to provide training in artificial insemination under the Multi-purpose AI Technician in Rural India (MAITRI) program.

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people from all walks of life showed their interest, especially youth despite weather vagaries," he said. (KNS)

Piping ceremony held at DPO Budgam

BudgamJanuary 28: Piping ceremony of recently inducted 03 officials as ASI(S) was held during an impressive ceremonial function at District Police Office Budam. The officers who were promoted to the rank of Assistant

Sub Inspectors (S) include Abdul Rehman, Tawseef Ahmed & Javaid Ahmed.
The inducted officers were decorated with their new ranks

The inducted officers were decorated with their new ranks by SSP Budgam Shri Tahir Gilani-JKPS, DySP PC Budgam Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik-JKPS, SDPO Khansahib Shri Ghulam Mohi-u-din-JKPS and other senior officers and expressed happiness over their conversion.

On the occasion, SSP Budgam congratulated the inducted officials and advised them to remain committed towards their duties and ensure better public services. The inducted officers pledged to work with the same zeal and enthusiasm. During the colourful ceremony, all the newly inducted officers expressed their gratitude towards the Police department.

Police organises medical camp in Handwara

HandwaraJanuary 28: Police organised a free medical camp under the Civic Action Programme initiative at village Vilgam in collaboration with District Hospital Handwara.

A team of doctors from different specialities were deputed for the medical camp. The main initiative of this medical camp was to facilitate people in far-off areas and providing access to medical check-up and medicines by doctors. More than three hundred patients suffering from various ailments availed the facilities of the free medical camp.

In addition, the visiting members of public were made aware about signs and symptoms of drug addiction so that they could identify early onset of addiction and appropriate intervention. They were also made aware of deaddiction facilities which could be life saving for severe addicts. They were urged to spread awareness among the society that any disease/addiction is treatable with the right medical attention and that addicts and their families should not shy away from seeking medical help to get rid of drug addiction.

Chairman DLSA Samba chairs Mentoring & Monitoring Committee meeting



SAMBA, JANUARY 28: Under the aegis of NALSA and as per the Action Plan issued by the J&K Legal Services Authority for the month of January, 2023 and also under the able guidance of Ms. Sonia Gupta, Worthy Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Samba (also Pr. Distt & Sessions Judge), Mentoring & Monitoring Committee today met in the Conference Hall of District Court Complex Samba for close Monitoring of the Court based Legal Services rendered and the progress of the cases in Legal Aided Matters and to guide and advise the Panel Lawvers.

The meeting was chaired by Worthy Chairman DLSA Samba whereas Secretary DLSA Samba and Senior Advocate Sh. Vijay Gupta joined the meeting as members of the Monitoring and Mentoring Committee. The meeting was also attended by almost all the Panel Lawyers of DLSA Samba. The progress report of the Legal Aid Cases allotted to the Panel Lawyers was discussed in the meeting along with other issues connected thereto. All the Panel Lawyers were also sensitized by the Committee to serve selflessly for the poor, needy and marginalized sections of the society; to ensure punctuality in attending the Legal Aid Cases pending in the Courts of District Samba; to report the proceedings of the Legal Aid Cases at the Front office and to seek necessary guidance, if required, from the Committee.

DC Samba discusses Rollout of Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme



SAMBA, JANUARY 28: To discuss different parameters/indicators with the regard to Aspirational Panchayat Development Programme (APDP) launched by the Planning, Development and Monitoring Department, J&K for short listing of the least developed Panchayats in each Block in the District, Deputy Commissioner, Samba Ms Anuradha Gupta convened a meeting of officers of different departments, here in the Conference Hall of DC Office Complex.

At the outset, the rollout of APDP and its significance in future planning of least performing Panchayats were discussed.

The CPO Samba gave a detailed presentation regarding the scheme and the procedure to find out the most backward Panchayat. The meeting was also informed that as per the instruction of the PD&MD, Assistant Commissioner Panchayat has been nominated as the District level Nodal Officer and to complete the exercise in a time bound manner he will be assisted by a team of Sub-Nodal officers for collection of data as per the format.

The DC directed all the heads of concerned departments to put in sincere efforts while collecting the data while maintaining its sanctity.

The DC exhorted the officers of concerned departments

to start the exercise of data collection on the parameters pertaining to their respective departments of all 101 Panchayats across the Samba district.

The Officers were directed to work with zeal and dedication to complete the process in a transparent and time bound manner and ensure that no Panchayat is left out. PO ICDS Joginder Jasrotia, Chief Planning Officer, Sukhleen Kour, Distt. Statistical & Evaluation officer,Narinder Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, Vidhi Bathial and other officers of various departments attended the meeting.

PGI, Chandigarh & Fortis, Mohali conducted Blood Donation & Health Check-Up Camp at Aryans



Srinagar Jan 28thAryans Institute of Nursing and Aryans College of Pharmacy with the support of Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh & Fortis Hospital, Mohali today organized a Blood Donation & Free Health Check Up Camp at Aryans Campus, Rajpura, Near Chandigarh. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Deepika, Senior Resident, Dept. of Blood Transfusion, PGI; Dr. Manjeet Singh Trehan, MBBS, MD, Additional Director-Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital & Dr. Tanya Sharma, Medical Officer, Aryans Group. Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group presided over the event.

A 7 members team of blood transfusion from PGI, Chandigarh under the leadership of Dr. Deepika conducted a thorough medical checkup of voluntary donors and selected the eligible donors to donate blood. A 3 member team from Fortis Hospital conducted a free health checkup Camp.

Dr. Deepika & Dr. Trehan appreciated the special initiative taken by Aryans to provide health care services to meet the needs of the Indian population & also to meet the immediate health care needs of the marginalized community through this health camp. They also applauded Aryans for reaching out to the needy people with health solutions.

Dr. Anshu Kataria, Chairman, Aryans Group while motivating the students said that a person can save 3 lives from 1 unit of blood. He added that these camps are a great boon to the patients in emergency need. Kataria added that the objective of the camp was to encourage more people to come forward. Frequent blood donation will help in reducing the risk of cancers and preserve cardiovascular health. Donors also have a much lower risk of falling prey to life-threatening diseases, added Kataria.Mrs. Nidhi Chopra, Principal, Aryans Institute of Nursing further informed that over hundreds of people along with their children from nearby villages visited the camp and underwent health checkups by the team of specialist doctors and were given consultations and medicine free of cost. A total of 30 Units of blood were collected and health check-up of around 110 villagers, Students and staff was done.Dr. Krishan Singla, Principal, Aryans College of Pharmacy added that "None of us can survive without blood in our body and Blood Donation is a service to society". He appreciated the students who donated their blood. "It feels good when people come forward for a noble cause, especially when we see enthusiastic feeling of youngsters for mankind" he added

Atal Dulloo calls for adequate supply, availability of petroleum derived spray oils for Agriculture use

JAMMU, JANUARY 28: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department (APD), Atal Dulloo, today chaired a meeting here at Civil Secretariat to discuss the availability and supply of petroleum-derived spray oils for use in agriculture and allied sectors in the Union Territory.

The meeting delved into various issues related to freight and supply capacity of the empanelled oil and petroleum companies.

During the meeting, Atal Dulloo asked about the spr ay schedule and instructed the respective officers to notify the public about the same. The officers informed him that the first week of February and onwards has been assigned for the activity.

The ACS emphasised on ensuring adequate availability of quality horticulture mineral oil and other petroleum-derived spray oils for the use of the farmers at the most affordable prices.

He also directed the officers to emulate the facilities in

neighbouring states and ensure that the stock availability and license status of the empanelled companies were up to date. The ACS stressed the importance of ensuring the avail-

ability of such resources and instructed the officers to take necessary steps to make sure the farmers get the best quality products at the most affordable prices.

The meeting was attended by Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Shabnam Kamili, Director, Agriculture Jammu/Kashmir, Director Horticulture Jammu/Kashmir, besides other officers from Jammu and Kashmir besides representatives from SKUAST and others.

AAC condoles demise of several personalities, prays for health of Moulana Mubarak Mubarki

Srinagar, Jan 28: Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (AAC) has expressed grief over the demise of many important and leading individuals and personalities associated with the organisation, movement and society.

Among the deceased personalities are Bar Association General Secretary Advocate Muhammad Ashraf Bhat's younger and talented son Advocate Basit Ashraf Bhat; spouse of Haji Abdul Rehman Sarwal of Malkh Nag Anantnag (Islamabad); spouse of the late Noor Muhammad Bakshi of Rehmaniya Colony Ahmada Kadal; and Bashir Ahmad Sofi of Cake Corner, Lal Bazar Srinagar, the AAC said in a statement.

The AAC on behalf of the organisation and its incarcerated Chairman Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Dr Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq who continues to be under house arrest since 5 August 2019 has expressed condolence with all the bereaved families and prayed for Jannat-ul-Firdous to all the departed souls.

The organisation while sympathising with Adv Muhammad Ashraf Bhat, Muhammad Ashraf Bakshi, Abdul Majeed Bakshi, Gulzar Ahmed Dar, Ghulam Muhammad Sufi, Muhammad Maqbool Sufi and Sarwal & Deen families of Islamabad said it stands with them in this moment of grief. It prayed to Allah Almighty for the patience, courage and steadfastness of the bereaved familes, as well as elevation of the ranks of the departed souls.

Several delegations of the organisation, which include Nazir Ahmad Sufi, Ghulam Jeelani Lankar, Haji Bashir Ahmed Peerzada, and Moulana M S Rehman Shams visited the houses of the deceased and participated in the condolence and Fateha prayer meetings. They also paid tributes to the departed souls.

Meanwhile, the Awami Action Committee has prayed for the speedy recovery of Bazm Ahl-e-Hadeeth Jammu & Kashmir president and renowned religious scholar Moulana Muhammad Mubarak Mubarki Sahib and expressed good wishes on behalf of the AAC leadership. Meanwhile, the Awami Action Committee has prayed for the speedy recovery of Bazm Ahl-e-Hadeeth Jammu & Kashmir president and renowned religious scholar Moulana Muhammad Mubarak Mubarki Sahib

Secretary J&K Sports Council flags off Khelo India contingent to MP

tary J&K Sports Council Nuzhat Gull today flagged off Khelo India contingent of J&K to Madhya

The opening ceremony of the Khelo India National games is scheduled to be held on the 30th of this month and will conclude on the 11th of next month.

While speaking on the occasion. she said that sports not only contribute to physical well-being but immensely contribute to mental growth as well. Moreover, sports help build bridges between two strange individuals and the camaraderie that follows is exceptional, she said. No means, other than sports, have the power to turn rivals into friends, and tolerance, patience, and brotherhood-like vices are an offshoot of the process involving sports, she

Addressing the contingent, the Secretary Sports Council asked highest standard of behavior and cooperation which shall pave way for better performance in the championships, added. She also appealed to athletes to act as ambassadors in spreading the message of peace and universal brotherhood.

Before the departure of the contingent to the twin nationals, all the arrangements of the transportation, boarding, and lodging for conduct during pre-coaching camps and later arrangements for the journey to the respective competitions venues was made by J&K Sports Council which also included the provision of necessary gears and equipment.

The Secretary, of J&K Sports Council, was flanked by Di-Sports Officer Jamvisional mu, Ashok Singh, Managers, Coaches, and other officials of the Sports Council along with





Joint Secretary, J&K Sports Council Bashir Ahmad Bhat is also accompanying the Khelo India contingent to Madhya Pradesh. Speaking to the desk, he said that I am hopeful that our players will put up a good show and that we should always appreciate the efforts rather than the outcome because if efforts are sincere, results are bound to come. Before the departure of the contingent to the twin nationals, all the arrangements of the transportation, boarding, and lodging for conduct during pre-coaching camps and later arrangements for the journey to the respective competitions venues was made by J&K Sports Council which also included the provision of necessary gears and equipment. The Secretary, of J&K Sports Council, was flanked by Divisional Sports Officer Jammu, Ashok Singh, Managers.

All female umpires for first time at women's T20 World Cup

DUBAI: The women's T20 World Cup in South Africa next month will feature for the first time an all-female panel of match officials, the International Cricket Council announced on Friday.

Previous tournaments have all included a number of male umpires or match referees but for the South African event, all 13 officials — 10 umpires and three referees — will be women.Wasim Khan, ICC's general manager - cricket, said he was "thrilled" by the appointments. "This announcement is a reflection of our intent... and just the start of our journey where men and women enjoy the same opportunities across our sport," he said. "We are committed to continuing to support our female match officials and provide opportunities to showcase their talents on the global stage." The panel includes seven first-timers at the women's T20 World Cup and reflects a constant rise in the number of women officiating in global tournaments."It shows the next generation that there is a career and a pathway that takes them to the very top of the game, the World Cup, even if you're not a player,' said Snehal Pradhan, ICC manager women's cricket."It shows that there are so many ways to get involved.'



The Australian Claire Polosak is the most experienced of the umpires, having officiated in every women's World Cup, T20 and ODI, since 2016.

England's Anna Harris is the youngest of the umpires at just 24, as she makes her debut at a major international event.

Match Officials at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023:Match Referees: GS Lakshmi (India), Shandre Fritz (South Africa), Michell Pereira (Sri Lanka); Umpires: Sue Redfern (England), Elo ise Sheridan (Australia), Claire Polosak (Australia), Jacqueline Williams (West Indies), Kim Cotton (New Zealand), Lauren Agenbag (South Africa), Anna Harris (England), Vrinda Rathi (India), N Janani (India), Nimali Perera (Sri Lanka).

Mendhar Cricket Premier League concludes



Mendhar Mendhar Cricket Premiere League concluded at Hill Stadium Mendhar, here today

In final Mendhar Tiger lifted the final trophy by defeating Blude Badgers Mankote by 58 runs. The tournament was organised by Pankaj Sharma and Sponsered by Youth leader Mohien Aftab Khan

About 6 teams of different areas of Mendhar participated in this tournament. Col. Kapil Bhatt was the chief guest of the event while SDPO Mendhàr Sheezan Bhat Tehasildar Gourav Sharma Naib Tehasildar Mukesh Singh Prof Alyas Choudhary Balaram Sharam Rajiv Gupta alis (Kaka) and youth leader Mohien Aftab Khan were the guests of honour

The chief guest felicitated the winning team with trophy and cash prize of Rs one lakh while runner-up team was awarded with cash prize of Rs fifty Thousand and Some Media Person's Also Awarded including Senior Journalist M S Nazki, Tariq Khan and Oth-

SAI, School Edu celebrate Fit India Week in Jammu

Jammu, Jan 28 (UNI) The Sports Training Centre, Jammu in collaboration with Directorate of School Education, Jammu on Saturday organised Fourth Edition of Fit India Week here at Government High School, Deeli, Digiana.Member Parliament, Jugal Kishore Sharma was the special guest on the occasion. Participating school children displayed skills in activities like Yoga, Kabbadi, aerobics besides a colourful cultural programme.Secretary J&K Sports Council, Nuzhat Gul, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma, Director School Education Jammu. Nadeem Ahmad Dar. Deputy Director SAI/Incharge J&K, Satish Singh Chief Education Officer Jammu and Govind Sharma were also present. The MP expressed delight on witnessing the active participation of students. He highlighted the important role of Prime Minister for being the torch bearer in highlighting the importance of physical fitness in daily lives and engagement of youth and also identified various platforms and schemes provided to youth for showcasing their talent at national level.He appreciated the role of SAI training centre Jammu, Directorate of School Education Jammu and school staff for organizing the event and encouraged them to organize more events on same pattern in future as well. Moreover he also donated Rs 5 lakh from the constituency funds for the development of Govt. High School Deeli Jammu. The Secretary JKSC, Director School Education Jammu Deputy Director Sports Authority of India and Nodal officer Fit India Campaign DSE (J) also spoke on the occasion to highlight the importance of the event. Praveen Kumar, Head Master GHS Deeli Jammu presented the vote of thanks

U19 Women's T20 WC: India To Face **England In Title Clash On Sunday**

The first-ever final at an ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup will feature India battling England for the title at Senwes Park, Potchefstroom on Sunday. After two weeks of action that has featured 16 national teams, the inaugural Women's U19 T20 World Cup has just one match remaining, with the final scheduled for 5:15 PM (IST) on Sunday in Potchefstroom. India's brilliant performance against New Zealand in the first semi-final on Friday saw them seal one of the final berths while England triumphed in a thriller against Australia in the second semi to progress to Sunday's showpiece event.

The bowlers did some serious damage for India, as they took wickets at regular intervals to restrict a powerful New Zealand batting line-up to just 107/9 in their 20 overs. Parshavi Chopra did much of the damage, taking 3/20, while captain Shafali Verma went for just seven runs in her four overs, taking one wicket. In reply, a ruthless half-century from the opening batter and the tournament's leading scorer Shweta Sehrawat saw India comfortably home.

Indian squad finally arrives as West Asian Baseball starts

ISLAMABAD: After a two-day delay, the Indian baseball finally stepped into Pakistan. Waiting to be granted NOCs by their government, the Indian squad was stranded at the Wagah Border since its arrival there on Wednesday.

On Friday, they were allowed to cross the border and travel to Islamabad to participate in the West Asian Baseball Championship, which started here on the same day. In the tournament's first match, Pakistan registered a 17-0 victory over Afghanistan as Faqir Hussain scored three runs while Waseem Akram added two, including a home run. The home side's Mohammad Hussain, Arslan, Fazal Khan, Shahzad and Mohammad Younis struck two runs each.In the day's second fixture, defending champions Sri Lanka outclassed Nepal 26-0.Nepal, Bangladesh and Palestine are the other teams featuring in the regional tournament.Pakistan Federation Baseball president Fakhar Ali Shah expressed delight over the Indian players' arrival and expected the team to compete with full force. After a two-day delay, the Indian baseball finally stepped into Pakistan. Waiting to be granted NOCs by their government, the Indian squad was stranded at the Wagah Border since

Denmark beat Spain in handball

world championship semis

Warsaw, Jan 28 (UNI) Denmark men's handball team

reached the final of the IHF World Championship 2023

The team coached by Nikolaj Jakobsen have a chance to

take their third world championship title in a row after

they won on home soil in 2019 and in Egypt two years

Left-back Simon Pytlick poured in 6 goals for Denmark,

while right-back Alex Dujshebaev was the best scorer for

Spain with 5 goals. After the first half Denmark had a five-

point advantage (15-10) but Spain fought until the end.

but in the crucial moment, the goalie Niklas Landin

saved a 7-meter shot by Ferran Sole. "We thwarted too

many chances and we gave Denmark a lot of occasions to

create speed attacks. When you play in the semifinal, you

can't make such simple mistakes. Niklas Landin had a

stunning performance between the posts. From my point

of view the details turned out to be crucial tonight," Alex

Dujshebaev said just after the game.

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after beating Spain 26-23 (15-10) in Sopot, Poland.



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Djokovic shrugs off dad drama to surge into Australian Open final

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic put aside the controversy surrounding his father to surge into a 10th Australian Open final Friday and close in on a record-equalling 22nd Grand

Nine-time champion Djokovic mainat Melbourne Park with a 7-5, 6-1, 6-2 win over outgunned American Tommy Paul at Rod Laver Arena, where his father Srdjan was a conspicuous absentee, and set up a blockbuster decider with Greek trailblazer Stefanos Tsitsipas and a battle for the world number one ranking.



Another title on Sunday will move Djokovic alongside Rafael Nadal with

22 Slam wins and see the 35-year-old Serb return to world number one for the first time since last June. Earlier on centre court, third seed Tsitsipas saw off Russian 18th seed Karen Khachanov 7-6 (7-2), 6-4, 6-7

(6-8), 6-3 to become the first Greek to he title match ing the biggest Greek population outside the southern European nation. Srdjan Djokovic created a distraction for his son ahead of the semi-final after a video emerged showing him with fans holding Russian flags, which were banned at Melbourne



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